

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, January 14, 2013 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
Tim Dougherty	Trustee
Justin Eggenberger	"
Jared Anderson	"
Marla Kinkade	"
Nick Kester	"

Absent:

Mike Woods	Trustee
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Other Village officials in attendance were Public Works Director David Bozarth, Police Chief Tim Henson, Village Attorney Gary Neville, and Village Engineer Ryan Hansen.

President Wilkey led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Wilkey introduced Judge Jennifer Bauknecht of Livingston County who presented a proposed ordinance on truancy and parental responsibility in Livingston County. Judge Bauknecht gave several statistics that showed the cost to individuals and communities when children are absent from school. She encouraged the Village Trustees to consider adopting this ordinance which also penalizes parents when their minor children commit or participate in certain violations of the law. A copy of the proposed ordinance was given to Village Attorney Neville for his review.

A motion was made by Kester and seconded by Kinkade to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2012 regular Village Board meeting. Roll call was as follows: Dougherty-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Anderson-aye; Kinkade-aye; Kester-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

The bills from the end of December 2012 were presented for payment from the various funds in the amount of \$117,517.33. A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Kinkade to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call was as follows: Dougherty-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Anderson-aye; Kinkade-aye; Kester-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

The bills for tonight’s meeting were presented for payment from the various funds in the amount of \$106,382.16. A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Dougherty to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call was as follows: Dougherty-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Anderson-aye; Kinkade-aye; Kester-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

A motion to approve the November 2012 Treasurer’s report as submitted by Village Treasurer, Diane Jensen, showing a balance of \$2,610,432.18 in all accounts, was made by Kinkade and seconded by Dougherty. Roll call was as follows: Dougherty-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Anderson-aye; Kinkade-aye; Kester-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

A motion to approve the December 2012 Treasurer’s report as submitted by Village Treasurer, Diane Jensen, showing a balance of \$2,112,056.70 in all accounts, was made by Dougherty and seconded by Anderson. Roll call was as follows: Dougherty-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Anderson-aye; Kinkade-aye; Kester-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

A request for the following fund transfer was made by Comptroller Drechsel:

\$70,794.55 from the Sewer Fund to the Sewer Replacement Reserve Fund for the purpose of paying principal and interest on the 1998 IEPA wastewater treatment plant loan, L17-1046.

A motion was made by Kester and seconded by Kinkade to approve the above stated fund transfer. Roll call was as follows: Dougherty-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Anderson-aye; Kinkade-aye; Kester-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

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In Public Forum, Tom Tock, 410 W. Delaware St., asked if the baseball fields will be 100% ready for play this season. President Wilkey responded that they would.

Tock also inquired about Pinecone Path. Engineer Hanson said that Phase II is the design phase and the Village is awaiting funding approval from the State. Hanson said the Village would front the money then be reimbursed by the State.

Tock then asked if the State of Illinois was behind in the distribution of the Village's Sales Tax revenue. Village Clerk/Comptroller Drechsel replied that the Village receives their Sales Tax distribution every month, however, the Income Tax distribution is usually three (3) or four (4) months behind.

President Wilkey introduced Joe Pluger, staff representative of AFSME 31, the labor union representing the Dwight Correctional Center employees. Mr. Pluger updated the Board on the State of Illinois' closure of the Dwight women's prison. He said the Union's legal battles have almost been exhausted. Pluger said the IL Dept. of Corrections have projected a date of March 31, 2013 for moving the inmates from Dwight, but the Union has not been given an official date as yet. Pluger said the move could even be before February 14th. He thanked the Village of Dwight for all their support in the effort to keep the Dwight Correctional Center open.

President Wilkey reported that signs have been ordered for "no texting or cell phone use" in school zones.

Chief Henson commended Officer McKee for his handling of a shooting incident that occurred a few weeks ago, saying he did an outstanding job.

Clerk Drechsel read the minutes of the December 19, 2012 Historic Preservation Committee meeting. Ideas to spruce up the depot building which now houses the Dwight Historical Museum were discussed. President Wilkey was in attendance at that meeting and suggested applying for a grant, indicating that Jennie Claflin from IDOT was a good resource.

At tonight's meeting, Wilkey indicated that Ms Claflin had retired, and that Lothar Solowin and Drew White were now the contacts.

In old business, Opperman Construction's pay request in the amount of \$34,260.20 was presented for approval.

A motion was made by Eggenberger and seconded by Dougherty to approve the above pay request by Opperman. Roll call was as follows: Dougherty-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Anderson-no; Kinkade-aye; Kester-aye. Motion carried, 4 - 1.

Pat Tadej, 303 E. Delaware St., was on the agenda to complain about her flood insurance rate, and ask why her property would be in the worst flood plain rating area. Ms. Tadej said she would be willing to pay flood insurance on a lower flood plain risk area, but the current rate of \$1345 per year is too much for her.

President Wilkey responded that the Village had applied for a grant to try and get homes out of the flood plain, but didn't receive the grant. When he suggested hiring an engineer to help, Ms. Tadej said she had already done that, with the result being that her property is inches within the flood plain. Engineer Hansen said about all that could be done is a re-study of the area.

The annual membership for the Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council was presented for approval. The invoice was for \$8,726.00, or \$2.00 per capita.

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¹ A motion was made by Kester and seconded by Anderson to approve the annual membership to GLCEDC for \$8,726.00. Roll call was as follows: Dougherty-no; Eggenberger-aye; Anderson-aye; Kinkade-aye; Kester-aye. Motion carried, 4 – 1.

A Services Committee meeting was set for Monday, January 21, 2013 at 5:30 p.m., and an Ordinance Committee meeting was set for 6:00 p.m. on that same day.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Kester and seconded by Dougherty. All voted aye by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

APPROVED:

Bill Wilkey, Village President

ATTEST:

Patricia E. Drechsel, Village Clerk

¹ The invoice presented by GLCEDC used the incorrect population of 4363 for the Village of Dwight. The correct population should be 4260, thereby making the invoice amount \$8,520.00.