

MINUTES
Village of Kingsley
Village Council Meeting
December 11, 2023

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

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m. by President Lajko

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

President Lajko X, Trustee McPherson X, President Pro Tem Weger X, Trustee G. Bogart X, Trustee Wallace X, Trustee Bott X, Trustee Weber X

Also Attending: Clerk Forro X, Manager Aldrich X, DPW Supervisor Almquist AB.

Motion by McPherson , seconded by Bogart, to accept the agenda as amended. All in Favor: Yes: All. No: None. Absent: None. Motion CARRIED.

Amendment to include moving Consent Calendar item #2 to the end of New Business.

1. Any person wishing to address the Board shall state his or her name and address.
2. Public comment will only pertain to 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:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Announcements from the Village Manager:

None

2. Announcements from the Village Clerk:

None

3. CPO Dustin Stickler:

Not Present

4. County Commissioner Scott Sieffert:

Currently working on 2024 Budget and Strategic Master Plan.

5. GT County Road Commission:

*Currently working on 2024 Budget.
Daniel Watkins is now the Road Commission Manager.*

6. Paradise Township:

Upcoming ZBA appointments and Road Commission Contract.

7. Other:

President Lajko – President Lajko and Manager Aldrich have begun a new public meeting forum called, “Kingsley Conversations.” Approximately 10 people attended the first one. The next one will be on December 13th at 4:30 at the Cast Iron Kitchen.

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 the November 13, Regular Meeting (Approval Recommended).
2. Consideration to authorize a CPI-U adjustment for all staff in the amount of 2.9% beginning January 1, 2024 and to authorize wage adjustments for DPW laborers and Village Manager as recommended by the Employee Committee. (*Moved to new business*)
3. Consideration to enter into an agreement with Ivan Iler in an amount not-to-exceed \$40,000 for an art sculpture in Brownson Memorial Park as described in the attached proposal, with funds available in the general fund (CDBG & Rotary Charities Funds).

Motion by Weber, seconded by McPherson to accept the consent calendar as amended. All in Favor: Yes: All. No: None. Absent: None. Motion CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of entering into a wastewater collection and water supply extension and service agreement with the Grand Traverse County Road Commission at their new location in Paradise Township.

Village Attorney Mark Nettleton, Engineer Joe Slonecki, Road Commission Manager Dan Watkins, Road Commission Chair Joe Underwood participated in discussion with Village Council.

Motion by Weger, seconded by McPherson to approve the proposed Wastewater Collection and Water Supply Extension Agreement and to authorize and direct the Village President and the Village Manager to execute and deliver the agreement on behalf of the Village with such revisions as are deemed necessary and in the best interest of the Village by the Village President and the Village Manager with the assistance of the Village’s special legal counsel. All in Favor: Yes: All. No: None. Absent: None. Motion CARRIED.

2. Financial forecasting and operational assessment services update.

Failed due to lack of motion.

Motion by Weber, seconded by Weger to close the regular meeting. All in Favor: Yes: All. No: None. Absent: None. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Bott, seconded by Weger to open the public hearing. All in Favor: Yes: All. No: None. Absent: None. Motion CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public hearing regarding 2024-25 water and sewer rate adjustments.

Presentation by Mike Engels from Michigan Rural Water.

*Chum Vogue 510 Franklin St
Cynthia Adams 439 Mack Ave*

Motion by Lajko, seconded by McPherson to close the public hearing. All in Favor: Yes: All. No: None. Absent: None. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Lajko, seconded by Bott to open the regular meeting. All in Favor: Yes: All. No: None. Absent: None. Motion CARRIED.

2. Consideration to authorize a CPI-U adjustment for all staff in the amount of 2.9% beginning January 1, 2024 and to authorize wage adjustments for DPW laborers and Village Manager as recommended by the Employee Committee.

Council discussed Todd's and Norm's raise would be after 2.9% CPIU.

Motion by Bogart, seconded by Weger to approve the CPIU Index of 2.9 % for everyone to include \$0.50 to Todd and \$1.00 to Norm. All in Favor: Yes: Weger, McPherson, Bogart, Wallace, Bott, Weber. No: Lajko. Absent: None. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Bott, seconded by Wallace to approve to compensate Kaitlyn an additional \$5,000 after 2.9% CPIU. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Lajko, McPherson, Wallace, Bott. No: Weger, Bogart, Weber. Absent: None. Motion CARRIED.

REGULAR REPORTS:

1. Financial Fund Balance Report:

Motion by Weger, seconded by Bogart, to accept the Financial Fund Balance Report as presented. All in Favor: Yes: All. No: None. Absent: None. Motion CARRIED.

2. Bills:

Motion by Weger, seconded by Weber, to accept the bills and additions as presented. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Lajko, Weger, McPherson, Bogart, Wallace, Bott, Weber. No: None. Absent: None. Motion CARRIED.

3. Planning Commission:

Trustee Bott: Working on updating Animal Ordinances.

4. DDA:

President Lajko – Meeting Monday night. Discussed moving forward with RRC redevelopment path. Agreed to pay half if a consultant is hired.

5. Parks & Recreation:

President Lajko – Bid opening tomorrow for Brownson Park. (Rescheduled for December 19th).

6. Zoning Administrator: Report by Kaitlyn Aldrich

*ZBA has a meeting January 10th.
Awaiting a court date for junk ordinance.*

7. Clerk:

Verbal report by Clerk Forro.

8. DPW:

Verbal report by Manager Aldrich.

9. Treasurer:

None.

10. WWTP:

None.

11. Manager:

Verbal report by Manager Aldrich.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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1. Reserved.

2. General.

Cynthia Adams 439 Mack Ave

3. Mayor and Trustees.

Trustee McPherson

President Pro Tem Weger

President Lajko

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Weber, seconded by McPherson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. All in Favor: Yes: All. No: None. Absent: None. Motion CARRIED.

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