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**MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING
OF
THE DWIGHT VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Held in the Public Services Complex
209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight Illinois
February 25, 2019 at 6:30PM**

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30PM and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Marla Kinkade Trustee; Randy Irvin, Trustee; Jenny Johnson, Trustee; Justin Eggenberger, Trustee; Jared Anderson, Village President

ABSENT: Jerry Curtis, Trustee; Jim Mixen, Trustee

Other Village Officials in Attendance: Kevin McNamara, Village Administrator; Jill Haacke, Village Clerk; Tim Henson, Police Chief; Alan Metzke, EMS Director; Steve Kinkade, Public Works Director; Irvin Masching, Village Attorney

The Village Board Minutes from February 11, 2019 were presented for approval. Trustee Kinkade made a motion with a second from Trustee Irvin to approve the minutes as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Payment of the February 25, 2019 bills in the amount of \$121,164.95 were presented for payment from the various funds. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Johnson to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

President Anderson presented the treasurers report for January 2019 submitted by Treasurer Diane Jensen. Trustee Eggenberger made a motion with a second from Trustee Kinkade to approve the January 2019 Treasurers Report as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

Trustee Kinkade made a motion with a second from Trustee Johnson to approve the transfer of \$60,000 from Sewer Fund (52) to the Sewer Reserve Fund (33) for a loan payment and engineering services. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

Trustee Irvin made a motion with a second from Trustee Eggenberger to approve the transfer of \$50,913.51 from Water Fund (51) to Water Capital Projects Fund (32) for FY19 construction projects. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

Trustee Kinkade made a motion with a second from Trustee Johnson to approve the transfer of \$30,143.66 from the Sewer Fund (52) to the Water Fund (51) for the vehicle transfer. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

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PUBLIC FORUM

Julia McDonald, 900 S, Wildwood Avenue, Kankakee, IL., shared her disapproval of the private facility proposal being brought forward by the Immigration Centers of America. There is a facility in the county where she lives that houses immigrants, which she also opposes. She has informed herself on what happens in private facilities and ICE. She asked the board to consider why there is so much opposition to private facilities

Fred Tsao of Chicago is an attorney and Executive Director of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights. He questioned all the benefits that ICA has offered Dwight. Our local unemployment is currently under 5%, there are many job requirements for jobs at these facilities and he questioned if citizens from Dwight would even be qualified. With all the jobs he also inquired if there were enough resources in Dwight to support everyone. He also shared an email between the Mayor and a Livingston County Board member about their disapproval of the facility. He noted there was no provision for the Village to withdraw from the contract with ICA but there was one for ICA. He urged the board to make sure there was accountability from ICA to Dwight.

Egle Malinauskite, Chicago is a DACA recipient and migrant. She took her time in front of the board to read a list of names of detainees that have perished in the custody of ICE.

Conchetta Smart, 216 Brighton Lane, Crete, IL. pointed out to the board that privately-owned prisons in Illinois are illegal. There was a proposal made for a detention facility in Crete, but the trustees listened and informed themselves on CCA's plan and opposed the facility. She stated that these private companies are all about the profit and do not care about the community they are in or the immigrants they house. She urged the board to give the town more time to educate themselves about ICA.

Jose Herrera of Chicago urged the board to look at the decision made by Crete. He questioned what the image and reputation of Dwight would be if this facility came. There was also an organization that had a march from Chicago to Crete to oppose their facility and they would not be afraid to organize another march to Dwight. Jose urged the board to learn more about facilities.

Gabriella Marques-Benitez, 2500 hundred blocks of S. Avery, Chicago, IL. stated she was an Attention Walk organizer. She has firsthand experience with a private facility. Her family was separated, and her father was put into a detention center. Not only is there an impact on the families who have loved ones in the center, but it also impacts the workers and communities. She stated that Dwight's values are better than allowing this facility to be built. ICA has a record of not being humane and they are selling this as a spa and not a prison that it is. Gabriella said that other towns have turned down this facility and Dwight should do the same.

Sonny Garcia, 703 W. Monroe, Bloomington, IL. grew up and has lived in Central Illinois his entire life. He stated he was a paid community organizer and told the board he had to turn people from coming to the meeting today to be respectful of Dwight. He is committed to the long haul of protesting and urged the board to find a better solution.

