

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, November 23, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting being called to order by President Jared Anderson.

The first order of business was to swear in newly appointed Village Trustee Jennifer Johnson. President Anderson administered the oath of office to Mrs. Johnson.

Roll call was as follows:

Present:

Jared Anderson	President
Randy Irvin	Trustee
Justin Eggenberger	"
Marla Kinkade	"
Jenny Johnson	"
Jerry Curtis	"
Jim Mixen	"

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

President Anderson led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Kinkade and seconded by Curtis to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2015 regular Village Board meeting. Roll call was as follows: Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye; Johnson-aye; Curtis-aye; Mixen-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

The bills were presented for payment from the various funds in the amount of \$54,601.73. A motion was made by Curtis and seconded by Kinkade to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call was as follows: Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye; Johnson-aye; Curtis-aye; Mixen-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

A motion was made by Mixen and seconded by Kinkade to approve the September 2015 Treasurer's Report as submitted by Village Treasurer, Diane Jensen, showing a balance in all accounts of \$1,912,230.24. Roll call was as follows: Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye; Johnson-aye; Curtis-aye; Mixen-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

In Public Forum, Barb Christensen asked about the payments being made to Vissering Construction for the high speed rail depot. She thought the State of Illinois was supposed to be paying for it. Christensen was upset by the amount of money being spent by the Village.

President Anderson responded that the Village of Dwight has to pay Vissering Construction upfront, then the Village submits proof of payment to a federal review committee since the money is federal funds being funneled through the State of Illinois Department of Transportation. Once payments are approved, the Village of Dwight will be reimbursed.

Al Metzke said someone had complained to the Mayor about a light Metzke had installed on his home on Renfrew St. Metzke said it's not a very bright light, and he installed it because of vandalism they have been experiencing around their home. Metzke spoke to his neighbors, but he hasn't found out who complained. Metzke would appreciate people coming to him first about an issue.

President Anderson reported:

- Dwight's Christmas Parade is Dec. 4th. If any Trustees are riding in the parade they need to contact Janice Lauritzen at D.E.A. soon;
- Breakfast with Santa is December 5th;
- There will be a number of decorated Christmas trees in the downtown area this weekend that people can purchase;
- Thanks to Public Works for the past weekend's snow removal effort.

Public Works Director Kinkade reminded everyone that if there is more than two inches (2") of snow, like this past weekend, they need to get their vehicles off the streets.

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President Anderson read the recommendation from the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting of November 17, 2015.

PUBLIC HEARING: TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A ZONING VARIANCE BY JENNIFER IRVIN TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESSORY BUILDING AT 316 LINDEN ST, DWIGHT, IL: (1) TO ALLOW IN A SIDE YARD; (2) TO REDUCE THE SIDE YARD TO FIVE AND A HALF FEET (5.5') INSTEAD OF THE REQUIRED TEN FEET (10'); (3) TO ALLOW THE ACCESSORY BUILDING TO BE LOCATED FIVE AND A HALF FEET (5.5') FROM THE RESIDENCE INSTEAD OF THE REQUIRED MINIMUM OF TEN FEET (10').

It is the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals to the Dwight Village Board of Trustees to approve the application for three variances filed by Jennifer Irvin to allow construction of an accessory building in a side yard, to reduce the side yard requirement in an R-1 Zoning District from ten feet (10') to five and a half feet (5.5'), and to allow the accessory building to be located five and a half feet (5.5') from the residence instead of the required minimum of ten feet (10') at 316 Linden Street, Dwight, IL.

Trustee Curtis explained he had an issue with three separate variances for one building.

Trustee Irvin stated he is looking to match the building to the house. He has talked to the three (3) neighbors that touch his property and all are okay with the variance.

Trustee Kinkade inquired whether a motion could be reworded to say no future owner could put in a driveway to the proposed building. Attorney Neville stated no variance or even permit is required for driveways so the Village would not know if a drive was added. He believes a stipulation could be added that no driveway be placed to the building.

Trustee Mixen stated people in the subdivision on the north side just jump the curb to go to the back. A motion was made by Mixen and seconded by Eggenberger to accept the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation as stated. Roll call was as follows: Irvin-abstain; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye; Johnson-aye; Curtis-no; Mixen-aye. Motion carried, 4-1-1 abstention.

In old business McNamara presented a Google Earth picture from Wayne Haley for his property at 505 N. Clinton Street. He stated Mr. Haley couldn't be in attendance tonight as he was working. The elevations listed were off the Google Earth map which is what Haley submitted to IDNR for their application.

Engineer Hansen stated the Village Board asked for a survey along with several requirements and this rendering does not provide the information the Board asked for at its August meeting. McNamara stated Mr. Haley asked why the Village of Dwight won't accept the Google Earth picture if the State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources accepted the picture and said it was okay. Trustee Irvin responded it was not what the Board requested.

A motion was made by Mixen and seconded by Irvin to not accept the rendering submitted by Mr. Haley, as it was not what the Village Board requested from him. Roll call was as follows: Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye; Johnson-abstain; Curtis-aye; Mixen-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0 – 1 abstention.

President Anderson read a letter from the Fox Development Center requesting two (2) additional handicap parking spaces across from the Administration building on the east side of West Main Street. McNamara stated there are currently three (3) designated handicap spaces but he was told Fox currently has five (5) employees who need the spaces.

Trustee Irvin questioned whether adding these spaces would affect the IDOT High Speed Rail crossing configuration and was informed by Engineer Hansen that it would not.

Trustee Mixen stated people are currently using the three (3) designated spaces but do not have handicapped stickers.

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A motion was made by Irvin and seconded by Curtis to approve adding two (2) additional handicap parking spaces on West Main Street. Roll call was as follows: Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye; Johnson-aye; Curtis-aye; Mixen-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

President Anderson read a memo from the Rent Subsidy Committee regarding the request for participation from Mary Boma doing business as Franklin Corner, 162 East Main Street.

Upon review of the business plan and financial projection, the Committee recommends that the request for participation in the Rent Subsidy Program be approved. Rent is \$550 per month. Following the established guidelines, the total Village investment before the Gross Receipts reimbursement is \$2,681.25.

Trustee Curtis, a member of the Rent Subsidy Committee as Ordinance Chair, gave a background of the request and stated this was the type of business the program was meant to encourage.

McNamara stated Ms. Boma was unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments.

Trustee Johnson asked whether a lease would follow and was informed yes. Trustee Eggenberger asked what happens if the rent increases. McNamara said there would be no increase in the rent subsidy.

A motion was made by Mixen and seconded by Eggenberger to approve the participation of Mary Boma d/b/a Franklin Corner, 162 E. Main Street in the Rent Subsidy Program. Roll call was as follows: Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-abstain; Johnson-aye; Curtis-aye; Mixen-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0 – 1 abstention.

Vissering Pay Request #3 in the amount of \$251,874.21, dated October 31, 2015, for the High Speed Rail Depot was presented for payment.

A motion was made by Kinkade and seconded by Curtis to approve Vissering Pay Request #3 in the amount of \$251,874.21. Roll call was as follows: Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye; Johnson-aye; Curtis-aye; Mixen-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mixen and seconded by Kinkade. All voted aye by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jared Anderson, Village President

ATTEST:

Patricia E. Drechsel, Village Clerk