

**VILLAGE OF KINGSTON
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 4, 2013
UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AS WRITTEN X
OR AS AMENDED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD
ON March 4, 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, February 4, 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 Jennifer Bankson, Jack Fischer, Joe Hengels, and Robert Ruehl Jr.

Absent: 2, Trustee Jim Baenziger and John Lynch.

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.

AGENDA ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS:

President Munro added Ron and Jacque Mazanowski to Property Maintenance.

MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Ruehl seconded by Trustee Bankson to approve the January 7, 2013, minutes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 4, Trustees Bankson, Fischer, Hengels, and Ruehl.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 2, Trustees Baenziger and Lynch.

Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Carl Berg was present at the meeting. Mr. Berg presented rates for the village's electric supply. Nordic had the best rate of .04514. Mr. Berg commented this is just the supply rate, taxes would still be the same. Mr. Berg will get new rates and the contract from the lowest bidder so Attorney Buick can review it before the next meeting.

Carl Berg commented there have to be two public hearings with regard to municipal aggregation. The board requested the public hearings be held on March 18, 2013, at the Friendship Center, at 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Information with regard to the public hearing can be placed in the Hand in Hand newsletter and on the water bills.

VILLAGE OFFICERS REPORT

Police
Department

Chief Taft commented there was a house fire on Thurlby Rd.

Chief Taft purchased a four year warranty for both camera systems.

Chief Taft received a complaint with regard to individuals parking on Willow street.

Chief Taft commented the resident at 125 S. Main St. is still using their old wood burner. Sycamore and Genoa officers also observed smoke from the old chimney on January 23, 2013.

Attorney

There were six property ordinance violation cases heard in court on January 29, 2013. The properties of 208 East and 216 East have made improvements. The cases will be continued on March 28, 2013. The homeowner of 320 S. Main St. needed more time. The case will also be continued on March 28, 2013. The homeowner of 216 West St. needed more time for painting. The case will be continued on May 9, 2013. The homeowners of 125 S. Main St. and 315 S. Main St. have made no contact with ICCI. The trial date for 125 S. Main St. will be March 28, 2013. The trial date for 315 S. Main St. will be April 19, 2013.

Public Works

No report.

Village
Engineer

Engineer Berry commented he attended a Metro West Council meeting. There is a \$500.00 fee for joining the organization.

Village
Clerk

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

City of Genoa
(Wastewater)

Nothing new to report.

Flooding

Nothing new to report.

4th Street Well
Improvements
(Professional
Services
Agreement
for Kingston
4th Street
Well House
Construction
Observation
HRGreen
Job No:
86110192.01)

Engineer Berry commented the proposal includes construction observation and overseeing the bid process at the 4th Street well house. This Friday the project will open up for bid. The bids are due on March 1, 2013. The March 4, 2013, meeting the board will vote and accept a bid. The project must be completed by the end of June. Attorney Buick requested language be placed in the proposal with regard to indemnification. The board will vote on the proposal at the February 18, 2013, meeting.

Sidewalks
(Safe Routes
to School Grant)

Nothing new to report.

Property
Maintenance

Ron and Jacque Mazanowski were present at the meeting. Mr. Mazanowski explained their ditch was around three feet deep and very difficult to manage. They placed a 24" pipe in the ditch and backfilled to alleviate the problem. Mr. Mazanowski would like to work with the village on the issue, to make it acceptable. Several trustees were concerned with maintenance responsibilities, flooding upstream, and if the board was setting a precedent. President Munro requested Engineer Berry to review the subdivision plans and make a recommendation to the board.

Local Debt
Recovery

Clerk Edwards commented an ordinance will be presented next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Fischer motion, seconded by Trustee Ruehl to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Heather Edwards, Village Clerk