

**VILLAGE OF KINGSTON
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 2, 2007
UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AS WRITTEN X
OR AS AMENDED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD
ON February 5, 2007.**

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, Tuesday, January 2, 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, Jack Fischer, Steve Nece, and Robert Ruehl Jr.

Absent: Trustee Joe Hengels.

Also in attendance were Village Attorney Kevin Buick, with the firm Foster & Buick Group LLC, Police Chief Berna Popenhagen, and Village Engineer Pete Huinker, with Smith Engineering.

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Ruehl, seconded by Trustee Baenziger to approve the December 4, 2006, minutes as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 1, Trustees Nece.

Absent: 1, Trustee Hengels.

Motion Carried.

VILLAGE OFFICERS REPORT

Police Department Chief Berna Popenhagen reported that she received an award from the City of Genoa and the Genoa Elementary School for teaching the D.A.R.E. program. Chief Popenhagen reported that she was asked to teach the D.A.R.E. program in Waterman and a drug training program for 7th grade students at the Genoa Middle School. Chief Popenhagen wanted to clarify that she will not be retiring May like rumors have stated.

Attorney Attorney Buick reported that the amendments to the Open Meeting Act, with regard to remote attendance by Village Board members and e-mail correspondence have gone in to effect as of January 1, 2007. Attorney Buick reported that if the Village Board wants to pursue remote attendance, they should consider adopting an ordinance or resolution outlining the details. Attorney Buick recommended developing a policy for Village employees concerning e-mail records.

Attorney Buick commented on the Kishwaukee Water Authority, which would regulate the use of ground water. The Village of Kingston would be included in the territory, but larger municipalities would be excluded. Consensus was expressed by the Village Board to authorize Attorney Buick to file a Motion for Leave to File Suggestions, for the Village of Kingston and the 1.5 mile planning jurisdiction, to be excluded from the territory of the Kishwaukee Water Authority. Discussion followed.

Public Works President Munro reported that a letter was received claiming that a speed limit sign, a yield sign, and pole were missing from Sandra and 4th Street in the Windhaven Subdivision.

Village Engineer Engineer Pete Huinker reported that Trustee Ruehl had requested him to look at a property in Deer Run, with regard to a property owner that re-graded a portion of his yard. The portion re-graded contains a drainage swale, causing concern among several neighbors that flooding may occur to them. Engineer Huinker reported that there appears to be a small high point at the north end of the re-graded area. The high point may cause ¾" of water to pond, but should not cause flooding. Engineer Huinker recommended re-grading the high point. President Munro requested that the property owner be sent correspondence, with regard to the problem, and inform them that the Village will be keeping an eye on the situation.

Engineer Huinker reported that a sink hole has appeared over the 6-inch low-flow pipe on the south side of Eric Circle. Engineer Huinker recommended repairing and cleaning out the pipe.

Village Clerk No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Development Team Trustee Ruehl reported that he e-mailed Walter Magdziarz and he responded back reporting that Pacific is still working on the concept plan.

Driveways Nothing new to report.

Township Park Nothing new to report.

District

Downtown Parking Nothing new to report.

4th Street Well House President Munro reported that there is a faulty valve which is causing the water level to drop below acceptable levels. Public Works Director Glen Woloszyk contacted Metropolitan Pump to fix the issue.

Storm Water Drainage at Rt. 72 and Windhaven President Munro reported that someone drove through the other side of the ditch. Trustee Ruehl reported that was not the area where the standing water was occurring. Engineer Huinker requested that a partial payment be made on the project.

Zoning Map Trustee Ruehl reported that Walter Magdziarz is working on the change with regard to the zoning map. Attorney Buick reported that the zoning map needs to be recorded by March 31st.

Wastewater Treatment Study Engineer Pete Huinker reported that wastewater treatment study is complete and will be available at the next meeting. Trustee Ruehl reported that Genoa did not provide us with the information that was needed, so Smith Engineering made calculations based on assumptions. Trustee Ruehl reported that he will have Paul Gassman come to the February 6th meeting.

4th Street Well House Roof President Munro reported that Glen has received several bids on refinishing the tanks.

NEW BUSINESS:

DCEDC 2007 Donation Trustee Ruehl motion, seconded by Trustee Fischer to authorize the expenditure of Village funds to make a donation to DCEDC not to exceed \$250.00.
ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 4, Trustees Baenziger, Butler, Fischer, and Ruehl.
Nays: 1, Trustee Nece.
Absent: 1, Trustee Hengels
Motion carried.

IDOT (Railroad Crossing Gates at Thurlby St.) Attorney Buick reported that he looked over the agreement and reported that the Village's responsibility is to have proper detour signage.
Trustee Ruehl motion, seconded by Trustee Butler to authorize President Munro to execute the agreement for the installation of crossing gates and new circuitry at Thurlby Street.
ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 5, Trustees Baenziger, Butler, Fischer, Nece, and Ruehl.
Nays: 0.
Absent: 1, Trustee Hengles.
Motion carried.

IDOT (Railroad Lights and Crossing Gates at Hunter Rd.) Trustee Nece motion, seconded by Trustee Fischer to authorize President Munro to execute the agreement for the installation of flashing light signals and gates at Hunter Road.
ROLL CALL VOTE:
Ayes: 5, Trustees Baenziger, Butler, Fischer, Nece, and Ruehl.
Nays: 0.
Absent: 1, Trustee Hengles.
Motion carried.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

President Munro reported that Michael Haines contacted him, reporting that Radd's Automotive is putting vehicles on the property next to his and has seven days to comply with the letter that the County sent him, with regard to removing vehicles from the lot. Trustee Ruehl requested that the Village staff look in to the special use permit that was issued to Radd's Automotive.

President Munro reported that the potholes on the gravel roads have been filled in.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Nece motion, seconded by Trustee Fischer to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Heather Edwards, Village Clerk