

MINUTES
Village of Kingsley
Village Council Meeting
September 8th, 2026
6:00P.M.

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

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

All in favor: Yes: ALL

No: None

Absent: None

Motion: CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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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 August 11th, 2026 Minutes Regular Meeting (Approval Recommended).

Pro Tem Weger made a motion to accept the consent calendar as presented, supported by Trustee McPherson.

All in favor: Yes: ALL

No: None

Absent: None

Motion: CARRIED

REGULAR REPORTS:

1. CPO Dustin Stickler

Deputy Stickler gave his verbal presentation on monthly statistics in village. (incl. pkt.)

2. County Commissioner Scott Sieffert

N/A

3. GT County Road Commission

N/A

4. Paradise Township

N/A

5. Wade Trim

Joe Slenecki updated the council that the N. Brownson project was turned in and approved by MDOT, the plan is to start construction after schools lets out 2027. TAP Grant awarded came back at funding breakdown from MDOT the grant that was applied for came back at \$137,000.00, 80/20 match with everything turned in, the estimate that got turned in with the breakdown came back at \$228,000.00 80% from the Federal government and \$50,000.00, 20% for the local match.

6. Calendar Contest Winner Presented –Savanna Allard

Savanna Allard was presented with a copy of her winning photo and a gift certificate from Papano's Pizza & staff.

7. Brownfield Presentation

Eric Helzer had a slideshow presentation Brownfield Redevelopment and P.A 381

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve Hiring of Nathan Ritter – Zoning Administrator / DDA Director

Consideration and approval to hire **Nathan Ritter** as the Village's **Zoning Administrator / DDA Director**, *(incl. pkt.)* and to authorize issuance of a formal **Letter of Employment** outlining the terms and conditions of employment *(incl. pkt.)*

Pro Tem Weger made a motion to authorize Manager Jetter to move forward with an offer of employment for Nathan Ritter as the position of Zoning Administrator /DDA Director, supported by Trustee Willman.

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

2. Cross Connection Control Program – Pursue Services with HydroCorp

Discussion and consideration of pursuing services with **HydroCorp** for administration and implementation of the Village's **Cross Connection Control Program**. *(incl. pkt.)*

Pro Tem Weger made a motion to enter into agreement with HydroCorp for the contract total of \$53,418.08, supported by Trustee McPherson.

Roll Call: Yes: Lajko, McPherson, Weger, Willman, Bott, Forro, Hamilton

No: None

Absent: None

Motion: CARRIED

Pro Tem Weger made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-15 establishing a cross connection program with fees with a start date inline with water fee increases, supported by Trustee Willman.

All in Favor Yes: ALL

No: None

Absent: None

Motion: CARRIED

3. Adoption/Amendment to Credit Card Resolution 2026-16

Consideration and approval of the **adoption/amendment to Credit Card Resolution 2026-16**.

Pro Tem Weger made a motion to adopt the Resolution 2026 -16 adopting the Village of Kingsley Credit Card Policy, supported by Trustee Forro.

All in Favor Yes: ALL

No: None

Absent: None

Motion: CARRIED

4. Budget Amendments

Discussion and consideration of proposed amendments to the **2026 Village Budget**, including any necessary adjustments to revenues and expenditures.

Trustee McPherson made a motion to approve the purposed amendments to the General fund, supported by Trustee Hamilton.

All in Favor Yes: ALL

No: None

Absent: None

Motion: CARRIED

5. Payment of Final UHY Audit Invoice

Consideration and approval of payment of the **final invoice from UHY for audit services**. Invoice No. 550471329 Dated 08/12/26 \$6290.00

Trustee Forro made a motion to approve the UHY final invoice in the amount of \$6290.00 for audit services, supported by Pro Tem Weger.

Roll Call: Yes: Lajko, McPherson, Weger, Willman, Bott, Forro, Hamilton

No: None

Absent: None

Motion: CARRIED

6. Manager Evaluation

Discussion and consideration of the **Village Manager's performance evaluation.**

Trustee McPherson made a motion to approve the increase of \$5000.00 increase along with the COLA, supported by Pro Tem Weger.

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

7. Water Revenue Bond Payment Increase – Discussion and action to increase the monthly Water

Revenue Bond payment from **\$2,425 to \$3,000**. The increase was previously approved at **4% annually**; therefore, the prior motion will need to be revised to reflect the new payment amount.

Pro Tem Weger made a motion to increase the water bond installment transfer from \$2425. to \$3000. Monthly, supported by Trustee Forro.

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

REGULAR REPORTS CONTINUED:

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

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

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

2. Treasurer

Monthly treasurer reports provided (incl. pkt.)

3. Planning Commission:

Discussed Short term rentals as well as Blight Ordinance.

4. DDA:

RFP / RFQ are going out. There is also a meeting this week, with the same presentation from Eric on Brownfield. Demolition has begun, along with Paradise Township cleanup Saturday 9/12/26 at the Township

5. Parks & Recreation:

N/A

6. Zoning Administrator:

Zoning Administrator will be starting next month. Elmers will be starting October 1st on the Doctors office property off M113 for development. Food Truck is operational but only 3pm -9pm with limited signage.

7. Clerk:

N/A

8. DPW:

N/A

9. WWTP:

Monthly report provided (incl. pkt.)

10. Manager:

200 people have successfully signed up for the GOGOV app, attended The Rock Senior Lunch for education and support of the app. Edward St has 4 sites without water that we are looking into Tap-in fees

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Forro seconded by Pro Tem Weger, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 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.
