

MINUTES
Village of Kingsley
Village Council Meeting
May 12th,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 *Pro Tem Weger*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

President Lajko *AB*, Trustee McPherson ✓, President Pro Tem Weger ✓, Trustee Willman ✓,
Trustee Bott ✓, Trustee Forro ✓.

Also Attending: Clerk Richardson ✓, Manager Jetter ✓, DPW Supervisor Fenton *AB*.

Motion by *Trustee Forro*, seconded by *Trustee McPherson*, to accept the agenda as amended. Added Adams Fly Festival to #1, moving GFL to #6 and Matt's Underground to #7.

All in favor: Yes: ALL No: None Absent: President Lajko 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 25th, 2026 Minutes Planning Commission / Village Council Joint Meeting
2. Consideration of approving the minutes of April 12^h, 2026 Minutes Regular Meeting (Approval Recommended).

Trustee Forro made a motion to accept the consent calendar as presented, supported by Trustee Willman.

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

REGULAR REPORTS:

1. CPO Dustin Stickler

Not present – Reports provided

2. County Commissioner Scott Sieffert

Not Present

3. GT County Road Commission

Not Present

4. Paradise Township

Not Present

5. Wade Trim

Not Present

6. Calendar Contest Winner Presented

Trustee Forro presented our April Winner Naomi Forro. Whitney Specker presented the winner with a gift package provided by H&R Block.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Adams Fly Festival – Request for invoice of Glassware

The Glassware is for the beer tent during the Adams Fly Festival, they are also available for outright purchase. All proceeds from the beer tent and glassware purchases will benefit the Friends of the Library who use these proceeds to host many community-wide activities for all ages.. These activities are an integral part of the Kingsley community.

Trustee McPherson made a motion to pay \$328.80 invoice for Glassware, supported by Trustee Bott

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

2. Water main break (Eden/Brownson) payment approval – (Elmer’s)

Trustee Willman made a motion to pay Elmer’s invoice totaling \$9425.00, supported by Trustee Forro

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

3. Review/Approval of 2026 C.I.P – Approved by Planning Commission

Trustee McPherson made a motion to accept the 2026 C.I.P, supported by Trustee Forro

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

4. Approval of Traffic Control Order for S Brownson Ave

Trustee Bott made a motion to approve Traffic Control Order, supported by Trustee McPherson.

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

5. Discussion /Adoption of MERS defined contribution 401(a) plus a 457 plan for employees

Trustee Forro made a motion to approve MERS #1 - 2026-11 Resolution Establishing Authorized Signatories for MERS Contracts and Service Credit Purchase Approval, supported by Trustee Willman.

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

Trustee Bott made a motion to approve MERS #2 – **2026-12 Resolution Adopting the MERS Defined Contribution Plan.** Supported by Trustee McPherson.

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

Trustee McPherson made a motion to approve MERS #3 – **2026-13 MERS Uniform 457 Supplemental Retirement Program Resolution,** supported by Trustee Forro.

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

6. Approve GFL sewer line cleaning for 2026 – up to \$12,000.00 for 4,000’ of line

Trustee Forro made a motion to pay GFL up to \$12,000.00 supported by Trustee Bott.

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

7. Matt’s Underground Utility Construction

Trustee Forro made a motion to approve Matt’s Underground Utility projected costs up to \$16850.00, supported by Trustee Willman.

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

REGULAR REPORTS CONTINUED:

1. Financial Fund Balance Report:

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

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

2. Treasurer

Treasurer Nickerson provided her updated certificate for Notary Public that is good through 2032

3. Planning Commission:

C.I.P approved / Trustee Specker resignation

4. DDA:

Annual Joint meeting was held with the DDA & Village Council on May 4th

5. Parks & Recreation:

Splash pad anticipated opening for 2026 season prior to Memorial Day

6. Zoning Administrator:

Tim Cypher has passed. All the permits are now coming through kvmanager@villageofkingsley.com

7. Clerk:

Audit just finished up for the fiscal year.

8. DPW:

Setting up summer schedule

9. WWTP:

Swan flew into overhead powerlines / transformers causing a power surge at WWTP causing

10. Manager:

Manager Jetter updated the council on all the above reports this month.

Village Council Vacancy Interviews

1. **Kris Hall**
2. **Mary Howard**
3. **Melanie Hamilton**

The Council reviewed and discussed a list of interview questions and candidate evaluation topics for prospective Village Council applicants, including community involvement, resident engagement, infrastructure priorities, public services and leadership responsibilities.

*Pro Tem Weger made a motion to appoint Melanie Hamilton to Village Council, supported by Trustee McPherson.
Roll Call: Yes: McPherson, Weger, Willman, Bott, Forro No: None Absent: Lajko Motion:
CARRIED*

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No Public Comments

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Trustee Forro**, seconded by **Trustee Willman** , to adjourn the meeting at **8:17** pm.

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