

**VILLAGE OF KINGSTON**  
**REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
***December 18, 2017* UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED**  
**\_\_\_ AS WRITTEN OR \_\_\_ AS AMENDED BY THE VILLAGE**  
**BOARD ON *January 15, 2018.***

**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, *December 18, 2017* 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 Baenziger, the following were in attendance:

Present: 5, President Baenziger and Trustees Altmaier, Fischer, Hengels, Lynch.

Absent: 1, Trustee Van Buren.

Also in attendance was Justin Kamp from the Village Public Works Department and Police Chief Taft.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS:**

Trustee Hengels added snow removal downtown to "New Business".

**OMNIBUS AGENDA:**

Motion by Trustee Lynch, seconded by Trustee Hengels to approve the Omnibus Agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 4, Trustees Altmaier, Fischer, Hengels, and Lynch.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1, Trustee Van Buren.

Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT: Approved

WARRANTS: Approved

MINUTES: *November 20, 2017* Approved

Motion carried.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

None at this time.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Property  
Maintenance

Trustee Hengels reported that the property at 9329 Route 72 is being handled by HUD and does not want the property demolished, their opinion is it is worth more with the existing structures. The Village does have the option of having it demolished at our expense however, a court order would be needed. Trustee Fischer will reach out to surrounding communities for their feedback on dealing with HUD. 201 West Railroad currently has a carport/tent in their driveway which is against Kingston's Municipal Code. Trustee Hengels will instruct the Building Department to address this issue.

Ordinance 2017-13 Tax Levy

Motion by Trustee Hengels, seconded by Trustee Fischer to pass Ordinance 2017-13 the 2017 Tax Levy for the Village of Kingston.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 4, Trustees Altmaier, Fischer, Hengels and Lynch.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1, Trustee Van Buren.

Motion carried.

401 Spring Street

Previous reports on this property from Stephanie Bridge were that the contractor doing construction at 209 Third Street had damaged property with the heavy equipment being used. Trustees Lynch, Hengels and Fischer as well as President Baenziger physically inspected the property in question. General consensus was, there was only minimal damage. Mr. Kamp will verify the jurisdiction of the dead end on Spring Street. If the dead end is Village jurisdiction, the Board will have to decide if the dead end portion of Spring Street will remain Village property.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Botts Welding & Truck Service, Inc.

Motion by Trustee Hengels, seconded by Trustee Altmaier to approve for payment invoice number 623730, dated November 11, 2017, in the amount of \$2,411.95 for brake repairs on the five ton public works truck.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 4, Trustees Altmaier, Fischer, Hengels and Lynch.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1, Trustee Van Buren.

Motion carried.

Botts Welding & Truck Service, Inc.

Motion by Trustee Hengels, seconded by Trustee Altmaier to approve for payment invoice number 625014, dated November 20, 2017, in the amount of \$886.12 for replacement of the king pins on the five ton truck.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 4, Trustees Altmaier, Fischer, Hengels and Lynch

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1, Trustee Van Buren.

Motion carried.

Kingston Elementary School

Trustee Hengels informed the Board that permits have been picked up for the completion of the lighting in the new parking lot. Trustee Altmaier spoke with Barb Dettmer on December 7, 2017 in regards to the permit for the existing parking lot and the lack of a permit being issued. Mutual consensus from the Board is to send out correspondence to the Principal, Superintendent and the School Board President that work was done without a permit. The Board is in agreement that all Municipal Codes need to be followed.

Zoning Matrix (M Classification)

Trustee Lynch is currently researching possible changes to this zoning classification as it pertains to Route 72.

Police Department Hand Held Radio Replacements.

Chief Taft was not present at the meeting.

**COMMENTS:**

Trustee Hengels requested that a reminder about parking after two inches of snowfall be put on the website, Facebook and the water bills. Residents can utilize the Village Lot. Letters will be sent out to property owners on Main Street.

President Baenziger informed the Board that the Village Attorney retainer fee will increase from \$750.00 to \$1,000.00. Clerk Lauderdale will request in writing what the changes will be, what services the new fee will cover and the effective date. Attorney Buick did state that an attorney can be present at both meetings, instead of just the first meeting.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:**

Motion by Trustee Hengels, seconded by Trustee Fischer to adjourn to closed session at 8:13p.m. to enter into Executive session under Subsection number 1 of Section 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 4, Trustees Altmaier, Fischer, Hengels and Lynch.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1, Trustee Van Buren.

Motion carried.

Returned to open session at 8:29p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Trustee Hengels motion, seconded by Trustee Fischer to adjourn the meeting at 8:30p.m.

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Angie Lauderdale, Village Clerk

