



Kasson Chamber of Commerce

October 2022 General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: Oct. 12, 2022 | **Location:** City of Kasson Council Chambers | **Lunch:** 11:30 AM | **Meeting:** 12:00 PM

Board Members

Present: Tom Monson (President), Jennifer Galloway (Vice President), Jenny Carrier (Secretary), Dan Ziebel, Sara Goodnow, Jill Moosbrugger, Stevie Ersland, Tom Monson (President), Angie Bowman

Absent: Matt Bradford (Treasurer)

Thank you Team Buckingham for sponsoring today's lunch!

1. Introductions

- 25 members present

2. Minutes - Approved by members

3. Treasurer Report - Approved by members

- Handout from Matt, detailed list provided
- A few expenditures coming up
 - community book
- After hours drawing is up to \$400 (must be present to win)
- Country pleasures donated back their donations from Oktoberfest, thank you!

4. President Report

- After Hours – Thanks to everyone that came out to NextEra's After Hours! KMTelecom hosts
 - Business After Hours on 10/27 at KMTel- drawing is now up to \$400!
- Working on ordering banners. Pictures have been taken.
- Community Book – Proofing is finishing.
- Thanks to everyone that made Oktoberfest a successful event on 9/29! Special thank you to our primary champion of the event – Stevie Ersland!
- Christmas in Kasson is coming up December 3 from 10 am to 1 pm. Reindeer have been secured for an appearance. Our normal vendor is retiring, so we are working with Kendallville Farms for the first time this year. Additionally, pricing for reindeer appearances, like most other things, has increased dramatically. This year's appearance has been made possible by NextEra sponsoring the reindeer.
- Tomorrow, 10/13 I will be facilitating a roundtable listening session with Congressman Brad
- Finstad at Kasson City Hall. Attendance is limited, but I want to convey any concerns or questions our membership may have. If you have something you want me to ask or bring up, please write it down and give me your note before leaving today.
- I appeared in a KTTC interview to talk about Shop Local Friday, Kasson, and upcoming events. If you haven't seen it yet and would like to, reach out and I'll get you a link.
- Reminder: Official updates and project information is available in a banner link on the chamber website for the Hwy 57 project.
 - <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/d6/projects/hwy57-reconstruction/index.html>
- Congrats to our most recent ribbon cuttings and groundbreaking: Penalty Box, Johnson General Store, and Kasson Park Place! Also, congratulations to the KM PTA on their new playground addition! If you have additional ribbon cuttings or groundbreakings that should be celebrated, please let a board member know.

5. Speaker:

- **Tim Ibisch** - City Administrator
- New Fire Hall Update - 7M Project

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- Layout of new space, equipment and vehicle storage
- Primarily one level
- Community Room space with full kitchen
- Infrastructure ready for expansion
- 14-18 month build
- 25-30 volunteer staffed department
- 4M to fix up the old building
- For more information:
https://www.cityofkasson.com/departments/fire_department/new_page.php

6. City Update

- Hwy 57 - 2 weeks expect to be topping off the first section
- Still on track for finishing this fall for that first track. Then in the spring the roundabout construction.
- Congressman Brad Finstad is going to be stopping in Kasson as part of a listening tour
 - Thursday, October 13 th , 2022
 - KASSON CITY HALL
 - 10:30AM – 1:15PM
- Down to our last 10 welcome bags - need to schedule another bag filling date.

7. School Update:

- Community Education Events:
 - Annual Community Trick or Treat
 - Mental Health First Aid Training - FREE
 - Community Book Study - “How Women Rise” - FREE
- Jami Schwickerath and Ashley Kaplan from K-M Schools:
 - Onboarding staff - thank you for those donations!
 - College and Career Readiness
 - Formal internship program starting next school year
 - Community Internship Fair Dec. 7th from 1-3 PM
 - Reach out to Ashley or Jami if you are interested
- Mark Matuska’s Updates:
 - MS Community Service Day - Call up to the middle school office if you have some ideas projects
 - 1500 tickets sold for Wizard of Oz

Other Announcements

- Christmas in Kasson planning meeting tomorrow 10/13 at noon @ Hidden Pines
- Wine and beer tasting on Thursday, Nov. 10th - fundraiser for Festival in the Park (buy tickets at liquor store)
- Care and Share is coming up on Nov. 15th
- Salvation Army sign up is out for bell ringing
- We are still looking for a December lunch sponsor

8. Adjournment

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