

Village of Kohler
Finance Committee Meeting
July 8, 2024

Chairperson John Ewert called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken: John Ewert, Michael Wandschneider and Kelly Kasten were present. Staff members present: Shawn Splivalo and Laurie Lindow.

Public Comment – Kristine Young discussed two concerns she has regarding the current short-term rental ordinance: clarification on whether the ability to conduct short-term rentals of less than seven days was an exception as long as she owned the property or could be transferred to a new owner and further defining what constitutes a bathroom to be compliant with the ordinance.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2024 – Motion by Mike Wandschneider, second by Kelly Kasten to approve the meeting minutes from June 10, 2024. Motion carried.

Business

1. Review and approve June claims list – Motion by Michael Wandschneider, second by John Ewert to approve the June claims list. Motion carried.
2. Review and recommend:
 - a. Ordinance No. 2024-8, An Ordinance Amending Sections 5.62.020 and 5.62.070 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Kohler, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin, Regarding Short-Term Rentals – Attorney Bauer has revised the short-term rental ordinance to terminate the short-term rental exception upon the sale or other conveyance of a licensed and permitted property. The only other Airbnb listed in the Village lists one bathroom and seven guest maximum, the ordinance specifies one bathroom for every four occupants. The new program for tracking short-term rentals determines compliance based on the assessor's legal property description and did not flag this property as non-compliant. Licensed short-term rental properties will be reviewed for compliance within the parameters of the software package and legal description. Motion by John Ewert, second by Michael Wandschneider to recommend Village Board approve Ordinance No. 2024-8, An Ordinance Amending Sections 5.62.020 and 5.62.070 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Kohler, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin, Regarding Short-term Rentals. Motion carried.
 - b. June Revenue & Expense reports, bank reconciliations and journal entries – Motion by Michael Wandschneider, second by Kelly Kasten to recommend the Village Board approve the June Revenue & Expense reports, bank reconciliations and journal entries. Motion carried.

- c. Safety concerns on Woodland Road – Chief Splivalo has requested a speed study and is on the Sheboygan County list. Michael Wandschneider asked the status of adding a stop sign at Woodland Road from The Clearings subdivision and a tree that seems to affect the line of sight when eastbound. The Department of Public Works is looking at several changes to address the safety concerns on Woodland Road.
 - d. Police Department Update – Chief Splivalo stated that he has no comments, everything in the department is working well.
- 3. The Committee may go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (e) to discuss the Kohler Police Association Local 316 contract – Motion by Michael Wandschneider, second by John Ewert to go into closed session. Motion carried. The Committee went into closed session at 6:25.
 - 4. The Committee may reconvene to open session and may take action on items discussed in closed session – Motion by John Ewert, second by Michael Wandschneider to reconvene to open session. Motion carried. The Committee reconvened to open session at 7:05.

Correspondence

June Call Summary Report

Adjournment

Motion by John Ewert, second by Kelly Kasten to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Motion carried.

Laurie Lindow, Clerk-Treasurer