

February 12, 2025

Regular monthly meeting of the Kinderhook Village Board of Trustees
Minutes

Present: Mayor Dorene Weir Clerk/Treasurer Nicole Heeder	Trustees: James Mark Browne Susan Patterson Quinn Murphy T. Kevin Monahan (absent)
Attendees: Matt Cohn, Vly Campbell, David Booth, Dale Leiser, Joe Wildermuth, Bill Mancini, Renee Shur	

Mayor Weir opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

2. Clerk/Treasurer (Nicole Heeder)

- Minutes of January 8, 2025, monthly Village Board meeting.
Trustee Patterson motioned to approve, Trustee Murphy seconded, all voted "Aye."
Minutes of January 16, 2025, special meeting.
Trustee Patterson motioned to approve, Trustee Murphy seconded, all voted "Aye."

- Budget Amendments

Trustee Patterson motioned to approve as outlined on sheet dated Feb. 12, 2025 presented by the treasurer, Trustee Browne seconded, all voted "Aye."

General Fund

FROM

A.1010.4 Board of Trustee Contractual
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A.3410.42 Firemen Physicals
A.8010.1 Zoning Personal Services
A.5110.1 Street Maintenance Personal Service
A.9015.8 Fire Retirement

TO

A.1110.400 Justice Contractual
A.1325.4 Clerk Treasurer Contractual
A.3410.43 Fire Equipment Maintenance
A.7520.1 Historic Commission Personal Services

A.8161.1 Personal Leaf pick Personal services
A.9060.8 Hospital Medical Insurance

AMOUNT

\$ 30,000.00
\$ 20,000.00
\$ 74,000.00
\$ 23,000.00

\$ 19,000.00
\$ 7,900.00

Water Fund

FROM

F.8330.1 Purification Personal Services
F.8330.4 Purification Contractual
F.8330.4 Purification Contractual

F.8330.1 Purification Personal Services
F.8330.4 Purification Contractual
A.9050.8 Unemployment Insurance

TO

F.8310.1 Water Admin Personal
F.8310.4 Water Administration Contractual
F.8320.4 Source & Pumping
F.8340.1 Transmission & Distribution Personal Services
F.8340.4 Transmission & Distribution Contractual
F.9035.8 Medicare

AMOUNT

\$ 49,000.00
\$ 30,000.00
\$ 93,000.00

\$ 62,000.00
\$ 1,100.00
\$ 1,000.00

- Abstract
Total abstract reported \$55,361.35; General Fund \$44,517.68; Water Fund \$10,638.48;
Albany Ave. water portion \$205.19.

Trustee Browne motioned to approve the abstract as presented, Trustee Murphy seconded, all voted “Aye.”

- **Treasurer’s Report**

Trustee Browne motioned to approve, Trustee Murphy seconded, all voted “Aye.”

- Clerk/Treasurer report – completed Q4 payroll, W-2s sent, prepared budget sheets for department heads, worked on proposed budget calendar, attended planning/zoning meetings in absence of secretary, and conducted interviews. Top priorities are budget and elections.

2. Code Enforcement Officer (Trevor Bean absent)

The Code Enforcement officer forwarded the monthly report to village officials.

3. Fire Department (Matt Cohn)

The fire department report highlighted activities including 11 calls, 3 drills, new lightbar on Firematic, physicals held on 12/6/24, and drills to be held on 2/10/25 and 2/19/25.

4. Water & Sewer Commissioner (Dale Leiser)

The Commissioner reported outstanding balances on water accounts of \$7,100.80 and sewer accounts of \$19,746.98. Past due letters have been sent out. One account on Eichybush Road was overestimated and will be refunded.

Trustee Patterson motioned to approve the refund amount of \$440.71, Trustee Murphy seconded, all voted ‘Aye.’

5. DPW (David Booth)

The DPW Commissioner reported normal activities including managing seven weather events, reported good salt amounts, spent many hours preparing playground ice skating rink for Friday event, managed a leak at Datus Court, and replaced master meter at pumphouse.

6. Economic Development Director (Renee Shur)

The Director reported on the status of local businesses including work on the village website and status report on Kinderhook creek access project.

7. KBPA

Working on dates for putting together candidate’s forum for three running for open Trustee positions.

