

Public Services Complex, 209 S. Prairie Ave., Dwight, Illinois

March 28, 2016

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 6:35 p.m. with the meeting being called to order by President Jared Anderson.

Roll call was as follows:

Present:

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

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

President Anderson led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President began the Public Hearing with respect to the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing April 1, 2016 and ending March 31, 2017. Notice of the hearing was published in the February 10, 2016 edition of The Paper.

Administrator McNamara stated the proposed FY 17 Village budget was \$9.9 million dollar budget, \$3 million of which is for the General Fund, and is the revenue and expense plan providing for the day-to day operations of Village government. Employee wise the budget reflects a 2.5% pay increase for Public Works employees per Year 3 of their contract. It reflects a 2.0% increase for Police Officers who are in year one of their contract and also a 2.5% pay increase for the eight non-union Village employees.

McNamara stated as per Village Ordinance, the Water and Sewer Fund Sales Fees increase 5% every April 1. The monies generated from this increase help keep those funds solvent. He stated obtaining a \$2 million bond to do some major water line replacement while at the same time installing smart meters in every home and business in the Village is included in the budget.

McNamara continued that due to the overwhelming way in which the non-home rule sales tax referendum was approved the previous week a major bond for street repair, paid for out of these new sales tax funds will be taken out in this fiscal year with the majority of the funds not being received until FY18. \$1 million dollars for repaving roads this year is included and a new Road Repair Bond Fund is added this year to the budget.

A transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Outlay Reserve Fund will be needed for General Fund-Capital Outlay items. The current downtown depot which received an ITEP

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Grant for a rehab will be put out to bid by the Illinois Department of Transportation in April. The Village is responsible for 20% of the cost of this project, or roughly \$78,300.00. Other items included in this fund transfer is an expansion of the Public Works garage with a wash bay so all of our vehicles can be parked inside, computer upgrades throughout all departments including upgrading the current server, tasers, radar units, docking stations and replacement of a squad car.

McNamara concluded with the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Fund. A downtown facade program and monies in reserve to rebuild the streets and sidewalks in the downtown business district is included in this budget.

President Anderson asked all present if they had comments or questions on the proposed budget. There were none.

Mixen made a motion seconded by Kinkade to close the Public Hearing at 6:48pm. All voted aye by voice vote, motion carried.

The Village Board meeting continued with their regular meeting.

\*Trustee Irvin exited the meeting at 6:48 pm.

A motion was made by Kinkade and seconded by Curtis to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2016 regular Village Board meeting. Roll call was as follows: Johnson-aye; Curtis-aye; Mixen-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

The bills were presented for payment from the various funds in the amount of \$53,627.20. A motion was made by Mixen and seconded by Kinkade to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call was as follows: Johnson-aye; Curtis-aye; Mixen-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

\*Trustee Irvin re-entered the meeting at 6:50pm.

In Public Forum there were no comments.

President Anderson:

- Thanked all the voters for their support in approving the sales tax referendum.
- Reminded residents that April 23 is the village-wide clean up with a free electronic recycling event scheduled from 9-noon downtown.
- Asked the Trustees to review the Intergovernmental Agreement with IDOT regarding the Rt. 17 and Chippewa Street railroad crossings.
- Stated the prison property talks were now on hold.

EMS Director Metzke read thank you' s received from Rosella Herb and Riverside Intermediate Care by his Department.

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Chief Henson stated burglaries in both counties of Dwight, rural and local continue. In the past week Victory Lanes was hit and the Illinois State Police and Livingston County Sheriff's Police are assisting with the investigation.

President Anderson read Ordinance 1369, the FY 2016/2017 Budget Ordinance.

Kinkade made a motion, seconded by Curtis to approve the FY 2016/2017 Budget Ordinance as presented. Roll call was as follows: Johnson-aye; Curtis-aye; Mixen-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1369 IS ON FILE IN THE VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE**

President Anderson read a recommendation from the Plan Commission's March 15, 2016 meeting:

**PUBLIC HEARING #1: TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL USE FILED BY ANTHONY DONATO TO BUILD A SOLAR FARM ON PROPERTY LOCATED BETWEEN N 2650 EAST ROAD AND ILLINOIS ROUTE 47, WHICH IS CURRENTLY ZONED I-1 AND CONSISTS OF APPROXIMATELY 20 ACRES LOCATED IMMEDIATELY WEST OF THE R.R. DONNELLEY PLANT.**

It is the unanimous recommendation of the Plan Commission to the Dwight Village Board of Trustees to approve the Special Use permit for Anthony Donato to build a solar farm on 20 acres of property located immediately west of the R.R. Donnelley plant on Route 66.

Anthony Donato, Elwood Park, Illinois, the developer, gave a presentation on the project and was joined by Rob Carlson of Carlson Solar, the licensed solar installer.

Trustee Curtis and Trustee Irvin both questioned the location of the development and the benefit to the community. Trustee Curtis suggested the developer make a donation to the Village from his projected profits. Trustee Mixen stated he felt by approving the Special Use permit the Village was in turn helping R.R. Donnelley who was selling property.

After further discussion on the pros and cons of the development Kinkade made a motion with a second from Mixen to approve the Plan Commission recommendation to award Mr. Donato s Special Use permit for construction of a solar farm on property west of the Donnelley facility. Roll call was as follows: Johnson-aye; Curtis-no; Mixen-aye; Irvin-no; Eggenberger-no; Kinkade-aye; Anderson-yes. Motion carried, 4-3.

Anderson reported that an Administration Committee meeting was held on March 21, 2016. Discussion centered on finalizing the 2017 fiscal year budget after the passage of the sales tax referendum. All Trustees were present.

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A letter from Dale Coughlin of the Dwight Lions Club was read. They are requesting to use the Downtown Park for their annual hearing testing unit on May 19, 2016 from 9am to noon.

Kinkade made a motion, seconded by Irvin to allow the Dwight Lions usage of the Downton Park on May 19, 2016. Roll call was as follows: Johnson-aye; Curtis-aye; Mixen-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye, Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

Vissering Pay Request #7 for \$222,121.55 for the new depot was presented for payment. Eggenberger made a motion with a second by Irvin to approve Vissering Pay Request #7. Roll call was as follows: Johnson-aye; Curtis-aye; Mixen-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye, Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Irvin, seconded by Mixen. All voted aye by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

APPROVED:

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Jared Anderson, Village President

ATTEST:

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Kevin J. McNamara, Acting Village Clerk