

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, June 23, 2014 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
Tim Dougherty	Trustee
Jerry Curtis	"
Randy Irvin	"
Marla Kinkade	"

Absent:

Justin Eggenberger	Trustee
Nick Kester	"

Other Village officials in attendance were Administrator Kevin McNamara, Public Works Director David Bozarth, EMS Director Al Metzke, and Village Attorney Gary Neville.

President Anderson led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Donna Denker and Kelli Denker who lost their lives in a shooting at their home at 200 W. North St. on Saturday, June 14th.

A motion was made by Curtis and seconded by Kinkade to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2014 regular Village Board meeting. Roll call was as follows: Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 4 – 0.

The bills were presented for payment from the various funds in the amount of \$65,146.22. A motion was made by Irvin and seconded by Kinkade to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call was as follows: Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 4 – 0.

In public forum, Tom Tock, 410 W. Delaware St., Dwight, asked what the Village Board members thought about a letter and article he had given them regarding Gooseberry Creek, as he thinks the current plan and route out to Lions Lake should be abandoned and the grant money that has been received returned.

President Anderson responded that, once completed, the current route out to Lions Lake will be a nice looking and safe route. He also said that if we start giving grant money back to the State, the Village probably would not receive another grant.

In President Anderson’s report, he asked that thoughts and prayers continue for the Denker family. He said the police agencies are following up on leads and continuing to conduct interviews. The Illinois State Police are heading up the investigation, with several area agencies providing help and support.

Administrator McNamara reported:

- Last Tuesday, June 17th, he and Trustee Kinkade attended a High Speed Rail informational meeting in Pontiac. No new information was given;
- Braniff Communications requested a J.U.L.I.E. locate for the new siren by Stevenson Pool, so work is expected to begin soon;
- A picture of one of the old gas pumps at Ambler’s Texaco Station is in the recent issue of Midwest Living Magazine. The Welcome Station is referenced in the article that accompanies the pictures of several Old Rt. 66 stops.

EMS Director Metzke reported:

- Articles on the EMS department continue in The Paper. Coverage of Camp 911 will be in this week;
- Commended the police and EMS personnel who handled the call at the Denker residence. Also commented that the people of Dwight are going about their daily lives and not surrendering to fear brought about by this tragic incident. He thought it was a good reflection on our Village.

Trustee Irvin wanted to remind citizens to sign up for the Code Red alert, as many did not receive the call regarding the shooting.

In new business, the Public Services Complex had water leakage problems in the east basement area again after the recent heavy rains. Trustee Curtis suggested this issue be put on the agenda for a Properties Committee meeting.

In other new business, Grundy County Crimestoppers is seeking information regarding the double homicide that occurred here on June 14th, and offering a reward up to \$5,000.00 “for information which leads to the arrest and filing of criminal charges on the crime”. President Anderson suggested that the Village of Dwight match the \$5,000.00 to increase the reward in hopes of resolving this crime.

A motion was made by Curtis and seconded by Kinkade to set aside up to \$5,000.00 in the Village of Dwight’s Crime Tip Hot Line reward fund for information which leads to the arrest and filing of criminal charges in the homicides of Donna Denker and Kelli Denker. Roll call was as follows: Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 4 – 0.

A motion to enter into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) “the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity” was made by Kinkade and seconded by Irvin. Roll call was as follows: Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 4 – 0.

The Village Board entered into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m.

The Village Board came back into open session at 7:11 p.m.

A motion was made by Irvin and seconded by Curtis to approve the Executive Session minutes of June 9, 2014 as submitted by Village Clerk Drechsel. Roll call was as follows: Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 4 – 0.

A motion was made by Kinkade and seconded by Curtis to approve the following disciplinary actions against Canine Officer Watson McKee:

1. See a doctor chosen by the Village of Dwight prior to taking a physical agility test (as stated in action #2) to receive a second approval to return to work;
2. Must pass the State of Illinois physical agility test for law enforcement officers;
3. May return to work on September 19, 2014, as long as the State of Illinois re-issues his driver’s license;
4. Any future violation of any Village of Dwight code of ethics will result in immediate termination of employment;
5. Help develop and participate in programs to local and area schools about the consequences of drinking and driving. There should be a minimum of ten (10) programs within the next five (5) years;
6. Participate in periodic and unscheduled alcohol and drug testing beginning September 19, 2014 through September 19, 2016.

Roll call was as follows: Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 4 – 0.

Trustee Irvin noted that the participation in programs to local and area schools would be in addition to the court ordered community work hours McKee needs to serve.

President Anderson asked the members of the Properties Committee to set up a meeting to discuss the Public Services Complex drainage issue and other matters that may be pending.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Kinkade and seconded by Curtis. All voted aye by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jared Anderson, Village President

ATTEST:

Patricia E. Drechsel, Village Clerk