

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, July 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting being called to order by President Bill Wilkey. Roll call was as follows:

Present:

Bill Wilkey	President
Jared Anderson	Trustee
Marla Kinkade	"
Tim Dougherty	"
Mike Woods	"
Justin Eggenberger	"

Absent:

Nick Kester	Trustee
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Other Village officials in attendance were Village Administrator Kevin McNamara, Public Works Director David Bozarth, and Village Attorney Gary Neville.

President Wilkey led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Wilkey informed the Board that Nick Kester was absent due to the death of his mother.

A motion was made by Kinkade and seconded by Dougherty to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2012 regular Village Board meeting. Roll call was as follows: Anderson-aye; Kinkade-aye; Dougherty-aye; Woods-aye; Eggenberger-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

The bills were presented for payment from the various funds in the amount of \$141,871.63. A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Kinkade to pay bills as submitted. Roll call was as follows: Anderson-aye; Kinkade-aye; Dougherty-aye; Woods-aye; Eggenberger-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

In Public Forum, Gary Helsing, 323 W. William St., spoke in favor of the Video Gaming Ordinance as it relates to fundraising for the V.F.W. Helsing's opinion was that people have a choice of whether to play or not, and if it's not available here, they'll go elsewhere.

Marty Soellner, 303 S. Chicago St., and past Commander of the Dwight American Legion, spoke in favor of the Video Gaming Ordinance. Soellner stated the American Legion would be given an opportunity to open its doors again if video gaming is allowed.

Fred Strufe, 417 W. Chippewa St., questioned the alleged financial benefits of video gaming.

Rick Stevenson, 319 W. South St., spoke in favor of the Video Gaming Ordinance and cited a list of addictions he obtained from a website, which included addictions to food and even marriage. Stevenson's opinion is that video gaming should be a freedom of choice.

Dave Bossert, 107 W. North St., spoke out against the Video Gaming Ordinance. Bossert's opinion is that all gambling is bad and it preys on peoples' weaknesses. His opinion was that "addicts don't have freedom, they have a disease".

Lance Leeds, 304 Prospect, spoke in opposition of the Video Gaming Ordinance saying he speaks for those who can't say "no". Leeds' opinion was that a portion of the revenue from video gaming should be used to help folks out who will need it. Leeds also thanked the V.F.W. for their service.

Erv Daniels, 306 Philmar, representing the Dwight V.F.W., read a statement in favor of the Video Gaming Ordinance. Daniels stated it's an opportunity for their organization to receive additional money and listed a number of things the V.F.W. supports and provides help with.

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Verlin Karstens, 209 N. Washington, stated he was not in favor of the Video Gaming Ordinance.

Joe Kokaly, 313 Andrew, talked about the amount of “disposable income” in the Village.

Tom Ivey, 222 E. North St., spoke in favor of the Video Gaming Ordinance. Ivey stated that people will go elsewhere, so they might as well keep the money here.

Ben Marshall, 407 E. Seminole St., spoke in opposition of the Video Gaming Ordinance. Marshall’s opinion was that the Village “won’t crumble” if the ordinance is not passed. His concern is for the families who will “take a hit”.

Pat Waldrop, 103 Bannon, spoke against the Video Gaming Ordinance. Waldrop’s opinion was that the money being spent at the few places where video gaming would be allowed, is money that could be spent at other deserving businesses in town such as the grocery store, restaurants, and other businesses. Another concern of Waldrop’s was the amount of money that would be going to the State of Illinois.

Marsha Bennett, 136 S. Bannon, spoke in opposition of the Video Gaming Ordinance. Bennett’s opinion was that the money could be spent in “more useful, productive ways” and that these businesses would be taking money away from other businesses.

Ray Gannaway, 203 N. Union, wondered why the video gaming issue couldn’t be put on a ballot for a vote.

