

**VILLAGE OF KINGSTON
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 6, 2015 UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED
 X AS WRITTEN OR AS AMENDED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD
ON May 4, 2015.**

MEETING CALL:

The regular Village Board Meeting with the Board of Trustees of the Village of Kingston was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Jim Baenziger Monday, in the Village Board Room, at the Kingston Municipal Building, 101 E. Railroad St., Kingston, DeKalb County, Illinois.

ROLL CALL:

Upon roll call by President Jim Baenziger, the following were in attendance:

Present: 6, Trustees, Jim Baenziger, Jennifer Bankson, Jack Fischer, Joe Hengels, John Lynch and Bob Ruehl.

Absent: 0.

Also in attendance were Police Chief Gerald Taft, Village Engineer Kevin Berry, with HRGreen INC., Village Attorney Kevin Buick, with the firm Foster & Buick Group LLC and Public Works Director, Justin Kamp.

MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Bankson, seconded by Trustee Hengels to approve the March 2, 2015 minutes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 6, Trustees Baenziger, Bankson, Fischer, Hengels, Lynch and Ruehl.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 0.

Motion carried.

AGENDA ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS:

Nothing at this time.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

A young Village resident approached the Village Board inquiring about using Village property to earn her Girl Scout badge. She proposed that the property at the North side of Route 72 and Spring be used for a community garden. Lots would be sold to pay for gas to prepare the ground and produce would be used in the community as needed. The Village Board commended the young lady on this venture. Questions did arise on what was actually Village property as well as a few other concerns. No action was taken by the Board at this time, pending further research.

VILLAGE OFFICERS REPORT:

Police Department	Nothing new to report.
Attorney	Attorney Buick updated the Village Board as to the status of 125 S. Main.
Village Engineer	Nothing new to report.
Public Works	Nothing new to report.
Village Clerk	Nothing new to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

105 E. Railroad	Currently the Village is waiting on soil and perk tests to be forwarded to the Village for review. Attorney Buick is in the process of setting up a closing date.
Property Maintenance	Nothing new to report.
Administrative Adjudication	Trustee Lynch stated that he is currently working on updating the Village of Kingston's ordinances for the Administrative Adjudication process.
Kingston Township	Trustee Ruehl has put some figures together in regards to the purchase of this property. Trustee Ruehl requested the Village Treasurer contact area banks for financing options.
Finance Committee	This agenda item will be discussed with the new ordinance.

Public Works Equipment Purchase Public Works Director Justin Kamp discussed the possible purchase of a new pickup truck for the Public Works Department. President Baenziger and Trustee Lynch would like to put the Village on a 3-4 year rotation on the purchase of new vehicles. Trustee Lynch would like to move the purchase of the skid steer and trailer to next year's budget.

HRGreen Service Contract Village Engineer Kevin Berry stated that the changes the Board had requested to the contract are complete. The March 19th draft will need to be forwarded to the Board for their review.

Ordinance 2015-04 The Board agreed that now would be the time to have the whole Zoning Ordinance revisited. No action taken by the Board at this time.

COMMENTS:

Ordinance 2015-05 Motion by Trustee Hengels, seconded by Trustee Lynch to approve Ordinance 2015-05 modifying Chapter 74, Article VI, Equipment and condition of the Municipal Code of the Village of Kingston.
ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 6, Trustees Baenziger, Bankson, Fischer, Hengels, Lynch and Ruehl.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 0.

Motion carried.

2015-2016 Budget The Board discussed large purchases and their impact on the budget. Due to possible state cuts in funding future purchases may be pushed back. This was a first reading.

DeKalb County Economic Development Motion by Trustee Ruehl, seconded by Trustee Lynch to approve the expenditure of Village funds not to exceed \$200.00 for a donation to DeKalb County Economic Development.
ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 5, Trustees Baenziger, Bankson, Hengels, Lynch and Ruehl.

Nays: 1, Trustee Fischer.

Absent: 0

Motion carried.

Thurlby Road

President Baenziger explained that there had been sewer backup at 1001 Thurlby. Village Engineer Kevin Berry had received two estimates for cleaning and televising of 600 feet of the main. The Board agreed due to the cost that Cam-Vac would be performing the necessary maintenance.

Motion by Trustee Baenziger, seconded by Trustee Hengels to authorize Cam-Vac to perform the necessary maintenance from 10th Street to Ash Court.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 6, Trustees Baenziger, Bankson, Fischer, Hengels, Lynch and Ruehl.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 0.

Motion carried.

Chapter 2, Article II
Division 1, Sec. 2-35-(2)

The Board reviewed the duties and responsibilities Trustee Ruehl had prepared for the Board. This was a first reading.

Chapter 2, Article III
Division 1

No action taken by the Board. This was a first reading.

Employee Procedure
Manual

Trustee Ruehl went through the requested changes to this policy, discussed was training, drug and alcohol policy, lunch periods, and attendance.

Trustee Ruehl motion, seconded by Trustee Bankson to adjourn to closed session under subsection 2 of Section 2(c) to discuss collective negotiation matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 5, Trustees Baenziger, Bankson, Hengels, Lynch and Ruehl.

Nays: 1, Trustee Fischer.

Absent: 0.

Motion carried.

COMMENTS:

President Baenziger stated that our new Treasurer, Jenny Dynek had her first day today. Clerk Lauderdale will make arrangements for her name to be removed and the new Treasurer be added as the official signature on the Village accounts.

The Village Board discussed Chief Tafts request for additional shifts for our part-time Police

Officer and limiting summer help to 250 hours.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Fischer motion, seconded by Trustee Hengels to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Angie Lauderdale, Village Clerk