

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF
THE KIMBERLY VILLAGE BOARD
MINUTES
JUNE 8, 2020**

President Kuen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Members present for roll call were Trustees Gaffney, Hammen, Hietpas, Hruzek, Trentlage and Weber. Also present were Administrator Block, Operations Director Danhoff, McMahon Engineer Werner and one resident. A member of the media and other citizens attended by teleconference.

President Kuen introduced the topic of reviewing the current assessment policy of the Village and discussing alternative methods of funding infrastructure maintenance. Administrator Block provided a presentation summarizing how property owners are currently assessed special assessments and reviewed alternatives for funding by using a combination of the following: 1) increasing the general tax levy; 2) using County sales tax revenue to reduce assessments; 3) imposing a wheel tax on 5,797 vehicles registered in Kimberly; 4) creating a transportation utility; 5) increasing the base sewer and storm fees; and 6) allocating a portion of roadway costs to the sewer, storm and water utilities.

Administrator Block outlined how an increase in utility fees combined with a new Transportation Assessment Reduction Fee (TARF) could eliminate street reconstruction and sidewalk reconstruction assessments to property owners. Under this methodology, property owners would still be assessed for driveway aprons, new streets, new sidewalks, sanitary laterals, mini-storm systems and water laterals. The TARF would be collected in quarterly installments on the water utility bill. Administrator Block cautioned that if utilities were not part of a street reconstruction project, such as Paul Drive, then there would need to be a special assessment fee or an increase in the general tax levy to cover the gap in funds. Engineer Werner stated that Paul Drive is the exception rather than the rule. He estimates that the combination of utility fees and TARF could be used to cover the next 20-30 years of street reconstruction.

Trustees requested that a public information meeting be scheduled to elicit public comment and input.

Administrator Block updated the Board that the Village continues to monitor the gating criteria under Badger Bounce Back in opening up facets of the community.

There was no unfinished business.

Under new business, Trustee Hruzek thanked the Board for their well wishes during his recent recovery.

Trustee Hammen moved, Weber seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried by unanimous vote and the Board adjourned at 6:51 pm.



Danielle L. Block
Administrator/Clerk