

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, October 14, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting being called to order by President Jared Anderson. Roll call was as follows:

Present:

Jared Anderson	President
Nick Kester	Trustee
Tim Dougherty	"
Jerry Curtis	"
Randy Irvin	"
Justin Eggenberger	"
Marla Kinkade	"

Other Village officials in attendance were Village Administrator Kevin McNamara, EMS Director Al Metzke, Police Chief Tim Henson, Public Works Director David Bozarth, Village Attorney Gary Neville, and Village Engineer Ryan Hanson.

President Anderson led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Curtis and seconded by Dougherty to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2013 regular Village Board meeting. Roll call was as follows: Kester-aye; Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

The bills were presented for payment from the various funds in the amount of \$94,558.48. A motion was made by Kinkade and seconded by Curtis to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call was as follows: Kinkade-aye; Kester-aye; Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

In Public Forum, Bob DeMarse, owner of property at 123 W. Seminole St., Dwight, was in attendance to give the Village Board an update on the progress of the house restoration. DeMarse said he was out of state for a few weeks and hasn't been able to work on it and meet the October 1st deadline for completion that was given to him. Trustee Curtis voiced concern over the basement hole and asked when that will be filled in. DeMarse said he will be working on the house this week and hopes to lay block for the basement before winter.

President Anderson said the open hole is a safety issue. He told DeMarse to notify the Village when it is done. The Village will reassess the issue on December 1, 2013.

President Anderson said the high speed rail fence installation is about three (3) weeks away from completion. He noted there is one (1) property issue that is trying to be resolved.

Anderson also said there was someone interested in applying for a CDAP loan. He advised them to fill out an application.

Administrator McNamara said there had been a meeting with the railroad people on October 9th. Public Works Director Bozarth reported he had attended the meeting and indicated there will be another meeting with them November 6, 2013. Bozarth informed the Village Board that June 2014 is when the bids for intersection work at Prairie Ave. and Chippewa St., and Mazon Ave. and Franklin St. will be let. Work is to begin in August 2014. Bozarth said that the Harvest Days Committee needs to be informed. President Anderson said he had already talked to Jerry Beier, Harvest Days Chairman.

Engineer Hanson said the Village should have construction plans in a week or so. The plans are supposed to be seventy percent (70%) complete.

McNamara reminded the Board of the Plan Commission meeting that is set for tomorrow night, Tuesday, October 15, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

Chief Henson reported on the following:

- Criminal damage that had been done at the school has been taken care of;
- Homecoming activities went well – Henson complimented the students;
- A Liquor Commission meeting needs to be set so that he can provide updated reports on the liquor establishments.

Trustee Kester read the minutes of the October 7, 2013 Services Committee. Agenda items were: RFP for Ambulance Service; 2003 International Ambulance Replacement; EMS Call Statistics; Part-time Police Officers; Squad Car Replacement; Pro-Active Agreement; and Chief's Report.

A motion was made by Curtis and seconded by Irvin to approve the Request For Proposal for EMS personnel as provided by EMS Director Alan Metzke. Roll call was as follows: Kester-aye; Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

A motion was made by Kinkade and seconded by Irvin to proceed with testing, background checks, and interviews for the part-time police officer position. Roll call was as follows: Kester-aye; Dougherty-no; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 1.

A motion was made by Irvin and seconded by Curtis to approve the purchase of a 2014 Ford Utility Police Interceptor from DeLong Ford-Mercury Inc., Dwight, IL, along with trading in one of the older squad cars, which will be at Chief Henson's discretion. Roll call was as follows: Kester-aye; Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

The Plan Commission recommendation for a Special Use for 118 E. Main St., Dwight was next under Old Business. Trustee Irvin said that he and some other Trustees, along with Chief Henson did a walk-through of the second floor of this building where the requested apartments are supposed to go, and said he still felt there was a safety hazard concerning fire escape issues. Irvin didn't think the Special Use should be granted unless a back stairwell was constructed.

A motion was made by Curtis and seconded by Irvin to approve the Plan Commission recommendation for a Special Use Permit submitted by John T. Moyemont for 118 E. Main St., Dwight, IL, allowing dwelling units on the second floor of the building, contingent upon a second interior, rear stairway being constructed. The approval is further contingent upon plans for the stairway construction being submitted to the Village Board for review. Roll call was as follows: Kester-aye; Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

In new business, the Village Board discussed the setting of Trick or Treat hours for October 31, 2013. Trustee Irvin said he had talked to a lot of people who would like to see the hours extended beyond the 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. time. President Anderson said part of the reason for the earlier hours was due to safety concerns for the children. He had looked at a federal study that indicated the chances double for children getting hurt after dark. Other Trustees pointed out that it's dark by 6:00 p.m. already.

A motion was made by Kester and seconded by Curtis to set the following Trick or Treat hours: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2013. Roll call was as follows: Kester-aye; Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

Next on the agenda was setting dates for free leaf pickup.

A motion was made by Kester and seconded by Dougherty to provide free leaf pickup in the Village of Dwight for the last three (3) Mondays in November, the 11th, 18th, and 25th. Roll call was as follows: Kester-aye; Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

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Trustee Curtis said he and Administrator McNamara had received an email from Daryl Holt asking why there is no parking allowed in the Central Business District overnight. Mr. Holt owns property in the business district that has apartments on the second floor. Curtis said he will put the item on the agenda of a future Ordinance Committee meeting.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Kinkade and seconded by Irvin. All voted aye by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jared Anderson, Village President

ATTEST:

Patricia E. Drechsel, Village Clerk