

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board of Trustees
Village of Kenmore

Municipal Building
October 19, 2021

PRESENT:	Hon. Patrick Mang	Mayor
	Hon. Paul Catalano	Trustee
	Hon. Katie Burd	Trustee
	Hon. Joseph DeCecco	Trustee
ABSENT:	Hon. Katherine Bestine	Trustee

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS ONE (1) LITIGATION, AND ONE (1) FINANCIAL MATTER

Trustee Burd moved to go into Executive Session to discuss one (1) litigation, and one (1) financial matter.

Seconded by Trustee DeCecco and adopted by a full vote in the affirmative.

Trustee Burd moved to end the Executive Session.

Seconded by Trustee Catalano and adopted by a full vote of all members present.

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CORPORATION PROCEEDINGS

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Mang. The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD APPROVED THE HIRING OF A POLICE OFFICER FOR THE KENMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Trustee Catalano moved to approve the hiring of Timothy McIntyre as a Police Officer for the Kenmore Police Department, effective October 20, 2021.

Seconded by Trustee DeCecco and adopted by a full vote of all members present.

BOARD APPROVED THE HIRING OF A PART-TIME DISPATCHER FOR THE KENMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Trustee Burd moved to approve the hiring of James Hengel as a part-time Dispatcher for the Kenmore Police Department, effective October 20, 2021.

Seconded by Trustee DeCecco and adopted by a full vote of all members present.

BOARD CONDUCTED A HEARING PERTAINING TO THE DISCONTINUATION OF WATER SERVICE AT 215 KELLER AVENUE.

The Clerk advised that this was the time and place to conduct a hearing pertaining to the discontinuation of water service at 215 Keller Avenue.

Trustee Burd moved to open the hearing.

Seconded by Trustee DeCecco and adopted by a full vote in the affirmative.

The mayor asked if anyone was present representing 215 Keller Avenue. No one was present. The mayor then asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Trustee DeCecco moved to close the hearing.

Seconded by Trustee Catalano and adopted by a full vote in the affirmative.

BOARD APPROVED A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE DISCONTINUATION OF WATER SERVICE AT 215 KELLER AVENUE.

Trustee Burd moved to approve a resolution authorizing the discontinuation of water service at 215 Keller Avenue in accord with Kenmore Municipal Code 24-28(7). A copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes for record purposes.

Seconded by Trustee Catalano and adopted by a full vote in the affirmative.

A Roll Call Vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Catalano	Voting	Aye
Trustee Burd	Voting	Aye
Trustee DeCecco	Voting	Aye

ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS.

Trustee Burd offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption: **RESOLVED**, that the mayor be and he hereby is authorized to sign the Abstract of Audited Vouchers dated October 19, 2021 in the amount of \$429,809.10; General Fund \$378,169.75; Water Fund \$60,926.69; Sewer Fund \$54,855.97; and Capital Fund \$2,283.75 to direct the Treasurer to pay each of the listed claimants in the amount appearing opposite his/her name.

Seconded by Trustee Catalano and adopted by a full vote in the affirmative.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS

The mayor asked if anyone wished to be heard.

Mike Silletto, 12 East Girard Blvd, wanted to discuss excessive garbage placed at 3199 Delaware Avenue over the October holiday weekend. He presented photos to the board, and noted that most of the totes were overfull. The Mayor stated that he had previously communicated to Mr. Silletto, and told him that the barbershop at that location had closed and was cleaned out, resulting in more trash than usual. Mr. Silletto stated that this happens about 40 times a year. He stated that the DPW picked up the trash on Tuesday, but that, if he hadn't called, it would not have been picked up until Thursday. He feels that the Village should have paid overtime in order to have the trash picked up over the weekend.

Mayor Mang stated that the Village never would approve over time, especially on a holiday weekend, for just one location, absent an emergency. He stated that this was a specific, one-time situation, where a person, unfamiliar with the refuse laws, was hired to clear out a closed business.

