

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, November 24, 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
Justin Eggenberger	"
Marla Kinkade	"
Jerry Curtis	"
Randy Irvin	"

Absent:

Nick Kester	Trustee
Tim Dougherty	"

Other Village officials in attendance were Administrator Kevin McNamara, Interim Public Works Director Steve Kinkade, Police Chief Tim Henson, EMS Director Al Metzke, and Village Attorney Gary Neville.

President Anderson led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Anderson offered condolences on behalf of the Village of Dwight to Village Clerk Drechsel and family on the loss of her father, William Finn, and also on the loss of her uncle, Melvin Jackman.

A motion was made by Kinkade and seconded by Curtis to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2014 regular Village Board meeting. Roll call was as follows: Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye. Motion carried, 4 – 0.

The bills were presented for payment from the various funds in the amount of \$167,588.82. A motion was made by Curtis and seconded by Kinkade to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call was as follows: Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye. Motion carried, 4 – 0.

In public forum, Janice Lauritzen, Director of Dwight Economic Alliance, informed the Board that November 29th is Small Business Saturday and encouraged all to support the small businesses in town this weekend and all year long. Nineteen Dwight businesses will be offering specials and in-store raffles.

President Anderson's report:

- Also encouraged residents to shop in town this weekend;
- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travel;
- Met with Chinese delegation from Shenzhen that was recently in Dwight to learn more about the many layers of government in the United States.

Administrator McNamara's report:

- The Safe Routes to School grant request that would've funded the installation of sidewalks along Philmar St., Chicago St., and Wilmac St. was denied. Another request will be submitted when grant applications open again;
- Noted that the \$632,000 tax levy request on tonight's agenda has remained the same for the past six (6) years;
- The electronic recycling event was successful. Interim Public Works Director Kinkade said it went very well and was very orderly;
- In a related matter, discarded T.V.'s will no longer be picked up by the Village, as there will be a charge by the recycling company for disposing of them next time.

EMS Director Metzke's report:

- There is an addendum to the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS). This Addendum updates the Master Agreement to comply with FEMA requirements. McNamara would like to have a Services Committee meeting before the next Village Board meeting to discuss the Addendum, or else he would put it on the agenda for the next Village Board meeting;

- Code Red, an emergency phone alert system, is up for renewal. Metzke said he has a problem with their call-out time, which was forty (40) minutes from start to finish when the system was last used. Code Red is also doubling their renewal price.

President Anderson asked the EMS department and Police department to research other options beside Code Red and find the best way to serve the community.

Chief Henson's report:

- He was notified that part-time officers Graham Haley and Chad Brown had passed their training and State certification exam, and will be graduating from the academy in Springfield on Thursday, December 4, 2014;
- Centru Bank in Dwight was robbed on Thursday, November 20th. No weapon was displayed, but a substantial amount of money was taken;
- A steering committee has been formed in conjunction with Dwight High School and the Institute for Human Resources to educate high school students and the community on the dangers of the misuse of prescription drugs;
- The Police Department has warrants on three (3) juveniles regarding the break-ins of vehicles and homes;
- Commended Interim Public Works Director Kinkade for doing a good job, saying there was a noticeable difference in town.

Tax Levy Ordinance No. 1349 was presented, showing the amount of revenue to be collected from corporate taxes for fiscal year 2015 to be levied at Six Hundred Thirty-two Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$632,000.00).

A motion was made by Curtis and seconded by Kinkade to pass Ordinance No. 1349, "Tax Levy", in the amount of \$632,000.00 for fiscal year 2015. Roll call was as follows: Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye. Motion carried, 4 – 0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1349 IS ON FILE IN THE VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE

McNamara noted that the Equalized Assessed Valuation for the Village of Dwight went down, therefore, the percentage of corporate taxes paid by Dwight residents will increase due to the drop in land value.

Ordinance No. 1350 entitled "An Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2014 to pay the principal of and interest on \$1,840,000 General Obligation Waterworks Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2010, of the Village of Dwight, Livingston and Grundy Counties, Illinois" was presented.

A motion was made by Curtis and seconded by Kinkade to pass Ordinance No. 1350 as stated above, abating the sum of \$343,140.00 for the year 2014. Roll call was as follows: Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye. Motion carried, 4 – 0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1350 IS ON FILE IN THE VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE

Ordinance No. 1351 entitled "An Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2014 to pay the principal of and interest on \$630,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2009, of the Village of Dwight, Livingston and Grundy Counties, Illinois" was presented.

A motion was made by Kinkade and seconded by Curtis to pass Ordinance No. 1351 as stated above, abating the sum of \$66,852.50 for the year 2014. Roll call was as follows: Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye. Motion carried, 4 – 0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1351 IS ON FILE IN THE VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE

The Services Committee meeting scheduled for tonight at 5:30 p.m. was canceled, therefore there was no committee report.

November 24, 2014

In old business, President Anderson read a memo from Administrator McNamara regarding the hiring of a full time Public Works employee. In it, McNamara states that part-time Public Works employee Joe Fritsch was interviewed by President Anderson, McNamara, and Interim Public Works Director Kinkade. McNamara recommended hiring Fritsch. His memo also stated that his intent is to next hire a Public Works Director, with all Trustees sitting in on the interviews. McNamara plans on scheduling these interviews in December.

McNamara said Fritsch would be paid out of the Parks Department just as the employee who he would be replacing (Don Matzen) was paid.

A motion was made by Irvin and seconded by Curtis to hire Joe Fritsch as a General Maintenance II worker at Step A, with a starting salary of \$34,621 per year, contingent on his passing the required physical exam and drug screen. Roll call was as follows: Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye. Motion carried, 4 – 0.

An application for Special Use was presented from Dwight First Baptist Church and Academy. The Special Use is requested for 401 N. Clinton St., Dwight, IL to construct a one hundred, five foot (105') radio tower and a small building to house a transmitter and associated items.

A motion was made by Kinkade and seconded by Irvin to refer the above stated Special Use request on to the Dwight Plan Commission. Roll call was as follows: Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye. Motion carried, 4 – 0.

President Anderson informed the Board members that he had approved temporary road closures for around the downtown area for the annual Christmas Parade to be held on Friday, December 5, 2014.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Irvin and seconded by Eggenberger. All voted aye by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jared Anderson, Village President

ATTEST:

Patricia E. Drechsel, Village Clerk