

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, March 23, 2015 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 Administrator Kevin McNamara, Village Attorney Gary Neville, Interim Public Works Director Kinkade, and Police Chief Tim Henson.

The meeting began with a Public Hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Budget.

Christian Kobel of Dwight commented on the concern he has with the possibility of Dwight moving forward with costly swimming pool improvements when the Village’s infrastructure has so many problems. He would like to see the Village Board look into improving streets and sidewalks in town as a way of attracting new residents, instead of building a new pool. He questioned the Village’s priorities.

Administrator McNamara noted that the Village will not be taking action on major pool improvements any time soon, as the Village needs to address other projects and concerns. With some loss in Village sales tax, the closing of Dwight Correctional Center, and possible loss of income tax revenue from the State of Illinois, the Village will re-evaluate revenues and expenses this fall to determine what improvements can be made.

McNamara then presented the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2016, stating the \$11.5 million dollar budget, for which \$3.6 million dollars is for the General Fund, is a plan for the day to day operation of the Village. McNamara said the proposed budget reflects “the continued uncertainty of revenue from various sources including State Income Tax revenue, Local Use Tax revenue and local Sales Tax Revenue”. Increases in revenue include: \$100/call increase in ambulance user fees; 4.5% increase in property taxes; 5% increase in water/sewer sales. The budget also reflects a 2.25% pay increase for Public Works employees, per contract; a 2.5% pay increase for police officers, per contract; and a 2.5% pay increase for the eight non-union Village employees.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:47 p.m.

The Village Board then continued with their regularly scheduled meeting.

Village President Anderson led everyone in the Pledge of Alligiance.

A motion was made by Kinkade and seconded by Kester to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2015 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 \$116,092.30. A motion was made by Curtis and seconded by Kester to pay the bills as submitted. 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 Curtis and seconded by Dougherty to approve the February 2015 Treasurer’s Report as submitted by Village Treasurer, Diane Jensen, showing a balance in all accounts of \$2,103,739.99. Roll call was as follows: Kester-aye; Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

In a memo from Comptroller Drechsel, approval of the following fund transfers was requested:

\$40,215.78 from the Commercial Rehab Fund (18) to the General Fund (01) for the purpose of discontinuing the Commercial Rehab Fund.

\$13,304.70 from the General Fund (01) to the Reserve for Capital Expenditure Fund (38) for the purpose of:

- covering \$4,750.00 Stryker invoice on cot upgrades;
- covering \$1,401.60 Physio-Control invoice for LifePak equipment;
- covering \$3,722.00 Spring Grove Nursery invoice for new trees;
- covering \$848.00 Christopher Burke Engineering invoice for downtown survey;
- covering \$2,583.10 Ragan Communications invoice for changing out radios from old to new ambulance & installing antennae.

A motion was made by Irvin and seconded by Kinkade to approve the transfer of \$40,215.78 from the Commercial Rehab Fund to the General Fund. 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 Irvin and seconded by Dougherty to approve the transfer of \$13,304.70 from the General Fund to the Reserve for Capital Expenditures Fund. Roll call was as follows: Kester-aye; Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

No one spoke in Public Forum.

A motion was made by Kester and seconded by Kinkade to pass Ordinance No. 1354, “An Ordinance Amending the FY 2014/2015 Budget”. Roll call was as follows: Kester-aye; Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1354 IS ON FILE IN THE VILLAGE CLERK’S OFFICE

A motion was made by Irvin and seconded by Curtis to pass Ordinance No. 1355, “An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget” for Fiscal Year 2016. 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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President Anderson reported on the following:

- A letter received from Illinois Municipal League Executive Director, Brad Cole, said that 3500 signatures opposing a reduction in the Local Governmental Distributive Fund had been received;
- Thanked everyone involved in the success of the **Dwight Economic Alliance** dinner/auction that was held March 27th, including Trustee Irvin;
- State Representative Tom Bennett may be coming to Dwight soon to spend a few hours around town.

Administrator McNamara reported:

- The Village of Dwight and D.E.A. will be sponsoring an electronic recycling event on Saturday, April 18th in the downtown area;
- Free yard waste pickup will by April 27th;
- The Village has had fifteen requests for proposals on the new High Speed Rail Depot project. Bid opening will be April 6th at 11:00 a.m.

Tom Vana of Kurtz Ambulance Service reported that Kurtz and the Village had completed year one of their five year contract, and said there would only be a 3.6% increase for year two. Their employees will be receiving a 2% wage increase; there is no out-of-pocket for employees on health insurance; and Kurtz is increasing their share of employees’ retirement fund.

President Anderson thanked Kurtz Ambulance for helping out with an extra ambulance when needed.

Administrator McNamara commented that the Village of Dwight's health insurance premiums with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois decreased this year.

