

Minutes
Village of Kingsley
Village Council Meeting
August 14, 2023

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

Meeting called to order at 6:00 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 .

Also Attending: Treasurer Nickerson AB , Manager Aldrich X , DPW Supervisor Almquist X .

Motion by McPherson , seconded by Weger , to accept the agenda as presented. All in Favor: Yes. No: None. Absent: None. 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 agenda items listed. Any comments will be taken into consideration by the Board for 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 – *Bids are due August 16th for the Brownson Memorial Park project. Three general contractors attended the mandatory pre-bid conference. The Grand Traverse County Landbank did not receive the State Landbank Blight Grant; however, the project will continue using local grants and resources. Lane shifts on North Brownson beginning August 15th for the lead service project.*
2. Announcements from the Village Clerk – *Heritage Days will be August 25th – 27th. The auditor will return on August 28th to assist with monthly reconciliations and quarterly payroll taxes.*
3. CPO Dustin Stickler – *Conducted a speed study on South Brownson. Working with Village staff to address blight complaints. Will be on shift for Heritage Days.*
4. County Commissioner Scott Sieffert – *Attended the NACO conference in Austin, TX. There will be no funds for broadband until the federal government provides direction.*
5. GT County Road Commission – *Summarized spring 2024 project list. GTCRC project list website can be found here:*
<https://gtcrc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=a892f5fdb8c74e0a987c42c100b1b118>
They will begin their winter maintenance routine in the next 4-8 weeks.
6. Paradise Township - AB
7. Other - None

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 July 12, 2023, special meeting and the closed session minutes of the July 12, 2023, special meeting (Approval recommended).

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Lead Service Line Replacement Project Status Update
All Season Underground noted the 2-year project should be completed this fall. The project is on budget and ahead of schedule. Main Street and North Brownson are the only remaining project sites.
2. PASER Rating Report and Update from Wade Trim
Wade Trim Engineer, Joe Slonecki, presented the PASER study completed in July 2023. There was a brief discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Randall Weber – 1651 Grays Lane

Manager Aldrich indicated that a study session will be held to discuss recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of appointing Christina Forro as the Village Clerk, as recommended by the Village Manager and Employee Committee.

Motion by Bogart, seconded by McPherson to adopt Resolution #18-2023 to appoint Christina Forro to fill the office of Village Clerk effective immediately, pending a background check and effective upon Ms. Forro's subscription to the Constitutional Oath of Office to be administered by the Village Treasurer. Motion CARRIED.

2. Interviews of candidates for appointment to the vacancy on the Village Council; and possible appointment of an individual, effective immediately.

3.
Manager Aldrich summarized the interview process. Neither Council or the applicants had questions. Candidate Weber interviewed first. Candidate Specker interviewed second. Candidate Forro had to withdraw her application due to Clerk appointment.

Council briefly discussed both candidates.

Motion by McPherson, Seconded by Weger to adopt resolution #19-2023 to appoint Randall Weber to fill the office and term left vacant by the resignation of Dan Walton effective immediately with the term expiring at 6:00 p.m. on November 20, 2024. Motion CARRIED.

REGULAR REPORTS:

1. **Financial Fund Balance Report:**
None. To be provided at the September Regular Meeting.

2. **Bills:**
Motion by Bogart, seconded by Weger, to accept the bills as presented. Roll call vote. Yes: All. No: None. Absent: None. Motion CARRIED.
3. **Planning Commission:** *None*
4. **DDA:** *Real estate purchase update.*
5. **Parks & Recreation:** *None*
6. **Zoning Administrator:** *Manager Aldrich is working with CPO Stickler and Village attorney Bieganowski to address blight at multiple locations.*
7. **Clerk:** *See above*
8. **DPW:** *See attached.*
9. **Treasurer:** *See attached.*
10. **WWTP:** *Report by Josh Hall*
11. **Manager:** *See above.*

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1. Reserved.
2. General.
3. Mayor and Trustees.

No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, motion by Bogart, seconded by Weger to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 pm. All in Favor: Yes. No: None. Absent: None.

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