

**VILLAGE OF KINGSTON
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 2, 2012
UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AS WRITTEN X
OR AS AMENDED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD
ON February 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, 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 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:

Trustee Fischer requested amending page 3, under Sewer Rate Study, "33% increase to the base rate" to "**33% increase**".

Motion by Trustee Ruehl, seconded by Trustee Hengels to approve the December 5, 2011, minutes as amended.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 0.

Absent: 0.

Motion Carried.

VILLAGE OFFICERS REPORT

Police Department Chief Gerald Taft commented on December 23, 2011, he went with Barb Dettmer, ICCI code inspector, to 125 S. Main Street for property maintenance issues. The resident was given until January 1, 2012, to remove an abandoned vehicle, clean the yard, move the grill off the porch, and fix the wood burning stove.

Chief Taft requested direction from the board with regard to enforcing section 62-101 of the Kingston Municipal Code, snow removal of sidewalks. President Munro requested information informing the residents that they need to shovel their sidewalks be placed on water bills and in Hand in Hand's Neighbor to Neighbor newsletter.

Attorney Attorney Buick reminded the board that they will need to take the 2012 OMA training.

Public Works Justin Kamp obtained his CDL.

Village Engineer No report.

Village Clerk Clerk Edwards commented the Noise Ordinance needs to be reviewed. Attorney Buick will review the ordinance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

City of Genoa (Wastewater) Nothing new to report.

Flooding Nothing new to report.

4th Street Well House Improvements Engineer Berry commented HR Green will begin developing engineering plans.

Sewer Rate Increase Ordinance 2012-01 Attorney Buick commented that the board can take action tonight and pass Ordinance 2012-01, amending Section 78-158 of the Kingston Municipal Code. Presently, the rates are; 1) Minimum bill, 4,000 gallons - \$25.00 2) Over 4,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof - \$2.00. With the 33% increase the rates will be; 1) Minimum bill, 4,000 gallons - \$33.25 2) Over 4,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof - \$2.66.

Trustee Baenziger motion second by Trustee Fischer to adopt Ordinance 2012-01, Wastewater Service Charge, of the Kingston Municipal Code.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 0.

Absent: 0.

Motion carried.

Sidewalk Nothing new to report.

Utility Consensus was expressed by the village board to have Progressive
Agreements Energy proceed with the aggregation public hearings.

Ordinance President Munro commented this is a different ordinance, the first
2011-10 one was voted down. Clerk Edwards commented this ordinance
(Outdoor prohibits the burning of rubbish. Trustee Hengels commented this
Burning) is a first reading. Attorney Buick suggested a minor change to the
 language.

Ordinance Attorney Buick commented several changes need to be made to the
2011-11 ordinance. Consensus was expressed by the board to have Attorney
(Speed) Buick make the changes.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Hengels motion, seconded by Trustee Fischer to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Heather Edwards, Village Clerk