

**MINUTES**  
**Village of Kingsley**  
**Village Council Meeting**  
**January 14, 2025**  
**5:45 P.M.**

Village Hall, 207 South Brownson Ave, Kingsley, MI 49649- (231) 263-7778

*Meeting called to order at 5:45p.m. by President Lajko.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

President Lajko X, Trustee McPherson X, President Pro Tem Weger X, Trustee Specker X, Trustee Willman AB, Trustee Bott AB, Trustee Forro X.

Also Attending: Clerk Petersen X, Manager Jetter X, DPW Supervisor Fenton AB.

*Motion by Weger, seconded by McPherson, to accept the agenda as amended.*

*All in Favor:*

*Yes: All,*

*No: None,*

*Absent: Willman, Bott.*

*Motion CARRIED.*

1. Any person wishing to address the Board shall state his or her name and address.
2. Public comment will only pertain to the agenda items listed. Any comments will be taken into consideration by the Board at a later date. No person shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same matter. The Chairperson shall control the amount of time each person shall be allowed to speak, which shall not exceed three (3) minutes. Chairperson may, at his or her discretion, extend the amount of time any person is allowed to speak.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Announcements from the Village Manager:

*None.*

2. Announcements from the Village Clerk:

*None.*

3. CPO Dustin Stickler:

*None.*

4. County Commissioner Scott Sieffert:

*None.*

5. GT County Road Commission:

*None at the beginning of the meeting. Joe Underwood walked into the meeting around 6pm, so gave report towards the end.*

*Gave oral presentation on updates with on Act 51 of relinquishing .8 miles in front of the high school to the village from the county. Old GT County building is going up for sale now that they have moved into their new location by the township building. Update on County projects for 2025.*

6. Paradise Township:

7.

*None.*

8. Other:

*None.*

*DPW Supervisor Fenton entered into meeting at 5:49pm.*

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

All matters listed under the consent calendar are considered to be routine by the Village Council and will be acted upon by voice vote -- no discussion. Council members and/or the public may remove any item and have it placed elsewhere on the agenda for discussion.

1. Consideration of approving the minutes of December 10, 2024, Regular Meeting (Approval Recommended).
2. Consideration of approving the minutes of December 19, 2024, Special Meeting (Approval Recommended.)
3. Resolution 01-2025-Street Administrator
4. Resolution 02-2025-Administrative Fee
5. Resolution 03-2025-Performance Resolution
6. Resolution 04-2025-Rural Taskforce Representative
7. ~~Resolution 05-2025-Council Rules.~~ *Moved to New Business #8.*
8. Resolution 06-2025-Civic Center South Village/County Agreement

*Motion by Macpherson, seconded by Forro, to accept the consent calendar as amended.*

*All in Favor:*

*Yes: All,*

*No: None,*

*Absent: Willman, Bott.*

*Motion CARRIED.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Consideration of approving Travel Reimbursement Policy.

*Motion by Weger, seconded by McPherson, to approve the Travel Reimbursement Policy.*

*Roll Call:*

*Yes: Lajko, McPherson, Weger, Specker, Forro,*

*No: None,*

*Absent: Willman, Bott.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Conduct a Public Hearing for the Master Plan.

*Motion by Weger, seconded by McPherson, to close out the regular meeting and open the public hearing at 5:52pm.*

*All in Favor: All*

*No: None.*

*Absent: Willman, Bott.*

*Deputy Stickler entered meeting at 5:56pm. Trustee Chris Bott entered meeting at 5:57pm.*

*Motion by McPherson, seconded by Weger, to close the public hearing and go back into regular meeting at 6:02pm.*

*All in Favor: All,*

*No: None,*

*Absent: Willman.*

2. Adopt Parks & Recreation Plan from Master Plan.

*Motion by Weger, seconded by McPherson, to accept Resolution 7-2025 which is adoption of Village of Kinglsey Park and Rec.*

*All in Favor: All,*

*No: None,*

*Absent: Willman.*

3. Appointing Zoning Board of Appeals Member positions.

*Motion by Weger, seconded by Bott, to approve Michael Forro and Greg Chandler for appointment to the ZBA Committee.*

