

**VILLAGE OF KINGSTON
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 7, 2008
UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AS WRITTEN X
OR AS AMENDED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD
ON February 4, 2008.**

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, January 7, 2008, 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, Joe Hengels, and David McNamara.

Absent: Trustee Robert Ruehl Jr.

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

AGENDA ADDITIONS OR CORRECTION:

Trustee Baenziger would like to add G-K Fire Department to New Business.

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Baenziger, seconded by Trustee Hengels to approve the December 3, 2007, minutes as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 1, Trustee Hengels.

Absent: 1, Trustee Ruehl.

Motion Carried.

VILLAGE OFFICERS REPORT

Police Department Chief Popenhagen reported that the grant that was applied for with regard to a new police car was denied.

Chief Popenhagen reported that a letter was received from Genoa's Police Chief, with regard to thanking Kingston Officer Taft for his assistance with a burglary on November, 19, 2007.

Chief Popenhagen reported that there was a 24% increase in calls in 2007 compared to 2006.

Chief Popenhagen reported that Sandy Hoffstead is preparing to take a test on January 13th, if she passes, she will start the part time police academy in February.

Officer Taft graduated on December 10, 2007, from the D.A.R.E. program. Officer Taft will start teaching the program in February, at the Genoa Elementary School.

Chief Popenhagen reported that an ordinance needs to be drafted, before she can start issuing parking tickets. Trustee Fischer reported that he will work on drafting the ordinance.

Attorney Attorney Buick reported that he drafted a contract between Sandy Hoffstead and the Village of Kingston, that explains the terms and conditions of the agreement. Attorney Buick reported that the Board can review the draft and vote on the contract at the next meeting.

Attorney Buick reported that ICCI had cited the property of 125 S. Main St. with several property maintenance issues in November. Attorney Buick reported that he will file a complaint and prosecute as a property maintenance violation.

Public Works No report.

Village Engineer No report.

Village Clerk No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Development Team The board, at this time, has decided to remove this item.

Driveways President Munro reported that there is one property on Route 72, with regard to the lack of all-weather dustless surface, that Smith Engineering was suppose to be checking with IDOT to see if they applied for a permit, for a curb cut.

Township Park The board, at this time, has decided to remove this item.

District

Downtown Parking Nothing new to report.

Wastewater Treatment Study Nothing new to report.

Habitat For Humanity Of DeKalb County Nothing new to report.

Water Meters Nothing new to report.

City of Genoa (Wastewater) President Munro reported that Joe Misurelli, Genoa’s City Administrator, requested a copy of the study.

Village Lot (Between Casey’s and Township Building) The Village Board agreed to name the subdivision A and B.

Angela Valley (614 S. Sandra St.) Engineer Berry reported that Smith has provided the Board with two estimated probable construction costs to replace the culvert across Sandra St. in Windhaven Estates. President Munro reported that a special assessment tax could be applied to the residents in the Windhaven subdivision to pay for the cost. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Johnson Subdivision Plan Commission Chair Frank Altmaier reported that the planning commission recommended the acceptance of the proposal to subdivide Lot 6 into Lot 14 and Lot 6. The board needs to approve the final plat so Mr. Johnson can record the plat at the County.

Trustee Butler motion seconded by Trustee McNamara to accept the final plat of the Johnson Subdivision.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 0.

Absent: 1, Trustee Ruehl.

Motion carried.

Dennis Pritchett (317 E. Railroad) Mr. Pritchett was not present. Bill Dettmer, with ICCI, reported that Mr. Pritchett needed more time to remove the trailers. Mr. Dettmer reported that the trailers should be gone by next week.

4th Street Well House (Blue Tank) President Munro reported that a financial update on the water department is needed before a decision can be made.

Dixon Engineering Report (4th Street Well House) Engineer Berry reported that Smith Engineering sent a letter highlighting Dixon Engineering's preliminary maintenance report with regard to the two hydropneumatic tanks at the 4th Street well house. Smith Engineering is recommending that both tanks be recoated at the same time to save money. President Munro will request Public Works Director Glen Woloszyk to get bids, for the repairs that need to be done on the tanks.

Snowplowing 1st Street Between West and Spring Street. President Munro reported that last year an individual approached the board wanting to gravel a road that was not improved so he could get back to his garage that he was going to build. The board agreed to allow him to improve the road, but now he is wanting the village to plow the road. Attorney Buick reported if the village starts plowing the road, they could then be obligated to maintain it. The board agreed not to plow the road.

G-K Fire Dept. Trustee Baenziger reported that the G-K Fire Department is considering applying for a grant with regard to a communication tower/tornado siren. The Village board agreed that they would be able to find a spot for the tower. Discussion followed.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Bill Dettmer reported that Mr. Tyrell did not show for the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on January 3, 2008. The meeting will now be on Wednesday January 9, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Fischer motion, seconded by Trustee Butler to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Heather Edwards, Village Clerk