

**VILLAGE OF KINGSTON
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2007
UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED
X AS WRITTEN OR AS AMENDED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD
ON May 16, 2007.**

MEETING CALL:

The Regular Village Board Meeting with the Board of Trustees of the Village of Kingston was called to order at 7:00 PM by President John Munro, Monday, April 16, 2007, 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, John Fischer, Joe Hengels, and Robert Ruehl Jr.

Absent: Trustee Steve Nece.

AGENDA ADDITIONS OR CORRECTION:

Trustee Ruehl would like to add Kent Lampard (201 West St.) to New Business.

Trustee Hengels would like to add Sign Ordinance to New Business.

President Munro would like to add Gaming Issue to New Business.

OMNIBUS AGENDA:

Trustee Fischer motion, seconded by Trustee Baenziger to approve the Omnibus agenda.

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

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1, Trustee Nece.

Motion Carried.

MINUTES: March 19, 2007 Approved

TREASURER REPORT: Approved

WARRANTS: Approved

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Development Team	Nothing new to report.
Driveways	Nothing new to report.
Township Park District	Nothing new to report.
Downtown Parking	Nothing new to report.
Storm Water Drainage at Rt. 72 and Windhaven	Kevin Berry, with Smith Engineering, reported that the company should be out next week to re-grade on the east side of the road and fix the ditch where the vehicle drove through. Mr. Berry reported that the cost to fix the ditch will be \$375.00 to \$400.00 dollars.
Wastewater Treatment Study	Trustee Ruehl reported if any Board members are interested in taking a tour of Cortland's Sheaffer system to let him know.
4 th Street Well House Roof	Trustee Baenziger reported that the finance committee put money in the 2007-2008 fiscal budget for a new roof. Trustee Ruehl requested Kevin Berry to get a price quote with regard to sandblasting one of the 15,000 gallon tanks at the 4 th Street Well House.
Water Authority	Nothing new to report.
Ordinance 2007-03 (Stormwater Management)	Clerk Edwards commented in order for the Ordinance to go in to effect immediately, the Board will need to approve the Ordinance by a 2/3 vote. Trustee Fischer motion seconded by Trustee Butler to approve Ordinance 2007-03 Stormwater Management. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 5, Trustees Baenziger, Butler, Fischer, Hengels, and Ruehl. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 Trustee Nece. Motion carried.

Habitant
For
Humanity

Nothing new to report.

Michael
And Lana
Haines (126
S. Main St.)

Trustee Ruehl reported that Attorney Buick requested to review the commercial solid waste definition that was in the packets.

2007-2008
Fiscal Year
Budget

Trustee Ruehl reported that Chief Popenhagen gave him information on a different proposal with regard to a lease on the copy machine. Consensus was expressed by the Board not to entertain the new lease.

Trustee Ruehl motion seconded by Trustee Fischer to approve the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1, Trustee Nece.

Motion carried.

Trustee Ruehl reported that he will give the individual departments their budgets for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

No Parking
Signs (4th
St. Well
House)

Trustee Fischer reported that parking ordinance 2007-04 was in their packets. President Munro questioned if the police department has seen the ordinance and if they can enforce it. Trustee Fischer reported that Attorney Buick reviewed the ordinance and felt it would be able to be enforced.

NEW BUSINESS

Helen
German
(119 Main St.)

Helen German was present at the board meeting. Ms. German questioned the board as to why the Village will not be picking up her garbage anymore. Trustee Ruehl reported that the contract that the village has with Waste Management is for residential use and not commercial use. Trustee Ruehl defined commercial use according to Ordinance 2006-07. Trustee Ruehl reported that Ms. German could call Treasurer Taunya Fischer for more information with regard to a contact person at Waste Management and to see if her recyclables will still be picked up.

Water
Meters

President Munro reported that we still have not gotten a response from the current water meter company on an old issue, with regard to an FCC disclaimer. President Munro reported that any new meters purchased will not be able to be read by our meters and we will have to upgrade our

software. President Munro requested that all three water meter companies be present at the next board meeting to discuss their product.

Kent
Lampard
(201 West St.)

Trustee Ruehl reported that several months ago Kent Lampard came in requesting to extend First Street to his garage. The Board agreed to allow him to extend the street and would pay for the gravel. Trustee Ruehl commented that there should be guide lines set up before Mr. Lampard begins the project. Kevin Berry, with Smith Engineering, reported that he will address a letter to Mr. Lampard specifying the depth and type of stone, verify that the gravel is placed in the right of way of the alley, that the alley has a proper turn around area, and that it will be built as wide as a street would be.

Sign
Ordinance

Trustee Hengels reported that he handed out the Village's sign ordinance. Bill Dettmer with ICCI was present at the board meeting and expressed concern with the existing sign ordinance. Mr. Dettmer informed the board that several businesses are requesting to put signs up, but because they only comply with part of the ordinance, the businesses can not get a permit for their sign. Mr. Dettmer reported that those businesses will need to come before the Board to appeal the sign ordinance. Mr. Dettmer requested permission to write a new sign ordinance for the Village. There was no objection from the Board.

President Munro thanked Mr. Dettmer for his help rectifying an issue that did not pertain to the village, with regard to a well that serviced several homes that became inoperable.

Gaming
Issue

Michael Haines, DeKalb County Board member, reported that on Weds. night they will be voting on the Pottawatomie tribe reservation land. Mr. Haines reported that the tribe purchased 128 acres of land that is now a reservation. The tribe has reported that they will only have a bingo hall. The DeKalb County board will be voting on an agreement: to agree to the casino, the tribe will give the county tax money, and pay the legal fees for any lawsuit. Mr. Haines requested that if any of the board members had any thoughts on the subject to give him a call.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Trustee Baenziger reported that there is a dead elm tree in front of his house that is on Village property that needs to be removed.

President Munro reported that the Public Works Director would like to sell the finishing mower, since it has not been used the last couple of years. Consensus was expressed by the Board not to sell the mower since they may need the it for future parks.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Hengels, second by Trustee Fischer to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Heather Edwards, Village Clerk