Douglas Casper of Joliet is trying to understand the immigration issue. This facility will only deal with symptoms of the problem but not fix the entire issue. He believes that all the problems stem from the result of our national policy in Latin America. He blamed our national leaders for creating a policy mess and wondered if there was a better way to deal with this issue.

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Christina Deutch of Bloomington, IL. is an immigrant and she came to America in 1964. When she traveled here there was a much better atmosphere. She believes this issue needs to be solved and the current immigration reform does not work. The process for immigrants now to be heard in court is a horrible process and is hurting many people. There is no control when ICE gets involved and has led to many lost immigrants. She knows many people that are currently going through the immigration system and relayed a story of one.

Tom Cullen of Bloomington is the president of the ACLU chapter in Central Illinois representing McLean, Dewitt, and Livingston counties. He stated that there is some form of immigration in everyone's lineage. As a teacher at Heartland Colleges he stated that this is a moral and liability issue for the community, and we should oppose the facility and ICE. Not only will it affect Dwight, but also the surrounding communities.

Mary Hayes from Peoria, IL. is retired from NASA and her roots are in Central Illinois. She believes this is a moral issue separating immigrant families and putting people in detention centers. She often stops in Dwight at the truck stop and urged the board to invest in something else.

Eddie Breitweiser of Bloomington, IL. thanked the board for welcoming all the visitors and told the board he travels up through Dwight to go fishing and has tried to learn more about the Village. He read his letter that he emailed to the Trustees. He stated that this facility may meet the economic need of the Village but not the moral need. In his letter he said there were 250 alternates to detention centers, and that the ACLU has proposed some ideas as well. He also said it would not immediately financially help Dwight and it is a short term and risky proposal.

Lawrence Mushard of Peoria feels a kinship with Dwight. He was born and raised in Central Illinois and his family has owned a small business in the Peoria area for 120 years. He is personally against the building of the facility and urges the Village not to take the bait of all the new proposed jobs. He requested the Trustees get more information before their official vote.

Adam Heenan of Bloomington was born and raised in Kankakee, for a living he reads contracts. He noted lots of holes and questioned the contract ICA was putting forward. He also said that the property that the facility would go on is very valuable.

Margo Halowicki of Chicago works for Sunrun, a solar and wind company. She asked the board to look into those alternates for the land.

John Delgado of Chicago opposes the facility. He stated he was part of the prison abolition movement. He mentioned his belief of the "despotic tendencies of capitalism". He said that the Government is trying to cover up the national prisoner strikes, and the people of Dwight should look at better opportunities and liberties. He stated, "the system is broken and all it does is prey on the poor and venerable". He urged the board to focus on the economy and a better country.

Raijin Nair of Bloomington is the son of immigrants and a student at Illinois Wesleyan University. He stated that the Pledge of Alliance states, 'liberty and justice for all' and this facility would threaten that. He passes through Dwight a lot on Amtrak and noted that it is a lovely town and thanked the board for allowing everyone to speak.

Joseph Stemmler of St. Louis has worked with detained individuals. He stated that people are dying from the distress of being there and it also affect the guards and community people working in the facility. He had a friend who was deported even though he was one of the hardest individuals that he knew. He warned that once you cross a moral line the effect sticks with people and effects those around them.

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Sarah Breeden of Normal sent an email to the Trustees which she then read. She noted that most of the comments during the Plan Commission meeting were negative. She stated many experts oppose the facility and questioned if the community would even benefit from the facility. She questioned what would happen if the facility would ever close and what the issues would be for the surrounding community. She urged the board to do the right thing and listen to the experts.

Amanda Breeden of Normal stated that ICA's Attorney, Mr. Cortina, does not represent Illinois Wesleyan University. She then continued to read a list of names of detainees that have perished in the custody of ICE.

Natalie Ramirez of Chicago stated that these detention facilities only exist for themselves and they hurt everyone who is a part of it. She questioned the quality of the jobs and commented on the suicide rate for guards is higher than the national average. She stated immigration policy was "another rug for government to hide under". She urged the board to not put Dwight in this part of history and stated the immigrants that come here are only looking for opportunities.

Rachel O'Reilly of Peoria asking the board to see where the items are coming from. Not all countries have the same standard on immigration as the United States and urged the board to think globally. People are just coming here to look for a better life.