*All in Favor: Lajko, McPherson, Weger, Specker, Bott,*

*No: None,*

*Abstain: Forro,*

*Absent: Willman*

4. Discuss and approve 2025-2026 Village Council Meeting Dates.

*Motion by Weger, seconded by Specker, with the one date change for November to approve the Regular Meeting Schedule.*

*All in Favor: All,*

*No: None,*

*Absent: Willman.*

5. Approve DDA 2025-2026 Budget.

*Motion by McPherson, seconded by Weger, to approve the DDA budget.*

*All in Favor: All,*

*No: None,*

*Absent: Willman.*

6. Discuss Village Board training through MML (Michigan Municipal League).

*No action needed.*

7. Discuss and approve new furnace cost for Wastewater Treatment Plant.

*Motion by Weger, seconded by McPherson, to approve the purchase of the new furnace for waste water treatment plant for \$5475.*

*Roll Call:*

*Yes: Lajko, McPherson, Weger, Specker, Bott, Forro,*

*No: None,*

*Absent: Willman.*

8. Discuss and approve moved resolution 5-2025-Council Rules from Consent Calendar.

*Motion by Weger, seconded by McPherson, to approve Resolution 5-2025-Council Rules with changes that were recorded .*

*All in Favor: All,*

*No: None,*

*Absent: Willman.*

### **REGULAR REPORTS:**

1. **Financial Fund Balance Report:**

*Motion by McPherson, seconded by Weger, to accept the Financial Fund Balance Report as presented.*

2. **Bills:**

*Motion by Weger, seconded by Bott, to accept the bills and additions as presented.*

*Roll Call:*

*Yes: Lajko, McPherson, Weger, Specker, Bott, Forro,*

*No: None,*

*Absent: Willman.*

3. **Planning Commission:**

*Oral Report given by Trustee Chris Bott for meeting in December.*

4. **DDA:**

*Oral Report given by President Lajko on their budget, consultant on board for land bank project, and encourage the public to attend the meeting going forward.*

5. **Parks & Recreation:**

*Oral Report given by Manager Jetter on the update of the Brownson Park playground being installed next week, and talk of ordering furniture. Civic Center South ice skating rink has been put in by Josh Walton and a few other volunteers.*

6. **Zoning Administrator:**

*Written Report Submitted.*

7. **Clerk:**

*Oral Report given by clerk Petersen of monthly update, and the village office employees going up to help The Rock celebrate 15 years in business.*

8. **DPW:**

*Oral Report given by DPW Supervisor Fenton on business as usual with winter projects and water checks.*

9. **Treasurer:**

*Oral Report given by Treasurer Nickerson about water billing going a little smoother and being able to get it out closer to on time than in the past.*

10. **WWTP:**

*Not in attendance.*

11. **Manager:**

*Oral Report given by Manager Jetter on trying to get onto a routine maintenance of sewer lines and manhole. Working with Wade Trim and another company put together a bid package of doing half the village for one year and the other half the following. Received reports back about Water Towers but have not been able to discuss as of yet with timeline. Informed about Lauren coming in to help as additional help coming in help with budget Set up Budget Study Session for Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025.*

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

1. Village Manager.

*Special Presentation given by Manager Jetter. Village DPW employee, Jack Lindsay, was honored by Village Manager, Charlie Jetter, with a Distinguished Service Award, during the Village Council meeting on January 14th, 2025.*

*While plowing the streets in the early hours (4:00am) of December 24th, Jack spotted smoke and fire in the distance, several streets away, and decided to investigate. He came upon a garage fire that was quickly encroaching on the owner's house. He knocked on the door, woke up the owners, and got everyone out safely, even carrying the family dog out of the house. Jack then called the Fire Department and even assisted the Firefighters with hooking the hoses up to the fire hydrants.*

*As Village Manager Jetter said at the award presentation, "This could have been one of those Christmas Eve tragedies that we all hear about every year". Jack being at the right place at the right time was certainly a blessing.*

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1. Reserved.

2. General.

3. Mayor and Trustees.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Weger, seconded by Specker, to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 pm.*

The Village will provide reasonable auxiliary aid and services for individuals with disabilities. Call 231-263-7778 at least three (3) days prior to a meeting.