

**VILLAGE OF KINGSTON
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 2, 2009
UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AS WRITTEN__
OR AS AMENDED __ BY THE VILLAGE BOARD
ON March 2, 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 Pro Tem Jim Baenziger, Monday, February 2, 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: Trustees Jim Baenziger, Jennifer Butler, Jack Fischer, and David McNamara.

Absent: President John Munro, Trustees Joe Hengels, and Robert Ruehl Jr.

Also in attendance were Chief of Police Berna Popenhagen and Village Engineer Kevin Berry, with Smith Engineering.

APPOINTMENT TO PLAN COMMISSION

President Pro Tem Baenziger appointed Michael Haines to the Plan Commission.

Trustee Fischer motion, seconded by Trustee McNamara to confirm President Pro Tem Baenziger's appointment of Michael Haines to the Plan Commission.

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

Nays: 0.

Absent: 2, Trustee Hengels and Ruehl.

Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee McNamara, seconded by Trustee Fischer to approve the January 5, 2009, minutes as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 0.

Absent: 2, Trustees Hengels and Ruehl.
Motion Carried.

VILLAGE OFFICERS REPORT

Police Department Chief Popenhagen reported that there is a new Police Administrator, Brandon Parker. Chief Popenhagen reported that Administrator Parker plans on having 24/7 police coverage by the summer. Administrator Parker wrote the Auxiliary Police Ordinance and was instrumental in getting three part time officers to go to the police academy in 2010, at no cost to the village.

Attorney No report.

Public Works No report.

Village Engineer Engineer Berry reported that a letter was drafted to send to local and state politicians, with regard to the stimulus package. Clerk Edwards reported that the letters were signed by President Munro and mailed.

Village Clerk No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Driveways Nothing new to report.

Downtown Parking (2008-04) Nothing new to report.

Wastewater Treatment Study Consensus was expressed by the village board to remove this item from the agenda.

Water Meters Clerk Edwards reported that the new software has arrived and should be installed this week.

City of Genoa (Wastewater) Engineer Berry reported that the wastewater sub committee met. Engineer Berry reported that they are waiting to get new data before they respond back to Genoa.

Subdivision A & B Nothing new to report.

ICCI (Johnson Subdivision) Nothing new to report.

Dixon Engineering Report (4 th Street Well House)	Nothing new to report.
Wastewater (Flow meters)	Engineer Berry reported that at the wastewater sub committee meeting there was talk of still installing the flow meter. The board requested that the information, with regard to the installation of a flow meter near the high school, be put in their packets for the next meeting.
Drinking Water Rate Study	Engineer Berry reported that the study was in their packets. Engineer Berry reported that currently the water fund has a deficit of \$50,000 a year. Engineer Berry reported that there are several options on how to raise the water rates in order to balance the water budget and allow for extra to go into the water capital fund. Engineer Berry suggested that the board add a line item in the ordinance that would allow the village to increase rates according to inflation rates. Discussion followed.
Karen Street (Water Line)	Nothing new to report.
Chipper	Nothing new to report.
Ord. 2008-12 (Prohibited Acts)	Nothing new to report.
Police Tickets	Chief Popenhagen reported that she sent the form to Attorney Buick to review.
Health Insurance	Trustee Fischer reported that the employees have to all be on one policy. Trustee Fischer reported that with the new policy the village would pay less for it and the employees would get dental and vision. Trustee Fischer motion seconded by Trustee McNamara to switch the employee health insurance to Local Care Health Plan. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 4, Trustees Baenziger, Butler, Fischer, and McNamara. Nays: 0. Absent: 2, Trustees Hengels and Ruehl. Motion carried.
Touch Screen (4 th Street Well House)	Nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Auxiliary Police Ord. 2009-01 Administrator Parker explained that auxiliary officers have the same powers as regular officers. Auxiliary officers donate their time and are not compensated with money and they have to purchase their own uniforms and equipment. Attorney Buick received a copy of the ordinance. Discussion followed.

Trustee McNamara motion seconded by Trustee Butler to adopt Ordinance 2009-01 (Auxiliary Police) of the Kingston Municipal Code.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 0.

Absent: 2, Trustees Hengels and Ruehl.

Motion carried.

Crystal Cooper (502 Sandra St.) Crystal Cooper was present at the board meeting. Mrs. Cooper was requesting that her late fee for the water bill be waived. Mrs. Copper reported that she didn't realize she did not receive the bill in the mail because her husband had been in and out of the hospital. Trustee Baenziger reported that the board has never waived a late fee.

Trustee Baenziger motion seconded by Trustee Butler to waive the \$25.00 late fee.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 0.

Nays: 4, Trustees Baenziger, Butler, Fischer, and McNamara.

Absent: 0.

Motion failed.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Butler motion, second by Trustee McNamara to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Heather Edwards, Village Clerk