The Plan Commission recommendations from their March 17, 2015 meeting were next on the agenda. Their recommendations are as follows:

PLAN COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING #1: TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE DWIGHT ZONING ORDINANCE, SECTION 4.16 "REGULATION OF ANTENNAE, RADIO TOWERS, AND WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS".

It is the recommendation of the Plan Commission to the Dwight Village Board of Trustees to approve changes in the Dwight Zoning Ordinance, Section 4.16, as it relates to "Dish Antennae" and "Other Television or Radio Towers or Antennae" in sub-sections one and two. The Plan Commission further recommends that sub-section three, relating to "Wind Energy Conversion Systems" not being permitted in the Village, be sent back to the Ordinance Committee of the Dwight Village Board for further study and review. The Plan Commission recommends not banning the Wind Energy Conversion Systems totally, but allowing them with appropriate limitations, such as height limitations, side yard distances, noise levels, etc.

PLAN COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING #2: ANNEX APPROXIMATELY 2.5 ACRES OF PROPERTY LYING WITHIN AND ADJACENT TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF DWIGHT INDUSTRIAL PARK SUBDIVISION. THE PROPERTY WOULD BE ZONED B-2, SERVICE BUSINESS DISTRICT.

It is the recommendation of the Plan Commission to the Dwight Village Board of Trustees to approve annexation of the 2.5 acres property as submitted.

A motion was made by Kinkade and seconded by Curtis to accept the Plan Commission recommendation on amending the Dwight Zoning Ordinance Chapter 4.16 as it relates to "Dish Antennae" and "Other Television or Radio Towers or Antennae" in sub-sections one and two. Roll call was as follows: Kester-aye; Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

The Ordinance Committee will re-evaluate the section relating to Wind Energy Conversion Systems, taking into consideration the Plan Commission's recommendations.

A motion was made by Kester and seconded by Eggenberger to accept the Plan Commission recommendation on the annexation of 2.5 acres in the Dwight Industrial Park Subdivision. Roll call was as follows: Kester-aye; Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

Chief Henson reported he had contacted schools in the area that have intergovernmental agreements with their towns, and received copies of three different agreements. Henson said Detective Beier, who is the liaison officer for both the grade school and high school, prepared a breakdown of the hours he spends at both schools. His hours have decreased because of his Detective duties. Village officials will meet with Dr. Richard Jancek, Superintendent of Dwight Schools, to come up with an intergovernmental agreement.

Anderson reported the Administration Committee meetings of March 12th and March 18th were to discuss the 2016 Fiscal Year Budget.

President Anderson informed the Board that interviews had been conducted with Steve Kinkade and David "Poke" DeLong for the Public Works Director position. The recommendation is to hire Steve Kinkade as the new Public Works Director to replace Dave Bozarth who retired last year. His salary would be at Step C, \$62,000.00.

A motion was made by Dougherty and seconded by Eggenberger to approve the

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appointment of Steve Kinkade as Public Works Director at a salary of \$62,000.00, Step C. Roll call was as follows: Kester-aye; Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

President Anderson asked Kinkade to review some of the applications that had been received a few months ago for another Public Works employee, so that interviews could be scheduled. Trustee Irvin said he would like to have another ad put out again for the position since it has been so long since we received the other applications. He said there may be another applicant out there who is better qualified than those the Village already has on file. Trustee Eggenberger suggested having Kinkade take a look at the applications on hand first before doing anything else.

In new business, an application to solicit door-to-door in the Village was received from Danny Eddington, representing Three Rivers Baptist Association. The solicitation would be a “religious survey – demographics”.

A motion was made by Kinkade and seconded by Curtis to approve the solicitation request from Danny Eddington as submitted. Roll call was as follows: Kester-no; Dougherty-no; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 4 – 2.

The Village Board received a letter of request from the Dwight Lions Club to use Renfrew Park and the East and West Shelters at the park for their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Kester and seconded by Dougherty to approve the Dwight Lions Club request to use Renfrew Park and shelters as submitted. Roll call was as follows: Kester-aye; Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

A request was also received from Dwight High School’s FCCLA to conduct a 5K and Fun Run on selected Village streets on Saturday, May 2, 2015 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Kester and seconded by Kinkade to approve the request for FCCLA’s 5K and Fun Run as submitted. Roll call was as follows: Kester-aye; Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

John Clausen, Village Electrical Inspector, will be retiring. President Anderson publicly thanked Mr. Clausen for his many years of service to the Village.

Anderson then requested that Michael Gerber be appointed as the new Village Electrical Inspector with an annual salary of \$3,000.00, plus residential inspections at \$25.00/inspection, and commercial inspections at \$30.00/inspection.

A motion was made by Irvin and seconded by Dougherty to approve the appointment of Michael Gerber as the Village Electrical Inspector with the compensation as stated above. Roll call was as follows: Kester-aye; Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

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 7:22 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jared E. Anderson, Village President

ATTEST:

Patricia E. Drechsel, Village Clerk