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KINGSFORD

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The Village comprises an area of 4 ½ square miles, and has within its boundaries the entire Ford factory buildings, power dam and equipment. The village of Kingsford has The Commission-Manager Form of Government, recognized as the last word in Municipal Government. There are elected five Commissioners, who in turn hire, a manger to conduct the affairs of the Village. All other officers, including treasurer, assessor, electrical inspector, health officer, etc., are appointed and are all removable for cause at any time. The manager is also removable and the commissioners can be recalled. Hence, politics are eliminated from the administration of public affairs as much as possible, and the operating of the municipality is therefore on a business basis.

No municipality can boast of greater results than Kingsford has obtained in the few months in which it has been operating. Miles of water mains have been laid; a street lighting system installed; garbage collection worked out; some streets rocked and rolled, others opened and improved, all at low cost. There is ample fire and police protection, also schools, churches, hotels, etc. Telegraph, telephone and express service. Mail via Iron Mountain Postoffice. J. Arthur Minnear, village president.

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Automobile Manufacturer

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Ford Motor Co., John Doyle, supt, mfrs auto wood parts and chemical plant (1931)

Automobile Repair

Segelstrom, P. Wm. (1931)

Automobile Sales

Kingsford Motor Co., Oscar Carlson, mgr (1931)

Baker

Renish, John (1925-1927)

Sibbet, Charles H. (1925-1927)

Barber

Beauchamp, John (1925-1927)

Berdiner, Thos. (1931)

Burbey *[Burby - ?]*, Roger (1931)

Park, E.J. & Son (Earl J. and Glenn M.) (1931)

Rose, James (1931)

Turnquist, Wm. (1931)

Weeden, Charles (1927)

Battery Service

Anderson, Martin (1931)

Billiards

Denn Bros. (Albert J. and Peter N.) (1925-1927; 1931)

Gazzetti Bros. (James and Alexander (1925-1927)

Krolik, Paul B. (1925)

Manke, Paul B. (1927)

Masha, Joseph P. (1925-1927; 1931)

Voge, Arne (1931)

Billiards and Soft Drinks

Krause, Chas. J. (1931)

Chemical Manufacturers

Ford Motor Co., Edsel B. Ford, Pres-Treas; B.J. Craig, Sec (1925-1927); Edward G. Kingsford, Iron Mountain, Mgr (1925) (1925-1927)

Ford Motor Co., John Doyle, supt, mfrs auto wood parts and chemical plant (1931)

Chiropractor

Moe & Logic (Arthur W. Moe, Frank O. Logic) (1925-1927)

Schneider, Douglas M. (1925-1927)

Clothing and Dry Goods

Kotler, Louis D. (1931)

Confectioner

Evosevich, Bozo (1925-1927)

Krause, Charles J. (1925-1927)

Lilja, August (1931)

Drayman

Beaulier, Clifford J. (1927)

Dressmaker

Bradley, Mrs. Myrtle (1925-1927)

Druggist

Cook, Jay (1931)

Dry Goods and Shoes

Cahodes *[sic – Cohodes]*, Abe & Son (Abe and Morris) (1931)

Electrician

Vaness, John (1931)

Electric Supplies

Erickson, John S. (1925-1927; 1931)

Smoglich, Walter (1931)

Filling Station

Erickson, John S. (1931)

Gruner, Irwin (1931)

Lilja, August (1931)

Lyons, Clarence E. (1931)

Marcelini, Peter (1931)

Furniture

Anderson, Amiel (1925-1927)

Garage

Berro Bros. (Louis and Harry) (1925-1927)

Berro, Henry W. (1931)

F & M Garage Co. (Eugene R.F. Feldhusen *[Feldhausen - ?]*, Fred Magnuson) (1925-1927)

General Merchandise

Ford Commissary, Robt. M. Smith, mgr (1931)

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Jacobs, Nicholson M. (1931)
Payant, Vital (1931)
Taylor, Walter (1931)

General Store

Jacobs, Nicholas M. (1925-1927)
Krolik, Florence (1925-1927)
Olin, N. Olin (1925-1927)
Pecore, Edward J. (1927)
Taylor, Walter (1925-1927)

Greenhouse

Stanley's Greenhouse, Stanley Stanley, prop (1931)

