

**VILLAGE OF KINGSTON
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 7, 2009
UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AS WRITTEN X
OR AS AMENDED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD
ON January 4, 2009.**

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, Monday, December 7, 2009, 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 Butler, Joe Hengels, and Robert Ruehl Jr.

Absent: 2, Trustees Jack Fischer and David 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 Baenziger, seconded by Trustee Hengels to approve the November 2, 2009, minutes as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 0.

Absent: 2, Trustees Fischer and McNamara.

Motion Carried.

VILLAGE OFFICERS REPORT

Police
Department

Chief Taft reported that the police department is now a member of ILEA.
Chief Taft reported that state citations are down. Fines for the month totaled \$658.75, \$265.00 was from a DUI in 1995.

Attorney Attorney Buick reported that he has a memorandum for the sewer committee.

Attorney Buick informed the board, as previously discussed, the retainer fee will be raised from \$650.00 to \$750.00 and the hourly rate would go from \$135.00 to \$145.00 after the first of the year. The retainer fee would include sending out letters to individuals who have not paid their ordinance violation ticket.

Public Works No report.

Village Engineer Kevin Berry reported that the flows for the month of November were 69,000. The school has been disconnected from our sewer line for two weeks.

Trustee Ruehl requested that a response letter be sent back to Mr. Shortridge with regard to the manhole being plugged.

Trustee Fischer arrived at 7:12 p.m.

Village Clerk No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City of Genoa (Wastewater) Attorney Buick commented that the memorandum for the sewer committee discusses creating a district for the sewer system. Engineer Berry reported that a response letter will be sent to the City of Genoa in January, with regard to the situation on the sewer system.

ICCI (Johnson Subdivision) Trustee Hengels reported that Jeff Johnson paved the driveway. Attorney Buick commented that Mr. Johnson needs to show a paid bill before the money in escrow is released to him.

Plan Commission President Munro reported that the Plan Commission had met and they were wanting the board to attend one of their meetings. President Murno informed the plan commission that if they want to meet it can be at a board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

DCEDC Clerk Edwards reported that the board donated \$200.00 in March 2009. President Munro reported that the finance committee can budget it for 2010.

- Police Ordinance Chief Taft requested that an ordinance be created that would fine people with drug paraphernalia. Consensus was expressed by the board to create the ordinance.
- Boy Scouts Of America This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Village Board Calendar Motion by Trustee Ruehl seconded by Trustee Butler to accept the 2010 Village Board Calendar.
ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 4, Trustees Baenziger, Butler, Hengels, and Ruehl.
Nays: 1, Trustee Fischer.
Absent: 1, Trustee McNamara.
Motion carried.
- Tax Levy Trustee Ruehl reported that he will have the tax levy for the next meeting. Trustee Ruehl talked with county, the net estimated value and EAV have gone down.
- FOIA Attorney Buick discussed the changes that will go into effect January 1, 2009. A FOIA officer will have to be appointed and take electronic training by July 1, 2010.

Trustee Hengels motion second by Trustee Butler to adjourn to closed session to approve May 4, 2009, minutes, review closed session minutes, to determine if any can be opened, and the destruction of audio tapes at 8:16 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Present: President John Munro, Trustees Jim Baenziger, Jennifer Butler, Jack Fischer, Joe Hengels, and Robert Ruehl Jr.

Absent: 1, Trustee David McNamara.

Also in attendance were Village Attorney Kevin Buick, with the firm Foster & Buick Group LLC and Village Engineer Kevin Berry, with SEC Group Inc.

Trustee Ruehl motion seconded by Trustee Baenziger to approve May 4, 2009, closed session minutes.
ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 5, Trustees Baenziger, Butler, Fischer, Hengels, and Ruehl.
Nays: 0.
Absent: 1, Trustee McNamara.

Motion carried.

Trustee Butler motion seconded by Trustee Hengels to adopt Resolution 2009-05, the destruction of audio tapes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 5, Trustees, Baenziger, Butler, Fischer, Hengels, and Ruehl.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1, Trustee McNamara.

Motion carried.

Trustee Baenziger motion seconded by Trustee Butler to open May 4, 2009, April 6, 2009, March 16, 2009, March 2, 2009. and September 2, 2008, closed session minutes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 5, Trustee Baenziger, Butler, Fischer, Hengels, and Ruehl.

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1, Trustee McNamara.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Hengels motion, second by Trustee Ruehl to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Heather Edwards, Village Clerk