

**VILLAGE OF KINGSTON
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 7, 2011
UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AS WRITTEN X
OR AS AMENDED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD
ON December 5, 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 John Munro, November 7, 2011, 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, Officer Chief of Police Gerald Taft and Village Engineer Kevin Berry, with HR Green, INC.

MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Baenziger, seconded by Trustee Hengels to approve the October 3, 2011, minutes as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 5, Trustees Baenziger, Bankson, Fischer, Hengels, and Lynch.

Nays: 1, Trustee Ruehl.

Absent: 0.

Motion Carried.

VILLAGE OFFICERS REPORT

Police No report.
Department

Attorney Attorney Buick commented that there has been an amendment to the Open Meeting Act. Public officials will have to take the OMA training starting January 1, 2012. The training must be completed within a year.

Attorney Buick commented that there is one pending prosecution.

Public Works No report.

Village Engineer No report.

Village Clerk No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

City of Genoa (Wastewater) Trustee Ruehl commented that the sewer committee needs to pick a date to meet with Genoa to discuss the sewer issue. Engineer Berry commented that the average PE flow for October was approximately 53,000.

IPWMAN Trustee Ruehl requested to wait on the issue until April.

Flooding Engineer Berry explained the recommendations and estimated engineering, surveying, and construction costs, that may improve the drainage and flooding issues, with the Windhaven subdivision and the property at 810 E. Railroad Street.

4th Street Well House Improvements Nothing new to report.

Ordinance 2011-03 (Floods) Trustee Fischer motion seconded by Trustee Bankson to adopt ordinance 2011-03 (Floods) of the Kingston Municipal Code.
ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 5, Trustees Baenziger, Bankson, Fischer, Hengels, and Lynch.
Nays: 1, Trustee Ruehl.
Absent: 0.
Motion carried.

Ordinance 2011-04 Trustee Fischer motion seconded by Trustee Hengels to adopt Ordinance 2011-04 (Stormwater Management) of the Kingston Municipal Code.

(Stormwater Management)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 5, Trustees Baenziger, Bankson, Fischer, Hengels, and Lynch.

Nays: 1, Trustee Ruehl.

Absent: 0.

Motion carried.

Sewer Rate Study

Trustee Ruehl commented that the sewer fund has had a deficit the last several years, therefore, a rate increase is needed. President Munro requested that the finance committee take a closer look at the sewer rate study and make a recommendation to the board.

Ordinance 2011-06 (Hazardous Material)

Nothing new to report.

Sidewalk (312 W. Railroad to Karen St.)

Engineer Berry commented that there were three different proposals with regard to putting in a sidewalk. Safe Route to School grant is an option, if the dollar amount is over \$2,000.00. Trustee Fischer would like to try for the grant.

Ordinance 2011-07 (Administration)

Trustee Ruehl motion seconded by Trustee Fischer to adopt Ordinance 2011-07 (Administration) of the Kingston Municipal Code.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 0.

Absent: 0.

Motion carried.

Wind Turbine

Jacek Helenowski was present at the meeting. Mr. Helenowski was requesting permission to put a wind turbine up at the corner of Route 72 and Glidden Road. Mr. Helenowski has the intention of producing the wind turbines within the building, located on the property. President Munro commented that Mr. Helenowski would have to apply for a special use permit. Mr. Dettmer, with ICCI, will assist Mr. Helenowski with the process of getting a special use permit.

NEW BUSINESS:

Marge Marola and Melissa Stoffregen (Eric Circle)

Marge Marola and Melissa Stoffregen were present at the meeting. Mrs. Stoffregen and Mrs. Marola informed the board that the individual who owns lot #10 in Deer Run subdivision has repeatedly violated the weed ordinance. They were also concerned with the tractor that is leaking fluids. They are requesting that the village enforce the weed

ordinance, inspect the lot, so they do not have to keep calling, and create a fine for violating the ordinance. Bill Dettmer, with ICCI, will look into the issue.

5 Ton
Truck

President Munro commented that a CDL is required to drive the 5 ton truck unless there is an emergency situation. President Munro would like to sell the 5 ton truck and get a smaller truck. Trustee Ruehl commented that the village should not incur more debt. Trustee Lynch commented that the village employee should get their CDL.

Employee
Handbook

President Munro commented that the current employee handbook does not require a background check of its employees. President Munro requested that the handbook be changed to require a background check.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

President Munro commented that he met Kate Allison, with First Institute Training and Management, Inc., to discuss having an individual from the program learn the skills/job of our public works department. The program would last for three to six months with the hopes that we would hire the individual after the training period. There would be no cost to the village and there is no obligation to hire the individual after the program is done.

Trustee Hengels thanked public works for fixing the village sign.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Hengels motion, seconded by Trustee Fischer to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Heather Edwards, Village Clerk