

**VILLAGE OF KINGSTON
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 6, 2012
UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AS WRITTEN X
OR AS AMENDED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD
ON March 6, 2012.**

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 6, 2012, 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 Jim Baenziger, Jennifer Bankson, Jack Fischer, Joe Hengels, John Lynch, and Robert Ruehl Jr.

Absent: 0.

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:

Motion by Trustee Fischer, seconded by Trustee Bankson to approve the January 2, 2012, minutes and the January 2, 2012, Public Hearing minutes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 0.

Absent: 0.

Motion Carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Debbie Sisk, 300 Windhaven Drive, requested that salt be put down on the corner of Sandra St. and Windhaven Drive when it snows. President Munro will inform the Public Works Department.

VILLAGE OFFICERS REPORT

Police
Department

Chief Gerald Taft commented a correction needed to be made on the fine amounts collected in 2011. The May fine was \$337.28 making the total \$9648.60.

Chief Taft commented on January 13, 2012, there was a house fire at 405 E. Railroad. The house is scheduled for demolition.

Chief Taft commented on January 20, 2012, the police department made an arrest for obstruction of justice to a police officer and disorderly conduct.

Chief Taft commented on January 22, 2012, the police department made a DUI arrest.

Chief Taft applied for a Walmart grant for a laptop computer.

Attorney

Attorney Buick commented the Plan Commission and Zoning Board members need to file Statement of Economic Interests with the County Clerk.

Public
Works

President Munro commented the 3/4 ton truck is being worked on.

Village
Engineer

Engineer Berry commented he forwarded a spreadsheet and chart summarizing sewer bills paid to the City of Genoa compared to Kingston flow meter data from 2006 to 2011.

Village
Clerk

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

City of
Genoa
(Wastewater)

Engineer Berry sent a draft letter for the sewer committee to review before it is sent over to the City of Genoa. Engineer Berry commented the PE flows were around 53,000.

Flooding

President Munro commented reminder letters were sent out to residents with regard to flood damage survey letters for the IDNR, Office of Water Resources.

4th Street Well
House
Improvements

Engineer Berry commented the engineering plan is 70% complete. The way the plan is engineered, there will be no need to replace pavement.

Sidewalk Clerk Edwards commented the Sidewalk Committee needs to set a date to meet. Trustee Fischer commented Hinckley and Shabbona have both recently gone through the Safe Routes to School program. It took around 2 to 3 years.

Utility Clerk Edwards commented Nicor wants to charge \$830.97 to change Agreements the meter. Treasurer Fischer will be contacting them to discuss the cost.

Aggregation Clerk Edwards commented Bill McMahon, with Progressive Energy (Electricity) Group came in the office today. Mr. McMahon will have a public information meeting on March 14, to inform residents about municipal electric aggregation, at the Friendship Center. Trustee Ruehl is concerned that one public meeting is not enough to get the referendum passed.

Ordinance Chief Taft requested (b) engine exhaust, mirror the state ordinance. 2012-02 Clerk Edwards commented the times were changed in (2) and (2)(a) to (Noise) 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and (2)(c) to 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Trustee Fischer will make changes to (b) engine exhaust.

Regional Trustee Fischer requested the board pay the dues one more year. He Planning felt it would be beneficial for the village to continue attending the Commission Regional Planning Commission meetings. Dues

Trustee Fischer motion seconded by Trustee Hengels to authorize the expenditure of village funds to renew the Regional Planning Commission Dues of \$500.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 0.

Absent: 0.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Squad Car Chief Taft requested the board's approval for him to apply for a squad car Grant up to \$20,000. The grant has to be in by February 24, 2012, and the village will be notified by March 16, 2012, if they received the grant. The total cost for the vehicle is \$27,000 without equipment. There were no objections from the board.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Fischer motion, seconded by Trustee Hengels to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Heather Edwards, Village Clerk