

**VILLAGE OF KINGSTON  
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
December 6, 2010  
UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AS WRITTEN X  
OR AS AMENDED    BY THE VILLAGE BOARD  
ON January 3, 2011.**

**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 Pro Tem Jim Baenziger, December 6, 2010, 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: Trustees Jim Baenziger, Jennifer Butler, Jack Fischer, and Robert Ruehl Jr.

Absent: 3, President John Munro, Trustees Joe Hengels and Dave McNamara.

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 SEC Group Inc.

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Trustee Butler, seconded by Trustee Fischer to approve the November 1, 2010, minutes as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 3, Trustees Butler, Fischer, and Ruehl.

Nays: 1, Trustee Baenziger.

Absent: 2, Trustees Hengels and McNamara.

Motion Carried.

**VILLAGE OFFICERS REPORT**

Police  
Department

Chief Taft reported that there was a cannabis arrest this past month.

Chief Taft commented that there was an individual complaining about jake braking in the Valley View subdivision. Letters from IDOT and the DeKalb County Highway were in the packets, with regard to the issue.

The village can move the current sign 500 feet west of Route 72 and Glidden Road as long as it is still in the village's jurisdiction.

Chief Taft commented that individuals were burning landscape waste in the Johnson Industrial Park, the EPA is now handling the situation.

Attorney

Attorney Buick commented that there are four unpaid village violation ordinance tickets from June 2010. There are six unpaid tickets from 2009. Consensus was expressed by the village board to have Attorney Buick prosecute the four individuals that have not paid their tickets from June 2010.

Attorney Buick commented that Robert Drake with DeKalb County Health Department, Director of Environmental Services, was wondering how the recycling area is working out. Trustee Fischer thought it was more for county residents that are not part of a municipality. Attorney Buick will check to see who can use the recycling center.

Public Works

No report.

Village Engineer

No report.

Village Clerk

Clerk Edwards reported that an individual that was on the agenda from the last board meeting was wanting a response, with regard to her water bill.

Clerk Edwards commented that there is a summer youth employment program and an incumbent worker training grant that the village might be able to apply for. Clerk Edwards will provide the information for the next meeting.

Clerk Edwards commented that the DeKalb County board is in the process of updating its 2003 Unified Comprehensive Plan. Consensus was expressed by the board to have the Plan Commission give the board a recommendation with regard to the Comprehensive Plan, Future Land Use Plan, and Future Transportation Plan.

Clerk Edwards commented that the village received two FOIA requests. One request has been filled and the information is there for the trustees to review. Once the other request is filled the information will be available for review.

Clerk Edwards commented currently there are four years worth of minutes on the website. According to the Open Meeting Act, after minutes are posted they only have to remain online for sixty days. Consensus was expressed by the village board to have three years worth of minutes posted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

City of Genoa (Wastewater)                      Engineer Kevin Berry commented that the average flow for November was around 54,000 PE. Trustee Ruehl commented that the sewer letter was sent to Mayor Walker. Trustee Baenziger wanted to know what happened with the manhole at the high school. Clerk Edwards will check to see if there was a response back from the school district.

NIMS    The board reviewed the remaining pages of the plan and made changes.

Tornado Siren                                Clerk Edwards commented that Jeff Ryba, with Braniff Communications is wanting to stop by and place a stake where the pole will go. Trustee Baenziger commented that he spoke with an electrician with regard to getting power to the siren. Trustee Baenziger requested a time frame as to when the electricity will need to be done. Trustee Baenziger commented that the City of Genoa may be willing to set off our siren. Trustee Fischer had concerns with Genoa setting off our siren.

NEW BUSINESS:

DCEDC Donation                                The board will consider a DCEDC donation at budget time.

Taunya Fischer (Tuition Reimbursement)                      The board requested the cost for the schooling before a decision is made.

Trustee Ruehl motion seconded by Trustee Butler to adjourn to closed session to approve June 7, 2010, minutes, review closed session minutes to determine if any can be opened, and the destruction of audio tapes at 7:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 4, Trustees Baenziger, Butler, Fischer, and Ruehl.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 2, Trustees Hengels and McNamara.

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL:

Upon roll call by Clerk Edwards, the following were in attendance:

Present: Trustees Jim Baenziger, Jennifer Butler, Jack Fischer, and Robert Ruehl Jr.

Absent: 3, President John Munro, Trustees Joe Hengels and Dave McNamara.

Also in attendance was Village Attorney Kevin Buick, with the firm Foster & Buick Group LLC.

Trustee Fischer motion seconded by Trustee Butler to approve June 7, 2010, closed session meeting minutes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 4, Trustees Baenziger, Butler, Fischer, and Ruehl.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 2, Trustees Hengels and McNamara.

Motion carried.

Trustee Fischer motion seconded by Trustee Butler to open June 7, 2010, and May 5, 2008, closed session meeting minutes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 4, Trustees Baenziger, Butler, Fischer, and Ruehl.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 2, Trustees Hengels and McNamara.

Motion carried.

Trustee Fischer motion seconded by Trustee Butler to adopt Resolution 2010-05, the destruction of audio tapes as identified in Exhibit A.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 4, Trustees Baenziger, Butler, Fischer, and Ruehl.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 2, Trustees Hengels and McNamara.

Motion carried.

#### PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Trustee Ruehl commented that the 2010 tax levy will be in the packets for next meeting.

Trustee Baenziger commented that the village might want to consider switching the holiday lights over to LEDs after the holidays.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

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Heather Edwards, Village Clerk