

**VILLAGE OF KINGSTON
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 1, 2013
UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AS WRITTEN X
OR AS AMENDED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD
ON May 6, 2013.**

MEETING CALL:

The Regular Village Board Meeting with the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Kingston was called to order at 7:00 pm by President John Munro, April 1, 2013, in the Village Board Room, at the Kingston Municipal Building, 101 E. Railroad St., Kingston, DeKalb County, Illinois.

ROLL CALL:

Upon roll call by Clerk Edwards, the following were in attendance:

Present: President John Munro Trustees Jack Fischer, Joe Hengels, John Lynch, and Robert Ruehl Jr.

Absent: 2, Trustees Jim Baenziger and Jennifer Bankson.

Also in attendance were Village Attorney Kevin Buick, with the firm Foster & Buick Group LLC, Chief of Police Gerald Taft, and Village Engineer Kevin Berry, with HR Green INC.

MINUTES:

Trustee Fischer commented his arrival time should have been 7:02 pm not 8:02 pm.

Motion by Trustee Ruehl seconded by Trustee Fischer to approve the March 4, 2013, minutes as amended.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 3, Trustees Fischer, Hengels, and Lynch.

Nays: 1, Trustee Ruehl.

Absent: 2, Trustees Baenziger and Bankson.

Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

No comments.

VILLAGE OFFICERS REPORT

Police
Department

No report.

Attorney

Attorney Buick commented there are four ordinance violation matters. The homeowner of 320 S. Main St. has made no progress in improvements to the property and did not show up in court. This case is set for trial on April 19, 2013. The homeowner of 208 East St. has shown improvement. The case has been continued to June 20, 2013. The resident at 216 East Street has started placing siding up on the accessory building and should complete the rest of the siding this week. A roof permit has been obtained but the individual will not have money for the repair until later this year. The next court date for this case is July 18, 2013. The resident at 125 S. Main St. has made no improvements to the property. The resident did show up in court. The judge fined the individual \$7,500.00. The resident has until May 20, 2013, to bring the property in to compliance.

Public Works

President Munro commented there was an issue with a lift station Friday evening. Since it was a holiday weekend, no one was able to service the pump until Sunday afternoon. Public Works Director Justin Kamp was having to pump the lift station every 45 minutes.

Village
Engineer

No report.

Village
Clerk

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

City of Genoa
(Wastewater)

Nothing new to report.

Flooding

Nothing new to report.

4th Street Well
House
Improvements

Engineer Berry commented Schramm has notified them of an issue with the pressure tap. Engineer Berry will get back to the board in two weeks with answers to the issue. Engineer Berry commented there was a \$25,000 difference between their bid and the next lowest bid.

Sidewalks
(Safe Routes
to School Grant)

Nothing new to report.

Property

Trustee Hengels commented ComEd contacted the homeowner at 104 S.

Maintenance	Main St. with regard to the low hanging electrical wires.
8813 North Rood Rd. (Culvert Pipe)	Attorney Buick commented the agreement with the property owner would be recorded at the county and would remain with the property. The village would perform inspections to make sure the culvert is being maintained properly. Consensus was expressed by the village board, to include as part of the agreement, a fee to cover costs incurred by the village.
Municipal Aggregation Bid	Clerk Edwards handed out a fax from ComEd with regard to ComEd lowering supply charges and raising delivery charges. There was also information with regard to Green Region Open Space Grants.

NEW BUSINESS:

NICor Franchise Agreement	Attorney Buick recommended the village reduce the term to 35 years and request free natural gas. Attorney Buick left an example letter and ordinance. The village has until December 2014 to renew the contract.
MFT Resolution (Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code)	The board requested more information from Treasurer Fischer.
2013-2014 Budget	Trustee Ruehl commented the letter from the finance committee explains the proposed budget. The IML is forecasting a per capita rate of \$90.00. Estimated general fund related revenues at \$291,065.00. Related expenses are being forecasted at \$271,949.00. Trustee Ruehl requested Engineer Berry look at several roads and estimate the cost to make repairs on them. Trustee Fischer commented the tornado siren maintenance fee needs to be increased. Further discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Hengels motion, seconded by Trustee Lynch to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Heather Edwards, Village Clerk