

MINUTES
Village of Kingsley
Village Council Meeting
Aug 11th, 2026
6:00P.M.

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 ✓, Trustee McPherson ✓, President Pro Tem Weger AB, Trustee Willman ✓,
Trustee Bott AB, Trustee Forro ✓, Trustee Hamilton ✓.
Also Attending: Clerk Richardson ✓, Manager Jetter ✓, DPW Supervisor Fenton AB.
Trustee Bott arrived at 6:03 PM

Motion by **Trustee Forro**, seconded by **Trustee McPherson**, to accept the agenda as presented.

All in favor: Yes: ALL No: None Absent: Pro Tem Weger 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 Comments

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 July 14th, 2026 Minutes Regular Meeting (Approval Recommended).

Trustee McPherson made a motion to accept the consent calendar as presented, supported by Trustee Forro.
All in favor: Yes: ALL No: None Absent: Pro Tem Weger Motion: CARRIED

REGULAR REPORTS:

1. CPO Dustin Stickler

Not Present / Monthly Stat reports provided. (incl. pkt.)

2. County Commissioner Scott Sieffert

N/A

3. GT County Road Commission

Joe Underwood gave oral updates on 3 Mile / Hammond, moving from summer to winter projects. Manager Jetter mentioned the contract and the list of items to be completed regarding the REU adjustment. Bernie and Dan have been contacted to get the contract signed and returned to our attorney so the matter can be finalized.

4. Paradise Township

N/A

5. Wade Trim

N/A

6. Calendar Contest Winner Presented –Samatha Magee

Samantha MaGee's photo was announced as this month's winner, and Covered Wagon Farms presented her with the gift basket they generously donated for the monthly photo contest.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. UHY Audit Report – Angie Kopriva

Oral update given to village council regarding annual audit

An audit recap (incl. pkt.) was handed out to council along with the audit report as Angie discussed the progress observed, health of the general fund as well as recommendations going forward for a successful fiscal 2026/27 also the Independent Auditors report (incl. pkt.) Conclusion of the Audit (incl. pkt.) were included.

2. Sick Leave amendment

Amendment to wording for handbook on employee sick leave (incl. pkt.)

Trustee Forro made a motion to approve to amend the language under bullet point number 3 of the sick leave with pay to add "Unless approved by the village manager or council for the manger the additional use of sick leave", supported by Trustee Hamilton.

All in Favor Yes: ALL

No: None

Absent: Pro Tem Weger

Motion: CARRIED

3. Food Truck Electricity use

Pilot program with Devries Loaded food truck with monitored electrical usage.

The Board discussed allowing Devries Loaded Food Truck to pilot the use of the E. Main lot, with electrical usage monitored. Manager Jetter will oversee the installation and use of a tamper-resistant receptacle and monitor the electrical usage.

4. SRO – Split Discussion

SRO- Split Costs for VOK \$27,000.00 at 25% with Paradise Township \$27,000.00 at 25% and Kingsley Area Schools \$54,000.00 at 50%

The Board discussed a request from Captain Brinks regarding the possibility of the Village offsetting the cost of a Student Resource Officer. After discussion, the Council determined that this is not feasible at this time but noted that it may be an option the Village could work toward in the future.

REGULAR REPORTS CONTINUED:

1. Financial Fund Balance Report: (incl. pkt.)

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

All in Favor: Yes: All

No: None

Absent: Pro Tem Weger

Motion: CARRIED

2. Treasurer

Monthly treasurer reports provided (incl. pkt.)

3. Planning Commission:

No meeting was held due to a lack of agenda items. There are no significant updates regarding the Haskin development currently. Permits for sewer and water have been submitted to EGLE and have been returned with corrections needed.

4. DDA:

Strategic plan Demo scheduled on M113 by or before Labor Day, DDA did sign MOU between DDA & Village for the shared position for the communication and public outreach. Public input session by October, hopefully sooner.

DDA Meeting Minutes (incl. pkt.)

5. Parks & Recreation:

N/A

6. Zoning Administrator:

No information on Tube lite houses

Short term rental housing discussion with one in the village owned currently by Ed Pearson. Very limited amount allowed with application fee and annual permit fee as well as annual inspections among some of the items discussed. Policy and Ordinance to be discussed further with planning commission.

Starting interviews for new Zoning Administrator will be starting

7. Clerk:

Approached board about water bond payment increase, will need a motion with specific amount. Received approval during June meeting for 4% increase, will include all details in meeting packet again for September with motion language.

8. DPW:

Crack sealing is currently underway. Jamie Wade provided a list of items that need to be updated. The birdbath on Blair Street will be repaired before the start of the school year. Molon is putting in a weeping crock as a resolution.

9. WWTP:

N/A

10. Manager:

The Furnace Grant remains ongoing. D&W was on-site on August 10, 2026, and did maintenance on five furnaces and prioritized the appropriate units to replace.

We were approved for the ReLeaf DTE grant and planning to plant 20 additional trees in partnership with the high school. Safe Routes to School and Michigan State University (MSU) will work with the school to obtain students' home addresses to assist with planning.

The GoGov app has been activated, with a go-live date of September 1, 2026.

The Farmers Market and Library are seeking additional storage space. The Village is looking for a 10' x 10' storage unit/building to accommodate their needs potentially a donation if possible.

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*Duane MaGee
300 N Brownson Ave*

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Forro seconded by Trustee Willman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 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.