Grocer

Almstrong *[Armstrong - ?]*, Robert L. (1925-1927)
Bender, Fred (1931)
Blomquist & Anderson (Thorwald Blomquist, Wm. Anderson) (1925-1927)
Bolson, Geo. (1931)
Burkhart, Harry (1925-1927)
Burr, Pliny L. (1925-1927)
Cuilini, Serafino (1925-1927; 1931)
Desmarais, Elmer J. (1925-1927)
Desmarais, Elmory J. (1931)
Ford Motor Co., Edsel B. Ford, Pres-Treas; B.J. Craig, Sec; Edward G. Kingsford, Iron Mountain, Mgr (1925)
Frankkowich, Mrs. Steve (1931)
Galeazzi, Angelo (1925-1927; 1931)
Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., Andrew Z. Whistler, mgr (1931)
Hillside Store (1931)
Hokanson, Eton S. (1925-1927)
Juntunen, Charles A. (1927; 1931)
LaForce, Jos. (1931)
Larsch, Fred P. (1931)
Leonard, George (1927)
Marcelini, Peter (1925-1927)
Pecore, Joseph L. (1925-1927)
Perrault, Amil M. (1925-1927)
Petrovich, Nicholas (1931)
Rassi, Cecilia (1927)
Rhody, Arthur (1925-1927)
Rochon, Loranzo (1925)
Scrivanic, Joseph (1927)
Weeden *[Wedin - ?]*, Wm. (1925-1927)
Williams, John (1925-1927)
Ziegelbauer, George (1925-1927)

Groceries and Meats

Derrick, Frank (1931)
Dettman, Arnold (1931)
Olson, Wm. (1931)
Seymour, Adolph (1931)
Weed & Neldberg (Elvin J. Weed, Clyde Neldberg) (1931)
Williams, John (1931)

Groceries, Meats and Hardware

Olin, Wm. G. (1931)

Hardware

Mitchell, W. Harry (1931)

Hardware and Plumbing

Kueter, Frank H. (1931)

Hotel

Hemlock Hotel, Charles J. Krause, prop (1925-1927; 1931)
Hotel Marvel, Thos. Hicks, prop (1931)
Kingsford Hotel (Albert Ashland, Fred Minne, props, 1925-1927; Jos. Ambeau, prop, 1931) (1925-1927; 1931)
Wyant House, Ray Wyant, prop (1927)

Lumber Company

Consumers Lumber Co., Gust Sherr, mgr (1931)
Phoenix Lumber Co., Edward Sikowski, mgr (1931)

Lumber Manufacturers

Ford Motor Co., Edsel B. Ford, Pres-Treas; B.J. Craig, Sec; Edward G. Kingsford, Iron Mountain, Mgr (1925)

Lumber and Fuel Company

Eisele, Lewis G. (1931)

Meats

Jutras, Abraham R. (1927)
Stanchina, Harold F. (1931)

Meat Market

Boston Meat Market (James Rovano, Stephen Tonas) (1925-1927)
Breitung Meat Market (Wilfred Lequia, Henry Caput) (1925-1927)
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Minister

Olson, Rev. Fred (Lutheran) (1925)

Movie Theater

Capitol Theatre, Elvin I. Weed, mgr (1931)

Notions

Thims, Hilda T. (1925-1927)

Plumber

Bianz *[Branz - ?]*, Joseph (1925-1927)

Radio Sets

Glass, Clifford (1931)

Restaurant

Pecore, Pruden J. (1925-1927)

Retail Lumber

Ford Motor Co., Edsel B. Ford, Pres-Treas; B.J. Craig, Sec (1925-1927); Edward G. Kingsford, Iron Mountain, Mgr (1925) (1925-1927)

Shoes

Ford Motor Co., Edsel B. Ford, Pres-Treas; B.J. Craig, Sec; Edward G. Kingsford, Iron Mountain, Mgr (1925)

Shoe Repairer

Cardani, Peter (1931)
Marta, Joseph (1927)
Maki, Victor (1931)
Oberg, Mannie (1925-1927)
Venturis, Dennis N. (1925-1927; 1931)

Soft Drinks

Blanchard, Raquelle (1931)
Evosovich, Bozo (1931)

Village Assessor

Combis *[sic – Convis]*, Harry (1927)
Wenk, John (1931)

Village Clerk

Rahoi, Anna L. (1925-1927)
Seller, C. Walter (1927)

Village Clerk and Manager

Seller, C. Walter (1931)

Village Manager

Cox, Lawrence W. (1927)

Village President

Peterson, Gust (1927)

Village Treasurer

Gunville, John (1931)
Thibodeau, L.E. (1927)

Water Company

Lincoln Water Co. George Rabenberg, supt (1931)