Mr. Silletto asked if anyone has been cited and fined for trash violations. The Mayor stated that violation notices had been issued. Superintendent David Root stated that he will have to check to see if fines were collected.

Mr. Silletto feels that fines should be used to fund maintenance of the property by the Village.

Mayor Mang replied that the Village cannot maintain or correct violations on private property, absent specific violations that qualify as health and safety or emergencies.

Mr. Silletto said that he had emailed Plumbing Inspector, Pat Vandewater about, what he believes, is an improper connection on the same property. He also wants to make sure any work being done is properly permitted. He says his last email was on September 18, 2021 and there has been no reply.

Building Inspector Mike Berns stated that he believes Pat Vandewater thought there was an improper down spout, and that he'll look into the matter tomorrow.

Mr. Silletto then wanted to discuss a private party which had taken place over the weekend in a business on Delaware Avenue. He noted that, earlier in the year a different party had taken place at another location on Delaware Avenue. He wanted to know if a letter had been sent to the businesses instructing them that they could not hold parties at business locations. The Mayor responded that no letter was sent to businesses.

Collette Sikorski, 17 East Girard Blvd., stated that the party took place between 11:30 PM and 1:30 AM and that her fourteen-year-old son was scared. She feels a letter should have been sent.

Mayor stated that the Village is looking into how best to address this issue, however it appears to be an isolated incident and that the business owner was very cooperative and apologetic.

Ms. Sikorski stated that she doesn't understand why there were only three cars on patrol in the evening. She feels that officers should have noted fifteen cars were in Dominos and Dollar General parking lots which should have alerted them to a problem. She feels this wasn't typical. She wanted to know why more wasn't done in advance to resident calls to the KPD. She

showed the Mayor a video on her phone. Ms. Sikorski then stated that she wanted it known that her comments have nothing to do with race and that she would have called regardless.

Police Chief Phillips stated that three patrol cars is the usual staffing at midnight. He noted that the Town of Tonawanda has seven cars on patrol at that time and that the Town is four times the size of Kenmore. He feels there was no need to increase staff. He further noted that reports evidence that, prior to the call about the party, all patrols were responding to other citizen complaints. Chief Phillips also commented that the business operator was very cooperative. One arrest was made of an unruly attendee.

Ms. Sikorski complained that it took an hour to clear out the building. Chief Phillips responded that that was a good result. He said that officers want to make sure that things don't escalate, so the party is slowly broken up to ensure that it's done safely and that there are no other issues to be addressed, such as drunk drivers. Here, he notes that there were no fights or problems. He also notes that police are called to break up parties at private homes, as well, which can get out of hand. In this case, he found the owner to be very cooperative and he's certain this will not be repeated.

Ms. Sikorski stated again that the party shouldn't have happened to begin with. She thinks a letter needs to go out to all businesses advising them that parties are not allowed.

Jasmine stated that her friends' business was attacked for something she did not do. She states that someone falsely stated that the party was taking place at a different business.

Mayor stated that he's sorry that that happened. That's the problem with social media – misinformation is spread and, in the case here, a business was hurt, as a result. The Mayor told the aggrieved owner that the Village welcomes its business.

Cashee' - the owner of the fashion boutique, where the party took place, addressed the board and took full responsibility, and offered her apology. She said it won't happen again. She stated that she feels welcomed by Kenmore Community. She was simply a new owner, and just didn't know. Mayor Mang offered his thanks.

Tammy Shaw, a village resident, stated that the properties are close together, and many are located close to businesses. She said that sometimes it gets noisy, but you need to be neighborly. She said that Kenmore isn't rural, and you're going to hear noise and encouraged residents not to stress over it.

The Mayor introduced Joe Haniszewski from the Kenmore Business Association (KBA) and asked the business owners in attendance to connect with the KBA.

As no one else wished to be heard, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on November 2, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

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