8. Trustee Monahan (absent)

- Zoning Board: Vote on Carolina House (supported CEO’s interpretation of code to remain special use until June)
- Planning Board:
 - Agenda for February 2, 2025, meeting
 - Jodi Mc Comb's Special Use Permit application for multi-family (denied)
 - Charles Rothermel Site Plan Amendment application (approved)
- NY Forward Playground Update: Town Hall meeting (multiple meetings held on scope/schedule)
- Kinderhook-Valatie LWRP Mtg #8 scheduled (Mayor to report)

9. Trustee Murphy

- Climate Smart

Trustee Murphy requested motion to approve Climate Smart action plan, Mayor Weir seconded, all voted 'Aye.'

Approached by Integra Energy gauging interest in village installing new electric vehicle chargers with no cost to residents, collecting 100% of fees until install costs paid, then 50% of fees shared with village thereafter. Trustee Murphy to coordinate presentation to the board.

10. Trustee Patterson

- HPC special meeting 1/22/25 update – considered drawings for 4 Broad St. at which architect presented two concepts. HPC is requesting a simpler design so the architect will return on Feb. 20th meeting with new drawings.
- Town of Kinderhook Comprehensive Plan update – Trustees Patterson and Browne are delegates and attended the public information meeting.
- Application for use of Village property proposed edits – including requesting tax exempt form waivers for NFPs.

11. Trustee Browne

- Albany Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement Project – got approval on preliminary design in November, working on final detailed design, in Nov/Dec. developed sidewalk and ramp concepts for business district and recently met with business owners Bill Better and Julie Hamrah to show alternatives and request feedback. Schedule to meet Tuesday, Feb. 18th with business owner Kim Voltz and the museum for their inputs. HVEA met with DOT in January who indicated they wanted to receive a complete package. Goal is to complete the package by April in time to put bids out and start construction by July 2025.
- Albany Avenue Watermain Upgrade Project – Complete with preparation on design for William St. commencing. Met with HVEA and Tighe & Bond who will prepare proposal for final design, provide procurement support, construction oversight and bid the project. Ran budget numbers and feels there are adequate funds to remove older water mains from Rt. 9 to Maiden Ln. and 31 meters on Kinderknoll, Maiden Lane and extension from Maiden Lane to end of Hudson.
- Financing – with Clerk/Treasurer created a budget schedule.
- Insurance – received budget from MetzWood '25-'26 and continued to work on workers comp audits with NYSIF.

12. Mayor Weir

- Recreation Commission – met Monday, created 2025 calendar of events, approved flyers for recruitment for summer program. Would like to use remaining funds to purchase summer equipment such as ping pong table, sprinklers, and projector/screen to show movies during winter months at Van Buren Hall.
- Appoint Mary Turoci as the Planning and Zoning Secretary.

Trustee Patterson motioned to approve the Mayor's appointment of Mary Turoci appointment, seconded by Trustee Murphy, all voted 'Aye.'

Mayor discussed applying for the Lowe's Impact grant for Hometown Projects (a no match grant) on behalf of the Village Fire Department expansion project (estimated at \$260,000) which closes Feb. 18th. Project would need to be complete by November 2025.

Trustee Browne motioned to submit application, Trustee Murphy seconded, all voted 'Aye.'

Mayor attended the Valatie Board meeting, discussed HRVG grant for access to Kinderhook creek for both villages with potential for dock style entryways into creek, with access points in both Village of Kinderhook (completed) and Village of Valatie (not completed) as Valatie has been hesitant. Sent packet of information for Valatie to go through, asked if they want to go forward with the project, they stated they will have an answer by next month's board meeting but subsequently Mayor of Valatie called to relay they will move forward with the project.

13. Applications

- Chris Yost for Empire State Capital Volkssporters, requesting Van Buren Hall and the lift on May 31, 2025, from 9am-1pm as the start point for a walk in the village of Kinderhook
- Karen Dolge for OK5K, requesting the Village Square and Van Buren Hall on June 6th from 4pm – 7pm and June 7th from 6am – 12 pm for the OK5K event

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve all applications, Mayor Weir seconded, all voted “Aye.”

14. Taxpayer Time

Residents posed comments and questions regarding establishing Green Fund (forwarded to village attorney for review), and a proposed guidelines idea on parking for large events.

Trustee Murphy moved to close the regular meeting at 7:43 pm, seconded by Trustee Browne, all voted ‘Aye.’

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sue Pulver.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole H. Heeder
Village Clerk