

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, September 10, 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
Mike Woods	Trustee
Justin Eggenberger	"
Jared Anderson	"
Marla Kinkade	"
Tim Dougherty	"

Absent:

Nick Kester	Trustee
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Other Village officials in attendance were Village Administrator Kevin McNamara, Police Chief Tim Henson, Public Works Director David Bozarth, Village Attorney Gary Neville, and Village Engineer Ryan Hansen.

President Wilkey led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Eggenberger to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2012 regular Village Board meeting. Roll call was as follows: Woods-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Anderson-aye; Kinkade-aye; Dougherty-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

The bills were presented for payment from the various funds in the amount of \$119,792.58. A motion was made by Kinkade and seconded by Dougherty to pay bills as submitted. Roll call was as follows: Woods-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Anderson-aye; Kinkade-aye; Dougherty-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

A motion was made by Eggenberger and seconded by Anderson to approve a fund transfer of \$64,000.00 from the Sewer Fund to the Sewer Replacement Reserve Fund for the purpose of having sufficient funds in the Sewer Replacement Reserve cash to pay on Loan L17-2627. Roll call was as follows: Woods-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Anderson-aye; Kinkade-aye; Dougherty-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

In Public Forum, Jerry Beier, President of the Harvest Days Committee, was in attendance to ask the Village if the Harvest Days Committee could sell wristbands to patrons in the downtown bars, which would allow the wearer to bring an alcoholic beverage out into the street on E. Main. Beier said they would sell the wristbands for \$5 to \$10; the time restriction would be from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday, September 21st and Saturday, September 22nd; barricades would be put up by the carnival so no one with alcohol could enter; he has a list of twenty (20) people who said they would help. Beier said this fund raiser is needed because of Harvest Days' financial situation. Harvest Days insurance has increased without much of an increase in revenue, Beier reported.

President Wilkey stated that he is against the idea, citing liability issues and saying Harvest Days is supposed to be a family event. Both President Wilkey and Village Attorney Neville spoke with officials in Morris who told them that they do not allow consumption of alcohol outside of contained beer tent areas during the Grundy County Corn Festival.

There was much discussion among the Village Board and those present from the public who were in support of the wristband idea, including: Jennifer Corrigan, Rodney Conner, Jane Anderson, Doug Patten and Seth Riber. Trustees Kinkade and Eggenberger were in favor of the proposal. Those in support encouraged President Wilkey as Liquor Commissioner to allow the consumption of alcohol in the street saying other surrounding communities allow it.

Insurance liability was discussed. Beier said Harvest Days would have no coverage for such a fund raiser, but the bar owners insurance would cover patrons up to one thousand feet (1000') from their door. Beier said the bar owners were "in".

Police Chief Henson said Jerry Beier had talked to him about the wristband idea and had answered some of Henson's concerns. Henson had told him the police department would help to make it a safe weekend.

Administrator McNamara suggested a beer garden be set up in front of the stage area as had been done in years past. Beier said everything is set for this year and can't be moved.

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Attorney Neville said that alcohol in the streets is not allowed under current Village ordinance, but the ordinance could be amended by the Board. Trustee Anderson then set up an Ordinance Committee meeting for Monday, September 17th at 6:00 p.m., and the Board called for a Special Meeting of the Village Board at 7:00 p.m. that same night.

President Wilkey reported:

- The new restaurant downtown is doing well;
- A judge denied the request for closure of State facilities by Gov. Quinn;
- Adam Dontz is the interim CEO of the GLCEDC.

Chief Henson reported on the following:

- There are still burglaries and criminal damage to property being done in town;
- The Police Dept. will work with Harvest Days in keeping order downtown.

In new business, Administrator McNamara asked for approval for the Harvest Days 5K run to be held on the streets of the Village.

A motion was made by Kinkade and seconded by Dougherty to approve the use of Village streets for the Harvest Days 5K Run to be held Saturday morning, September 22, 2012 beginning in Renfrew Park. Roll call was as follows: Woods-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Anderson-aye; Kinkade-aye; Dougherty-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

A request by the Dwight Lions Club was presented, asking for permission to solicit money at the intersection of Rt. 17 and Rt. 47 in Dwight the weekend of October 26th and 27th for the purpose of raising funds for sight and hearing programs during the Lions' annual Candy Days.

A motion was made by Dougherty and seconded by Kinkade to approve the Dwight Lions Club request to solicit funds at the intersection of Rt. 17 and Rt. 47 on Friday, October 26, 2012 from 7 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday, October 27, 2012 from 7 a.m. to noon. Roll call was as follows: Woods-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Anderson-aye; Kinkade-aye; Dougherty-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

A request by the Dwight Baptist Academy was presented, asking for permission to sell candy door-to-door from September 26, 2012 through November 2, 2012. This is an annual fund raiser for their school.

A motion was made by Kinkade and seconded by Eggenberger to approve the Dwight Baptist Academy request as stated above. Roll call was as follows: Woods-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Anderson-aye; Kinkade-aye; Dougherty-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

A letter of request was received from Dwight High School, asking permission to hold their annual homecoming parade on Friday, September 28th, beginning at 2:45 p.m.

A motion was made by Kinkade and seconded by Dougherty to approve the parade route for the Dwight Township High School's annual homecoming parade on Friday, September 28, 2012. Roll call was as follows: Woods-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Anderson-aye; Kinkade-aye; Dougherty-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

In old business, Trustee Anderson inquired about the status of the E. William St. project. Engineer Hansen said things are going well, and he will make sure the corner of E. William St. and Chicago St. is cleaned up for Harvest Days weekend.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Anderson and seconded by Kinkade. All voted aye by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

Bill Wilkey, Village President

ATTEST:

Patricia E. Drechsel, Village Clerk