President Wilkey reported the following:

- State legislators will be having a conference call with Governor Quinn’s office tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. to request a stay on the Dwight Correctional Center closure until the fall session;
- The property on W. William St. where the trailer park used to be is looking good;
- Station 343 Restaurant in downtown Dwight is hoping to open August 7th.

Administrator McNamara announced a blood drive will be held at the Public Services Complex on Tuesday, July 24th from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

In old business, the third and final pay request from D Construction for the Rt. 47/Northbrook Dr. improvements in the amount of \$49,674.85 was presented for approval.

A motion was made by Kinkade and seconded by Dougherty to approve Pay Request #3 from D Construction in the amount of \$49,674.85. Roll call was as follows: Anderson-aye; Kinkade-aye; Dougherty-aye; Woods-aye; Eggenberger-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Pay Request #2 from Brandt Builders in the amount of \$64,229.55 for the E. William St. project was presented for approval.

A motion was made by Kinkade and seconded by Dougherty to approve Pay Request #2 from Brandt Builders in the amount of \$64,229.55 for the E. William St. project. Roll call was as follows: Anderson-aye; Kinkade-aye; Dougherty-aye; Woods-aye; Eggenberger-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Teresa Szybowicz, representing Accel Entertainment, was next on the agenda to address the Board on video gaming. Accel Entertainment is a company that provides video gaming terminals to local establishments. Ms Szybowicz highlighted some of the information in the State of Illinois’ Video Gaming Act which was passed in 2009. She also said that video gaming funds one-third of the State of Illinois’ 2009 Capital Bill. Szybowicz stated that the Village could opt out of video gaming at anytime. She listed the following surrounding communities that have already voted to allow video gaming: South Wilmington, Gardner, Streator, and Odell.

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A motion was made by Dougherty and seconded by Anderson to pass Ordinance No. 1319 entitled "An Ordinance to Allow Video Gaming Pursuant to 230 ILCS 40/1 in the Village of Dwight, Livingston and Grundy Counties, Illinois". Trustee Eggenberger said his decision will be based on freedom of choice, not on money. The convenience of gambling on-line is already available. Trustee Anderson agreed, stating how do you draw the line of where to protect people. Anderson said if the Village makes money, the residents will see it, since the Board has earmarked that revenue to go towards the police drug dog fund and capital improvements. Anderson thought the amount of money brought in to the Village by video gaming would be small.

Roll call was as follows: Anderson-aye; Kinkade-aye; Dougherty-aye; Woods-aye; Eggenberger-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1319 IS ON FILE IN THE VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE

A motion was made by Dougherty and seconded by Anderson to pass Ordinance No. 1320 entitled "An Ordinance Establishing a Licensing Fee for Video Gaming Terminals within the Village of Dwight, Livingston and Grundy Counties, Illinois". The ordinance establishes annual fee of \$25.00 per terminal. Roll call was as follows: Anderson-aye; Kinkade-aye; Dougherty-aye; Woods-aye; Eggenberger-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

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A sound amplification permit application from the Dwight V.F.W. Post 2608 was presented for approval. The permit would be for July 28, 2012 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at 506 S. Old Rt. 66, Dwight, IL, for entertainment by Mike McConnell.

A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Kinkade to approve the sound amplification permit as submitted by Dwight V.F.W. Roll call was as follows: Anderson-aye; Kinkade-aye; Dougherty-aye; Woods-aye; Eggenberger-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

A sound amplification permit application from Dwight Main Street Inc was presented for approval. The permit would be for a car and driver to ride around the Village of Dwight and announce the Farmer's Market being held downtown on Saturday mornings through October 13, 2012.

A motion was made by Dougherty and seconded by Kinkade to approve the sound amplification permit as submitted by Dwight Main Street Inc. Roll call was as follows: Anderson-aye; Kinkade-aye; Dougherty-aye; Woods-aye; Eggenberger-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Woods and seconded by Dougherty. All voted aye by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Bill Wilkey, Village President

ATTEST:

Patricia E. Drechsel, Village Clerk