

**VILLAGE OF KINGSTON
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
January 2, 2012
UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AS WRITTEN X
OR AS AMENDED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD
ON February 6, 2012.**

MEETING CALL:

The Public Hearing before the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Kingston to address the proposed sewer rate increase was called to order at 6:30 pm by President John Munro, January 2, 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 was Village Attorney Kevin Buick, with the firm Foster & Buick Group LLC.

OPENING STATEMENT:

Trustee Ruehl commented HR Green reviewed and studied the village sanitary system billing rates, revenues, and operation and maintenance costs. The sewer fund had a \$118,000 loss last year. HR Green gave eight sewer rate alternatives showing increases from ten percent to fifty-five percent. The sewer committee recommended a 33% increase. An increase of 33% would change the Kingston Sewer Rate to \$33.25 minimum for the 1st 4,000 gallons; and \$2.66 per every 1,000 gallons thereafter. Residents would see an increase in their bill of approximately eight to ten dollars per month. With a thirty-three percent increase it would take four years for the sewer fund to break even.

AUDIENCE TESTIMONY:

Debbie Sisk asked if there would be another increase within five years.

Trustee Ruehl commented the intention is to not have another increase. The sewer committee has not spoken with Genoa yet.

President Munro closed the public hearing at 6:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Fischer motion, seconded by Trustee Hengels to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Heather Edwards, Village Clerk