

**VILLAGE OF KINGSTON
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 1, 2010
UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AS WRITTEN X
OR AS AMENDED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD
ON December 6, 2010.**

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 1, 2010, 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 Jennifer Butler, Jack Fischer, Joe Hengels, and Dave McNamara.

Absent: 2, Trustees Jim Baenziger and Robert Ruehl Jr.

Also in attendance were Village Attorney Kevin Buick, with the firm Foster & Buick Group LLC, Chief of Police Gerald Taft and Village Engineer Kevin Berry, with SEC Group Inc.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS:

Trustee Fischer added Ben Gordan Dodgeball Tournament to New Business.

MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee McNamara, seconded by Trustee Hengels to approve the October 4, 2010, minutes as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 3, Trustees Butler, Fischer, and McNamara.

Nays: 1, Trustee Hengels.

Absent: 2, Trustees Baenziger and Ruehl.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee Fischer, seconded by Trustee Butler to approve the October 7, 2010, minutes as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 4, Trustees Butler, Fischer, Hengels, and McNamara.
Nays: 0.
Absent: 2, Trustees Baenziger and Ruehl.
Motion Carried.

VILLAGE OFFICERS REPORT

Police
Department

Chief Taft reported that the new computer that they received from a grant arrived.

Chief Taft reported that there was a complaint that trucks were jake braking at Glidden and Route 72. County Highway will be posting signs for no jake braking.

Chief Taft commented that the railroad crossing on North Main St. has temporarily been fixed.

Chief Taft commented that there were eleven car burglaries in River Oaks.

Chief Taft reported that the Road Closed signs on River Rd. are broken and no longer upright. President Munro commented that he will talk with Public Works about the issue. Attorney Buick will review his old notes about the road closure to confirm that the road was never formally vacated.

Attorney

Attorney Buick commented that he received a phone call from an attorney, representing an individual who wants to purchase Lot 69 in the River Oaks subdivision. The lot is currently zoned P - Park. Attorney Buick shared the zoning code provisions with the attorney.

Attorney Buick commented that DCCF is offering a stormwater grant for \$5,000.00 that is due November 12th.

Attorney Buick commented that the election packets for the April election can be made available now. The petitions and related filing materials for the candidates must be returned between December 13th and December 20th.

Public
Works

No report.

Village
Engineer

Engineer Berry commented that he will assist in writing the DCCF stormwater grant.

Engineer Berry commented that IDOT will be offering a grant for 2012, that can be used for sidewalk replacement, utility pole relocation, etc. The

grant would cover 80 percent of the costs and the village would have to come up with the other 20 percent. The board is considering a beautification project in the business district.

Village Clerk Clerk Edwards reported that the village received the grant for the tornado siren. Clerk Edwards commented that the police department, fire department, and village will need to get together to discuss the activation of the siren. Attorney Buick will email Clerk Edwards the activation procedure that the Village of Malta/Kishwaukee College/DeKalb County Sheriff's Office use for their siren. Clerk Edwards will contact Jeff Rybe, with Braniff Communications, to have him attend the next meeting to discuss the siren.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

City of Genoa (Wastewater) Engineer Kevin Berry commented that the average flow for October was less than 60,000 PE. Engineer Berry will email Trustee Ruehl again with regard to the sewer letter.

Hunter Rd. Engineer Berry commented that Kingston Township started working on their portion of the road.

Employee Handbook President Munro commented that the date of the employees hiring was in their packets. President Munro suggested the board make a new policy only allowing a maximum of two or three weeks of vacation time. The board discussed changing December 1st of the new season to December 31st of the following season.

Motion by Trustee Fischer seconded by Trustee McNamara to approve the Employee Handbook as amended. (Changing December 1st of the new season to *December 31st of the following season*)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: 0.

Absent: 2, Trustee Baenziger and Ruehl.

Motion carried.

NIMS The board reviewed pages 21 through 44 and made changes. The board will read the next 20 pages for the following meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Drainage Swale Clerk Edwards commented that she contacted Pizzo and Associates for a bid on seeding grass/perennials by the drainage swale next to Casey's.

Treasurer Taunya Fischer commented that a safety fence will be going up along the sidewalk by the drainage swale. The fence supports will be

drilled into the sidewalk concrete. The board requested that ICCI be contacted with regard to the height of the fence and have Groundmasters provide proof of insurance.

Ben
Gordan
Dodgeball
Tournament

Trustee Fischer commented that he purchased a spot in the dodgeball tournament and was wanting to use the Village's name. There were no objections.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

President Munro commented that the budget for the three mosquito sprays only went over by \$14.00.

President Munro commented that Groundmasters mowed the retention pond because the mower was broke down and the grass was too tall for our mower to cut the grass.

Trustee Fischer commented that he will check in to the Spiller Ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Hengels motion, second by Trustee Fischer to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Heather Edwards, Village Clerk