

MINUTES
Village of Kingsley
Village Council Meeting
April 14th,2026
6:00P.M.

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

Meeting called to order at 6 p.m. by Lajko.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

President Lajko ✓, Trustee McPherson ✓, President Pro Tem Weger AB, Trustee Specker ✓, Trustee Willman ✓, Trustee Bott (arrived at 6:01 PM) ✓, Trustee Forro ✓.
Also Attending: Clerk Richardson ✓, Manager Jetter ✓, DPW Supervisor Fenton AB.

Motion by Forro, seconded by Specker, to accept the agenda as amended to include #6 under Regular Reports; Calendar Contest Winner.

All in favor: Yes: ALL No: None Absent: None Motion: CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Any person wishing to address the Board shall state his or her name and address.
2. 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.

No Public Comment

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 March 10th , 2026 Minutes Regular Meeting (Approval Recommended).**

Trustee Forro made a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented, supported by Trustee Specker

All in favor: Yes: ALL No: None Absent: Weger Motion: CARRIED

REGULAR REPORTS:

- 1. CPO Dustin Stickler – arrived at 6:16 PM**

Deputy Stickler gave update on evacuations for River Rd and road closures as well as the uptick in traffic

- 2. County Commissioner Scott Sieffert**

Not Present

3. GT County Road Commission

*Joe Underwood present – His message to all *DO NOT TRAVERSE STANDING WATER*
Did authorize school zone 35MPH 3 Mile / Hammond Next fall –
No Parking signs on S Brownson along the new road - Emergency Declaration – South Airport is Closed*

4. Paradise Township

Not Present

5. Wade Trim

Not Present

6. Calendar Contest Winner

Trustee Forro presented our March Winner Charity Sawyer with a gift package provided by Mitchell & Associates

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Clerks pay increase with completion of Clerk institute Year 1

Trustee Forro made a motion to increase the clerk's pay from \$22/hr. to \$23/hr. per employment letter, supported by Trustee Willman.

*Roll Call: Yes: Lajko, McPherson, Specker, Willman, Bott, Forro No: None Absent: Weger
Motion: CARRIED*

2. Sewer Rate adjustment for 106 W Main St reduce from 1.5 to 1. REU

*Trustee McPherson made the motion to reduce from 1.5 to 1. REU, supported by Trustee Bott
All in Favor: Yes: All No: None Absent: Weger Motion: CARRIED*

3. Tree City Proclamation

Manager Jetter gave an update on the Tree City, USA standing and the work he has put in with the Kingsley area schools and the DNR.

*President Lajko made a motion to officially proclaim the Village of Kingsley acknowledge April 24th 2026 is Arbor Day, supported by Trustee Willman
All in Favor: Yes: All No: None Absent: Weger Motion: CARRIED*

4. DNR Trust Fund Resolution Amendment

Trustee Forro made the motion to approve resolution 2026-10 authorizing the resubmission of the grant application with the \$400,000 amount included, supported by Trustee Specker.

All in Favor: Yes: All No: None Absent: Weger Motion: CARRIED

5. Council Pay schedule

President Lajko made a motion to revise the Council Members' compensation schedule to quarterly payments, with provisions for immediate payout upon resignation or upon completion of their term.

Supported by Trustee McPherson.

All in Favor: Yes: All No: None Absent: Weger Motion: CARRIED

6. Whitney Specker's resignations

Trustee Forro made a motion to accept Trustee Specker's resignation, supported by Trustee Willman.

All in Favor: Yes: Lajko, McPherson, Willman, Bott, Forro Abstain: Specker Absent: Weger

Motion: CARRIED

REGULAR REPORTS CONTINUED:

1. Financial Fund Balance Report:

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

All in Favor: Yes: All No: None Absent: Weger Motion: CARRIED

2. Treasurer

Reports provided

3. Planning Commission:

Update on the success of the joint meeting and looking forward to the annual meeting

4. DDA:

Discussion on how to get action items on the agenda. Joint meeting on May 4th at 5:30.

5. Parks & Recreation:

No Update – council would like to get the Parks & Recreation group back together and checking to see if Trustee Specker is able to participate being outside of the Village limits

6. Zoning Administrator:

Received a Potential rooster complaint that needs investigated, also lots of progress with the water sewer with another Land Use Permit for a new build RRC

7. Clerk:

Currently working through the audit and preparing a presentation for May or June meeting (after audit completion) on the takeaway from the MAMC classes.

8. DPW:

Ryan went to Michigan Rural Water Association water classes for 3 days in Mt Pleasant for the following:

- 1. Bacterial Sampling/Chemical Feed Pumps*
- 2. Wells to pump / Water Main Repair and Tapping*
- 3. Hazard Prevention*

By winter/fall of next year we want him to get water certification as a goal. Also, all DPW will be going to East Jordan to the EJ Ironworks to the functionality of Hydrants & Valves Op & Maintenance in the fall

Also, kudos to the DPW on work they have done on the roads and sidewalks all winter long and providing a clear path continuously for the village residents and visitors.

9. WWTP:

No updates

10. Manager:

MERS Retirement Lunch and Learn for village employees – Many benefits for employees and the village Pablo from MEDC will be here on the May 27th at 1PM to offer his “Congratulations” & present the MEDC toolbox.

Lift Station at Paradise Meadows discussed it with the council regarding Bobcat Commons. N Brownson is going out for bid soon.

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Joe Underwood of GTCRC made a final statement that Grand Traverse County has made an Emergency Declaration South Airport is Closed until further notice. Please check your route before travelling.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Specker**, seconded by **Forro**, to adjourn the meeting at **7:14** pm.

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