

Village of Kohler  
Village Board Meeting  
January 15, 2024

Village President Thomas Schnettler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken: Tom Schnettler, Mike Zimmermann, John Ewert, Jason Kwacz, Michael Wandschneider and Brett Edgerle were present. John Winter was absent. Attorney Michael Bauer was also in attendance. Staff members present: Mike Kitzerow, Shawn Splivalo, Gary Lindow, John Willadsen and Laurie Lindow.

Items of Concern Regarding the Agenda, Including Public Comment – Tom Schnettler acknowledged the Klub 55 members in attendance and noted that comments would be heard after he shared some history of Klub 55. Klub 55 was organized in 2017 with United Way funding sponsored by Kohler Co. and designated for Kohler community projects, including the school. Directors at United Way changed over the years and funding was no longer available, but Klub 55 continued on through funding by the Village's general fund. On October 3, Jeanine Mullen submitted her resignation to be effective 1/15/24, but asked that it be kept private. Misinformation has been circulating recently that the Klub 55 organization has ended. This is not true, we just need to determine how to move forward.

Several Klub 55 members spoke about their desire for Klub 55 to continue due to the social interaction provided by the group. Jean McShane read a letter to the Village Board from Jeanine Mullen in which she expressed her thoughts. Tom Schnettler reiterated that there was never an intent to end Klub 55, but decisions need to be made to formalize duties of Klub 55 Coordinator position and determine how to move forward.

Approve Meeting Minutes from December 18, 2023 – Motion by Mike Zimmermann, second by Brett Edgerle to approve meeting minutes from December 18, 2023. Motion carried.

Business

1. Discuss Klub 55 and possibly take action - Activities could be suspended for a few months until a new Klub 55 Coordinator is found unless someone steps forward to serve as a short-term coordinator. Procedurally going forward activities could continue but someone needs to be in charge of the organization. An interim Klub 55 Coordinator could keep programs going for the next few months until the Village works through the process of hiring a Klub 55 Coordinator. Rhonda Kohler volunteered to serve as an interim Klub 55 coordinator. The Village would advertise to fill the position and a recommendation would be forwarded from the Recreation Department/Property Committee to the Village Board to take action. Motion by Tom Schnettler, second by John Ewert to approve appointing Rhonda Kohler as interim Klub 55 Coordinator. Motion by Brett Edgerle, second by Jason Kwacz to amend the motion for a time limit of three months. Motion carried.
2. Resolution No. 2024-1, A Resolution Adopting an Updated Village of Kohler Emergency Operations Plan and Authorizing the Village President and the Village Emergency Management Director to Approve Expenditures Under a State of Emergency – Motion by Tom Schnettler, second by Jason Kwacz to approve Resolution No. 2024-1, A Resolution Adopting an Updated Village of Kohler Emergency Operations Plan and Authorizing the Village President and the Village Emergency Management Director to Approve Expenditures Under a State of Emergency. A roll call vote was taken: Mike Zimmermann – aye, John Ewert – aye, Jason Kwacz – aye, Michael Wandschneider – aye, Brett Edgerle – aye, Tom Schnettler – aye. Motion carried.
3. The Finance Committee recommends the Village Board take action on the following:

- a. Resolution No. 2023-16, A Resolution Amending the 2023 General Fund, Water and Sewer Utility and Capital Outlay Budgets – Motion by John Ewert, second by Tom Schnettler to approve Resolution No. 2023-16, A Resolution Amending the 2023 General Fund, Water and Sewer Utility and Capital Outlay Budgets. A roll call vote was taken: John Ewert – aye, Jason Kwacz – aye, Michael Wandschneider – aye, Brett Edgerle – aye, Tom Schnettler – aye, Mike Zimmermann – aye. Motion carried.
  - b. Approve quote from Dulmes Décor for Village Hall Flooring for \$25,746.12 – Motion by John Ewert, second by Michael Wandschneider to approve quote from Dulmes Décor for Village Hall Flooring for \$25,746.12. Motion carried.
  - c. December Revenue & Expense reports, bank reconciliation and journal entries – Motion by John Ewert, second by Michael Wandschneider to approve December Revenue & Expense reports, bank reconciliation and journal entries. Motion carried.
  - d. Ordinance No. 2024-1, Sewer Service Charges and Billing – Motion by John Ewert, second by Michael Wandschneider to approve Ordinance No. 2024-1, Sewer Service Charges and Billing. A roll call vote was taken: Jason Kwacz – aye, Michael Wandschneider – aye, Brett Edgerle – aye, Tom Schnettler – aye, Mike Zimmermann – aye, John Ewert – aye. Motion carried.
4. The Property Committee recommends the Village Board take action on the following:
- a. Accept the Kelmann Cares \$1,000 Donation for the Fire Department to purchase a stokes basket – Motion by Mike Zimmermann, second by Jason Kwacz to accept the Kelmann Cares \$1,000 Donation for the Fire Department to purchase a stokes basket. Motion carried.
  - b. Approve \$90,472 for the Storm Water Model, with the understanding \$30,000 will be offset by a grant. Motion by Mike Zimmermann, second by Jason Kwacz to approve \$90,472 for the Storm Water Model, with the understanding \$30,000 will be offset by a grant. Motion carried.
  - c. Approve \$7,500 for KSI, Inc. to provide state plans for a salt shed – Motion by Mike Zimmermann, second by Jason Kwacz to approve \$7,500 for KSI, Inc. to provide state plans for a salt shed. Motion carried.
  - d. Purchase of a Kubota tractor and attachments for an amount not to exceed \$18,000 – Motion by Mike Zimmermann, second by Jason Kwacz to approve purchase of a Kubota tractor and attachments for an amount not to exceed \$18,000. Motion carried.
  - e. Purchase of a leak detector from Sewerin for \$4,857 – Motion by Mike Zimmermann, second by Jason Kwacz to approve purchase of a leak detector from Sewerin for \$4,857. Motion carried.
  - f. Purchase of a chloride tank from Casper's Truck Equipment for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 – Motion by Mike Zimmermann, second by Jason Kwacz to approve purchase of a chloride tank from Casper's Truck Equipment for an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Motion carried.
  - g. Purchase of a prewet system from Casper's Truck Equipment for \$24,023 – Motion by Mike Zimmermann, second by Jason Kwacz to approve purchase of a

prewet system from Casper's Truck Equipment for \$24,023. Motion carried.

5. Pool Project Update and possibly take action on change order – The scaffolding has been taken down and the roof is watertight. Tile work on the walls of the pool continues. A proposal was received for three commercial-grade, long term permanent shades on the outside pool deck for \$50,870. These shades were not included in the original plan but would be an added on feature. The DPW would assist in installation and the shades would be taken down in winter. Motion by Michael Wandschneider, second by Tom Schnettler to approve the purchase of outside pool deck shades at a cost of \$50,870. Motion carried, but not unanimously.

#### Adjournment

Motion by Mike Zimmermann, second by Brett Edgerle to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.  
Motion carried.

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Laurie Lindow, Clerk-Treasurer