Bill Flott, 311 E. Prospect, Dwight, IL. congratulated Randy Irvin for being named Dwight Volunteer of the Year. He noted he taught five of the people sitting at the Village Board desk. He is personally opposed to the detention center and said that Dwight does not need the risk. He also thanked all the nice people that have come to oppose the center.

VILLAGE REPORTS

President Anderson congratulated Randy Irvin for being named Dwight Volunteer of the Year and Cam Klingler, DTHS senior, for ending fifth in state for wrestling.

COMMITTEE MEETING

The Administrative Committee met on February 18, 2019 to discuss the plans for East Main Street and the budget for the upcoming year. Members present were Randy Irvin, Jenny Johnson, Marla Kinkade and Jared Anderson. Other officials present were Kevin McNamara, Austin Haacke, Ryan Hansen, Casey McCollom, Tim Henson, and Steve Kinkade. Village President Jared Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:00PM.

The James Street Sanitary/Storm Sewer plans were reviewed. Storm sewer will be installed on James Street from Old 66 to Clinton picking up Lincoln Street from James to William. Sanitary Sewer will be replaced on James from Old 66 to Lincoln. The IEPA application for a Permit for Construction approval is ready to be submitted. Once approved the permit is good for 18 months. McNamara suggested the project not be put out to bid until the Bennett DCEO grant money is received. The project is ready to go once the money is received.

Hansen and McCollom reviewed the downtown construction plans and answered questions. The plans include new curb and gutter, sidewalks, and concrete pavement. No finishes are included at this time. It was discussed having a base bid which includes all East Main and Franklin from

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Delaware to East Main, with the additional aspects of the project being Alternate Bids. Time Frame for completion was discussed as was staging of the project. The sanitary and storm sewer line from Franklin to the Creek was discussed as was the sanitary sewer which runs down Park Street. There was discussion of having the lines smoke tested, adding a manhole at Chippewa and Park and lining or replacing the Park Street line. There was also discussion on installing a water line in the parkway of East Main from the park south. A line from the park north has already been installed.

The Village will have a meeting for all affected businesses once the bids are received. The Committee also requested cost estimates for the project and the alternates. Anderson asked for a status report on the flood plain study. Hansen said his firm is still working on it.

Finance Director, Austin Haacke, presented the proposed FY20 budget. The General Fund was reviewed by Department. In revenue-The ambulance line item was lowered to reflect increase in Medicare/Medicaid runs which results in lower payments. Due to the uncertain retail climate the Sales tax line item is remaining the same.

Henson and Kinkade explained their requested capital outlay items. Haacke explained currently in the proposed budget there is a \$50,000 surplus with \$200,000 of requests. The Board will discuss these and make recommendations what they would like to be included at their next budget meeting. Provisions/adjustments for the retirement of the Plumbing Inspector and decisions on the EMS Director position are needed. There will also be discussion on other possible revenue sources.

McNamara and Kinkade explained the Water Department vehicle situation. The water operator would prefer either a smaller pick-up truck or van. The Sewer Department had requested a new pick-up in the current fiscal year but then deferred for the new generator. The proposal is to trade the 2019 water department pick-up truck to the sewer department for their 2008 pick-up. Haacke will figure out the fair market value and upon Board approval funds will be transferred.

Haacke explained the Proprietary Fund budgets including water and sewer. In the water fund, budgeted items include and aerator blower for Filter 2 at the filtration plant (\$12,500), roof replacement at well 7 (\$3,600), and at the filtration plant (\$6,300), a tap machine for water taps (\$2,000) and a van to use as a water vehicle in trade for a pick-up truck(\$30,000 minus trade-in).

In the sewer fund, budgeted items include a comminutor core replacement (\$26,500), removal and rebuild the secondary building (\$30,000), repair and reseal the driveway and approaches (\$4,000), and transfer of \$20,000 to the Smart Meter Fund.

The budget Public Hearing will be March 11 with passage of the budget expected at the March 25 meeting. President Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:01 pm. on a motion from Kinkade seconded by Irvin.

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ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

An ordinance was presented by President Anderson to update wording on a current ordinance. This ordinance will amend chapter ten (10), Traffic, of the municipal code of the Village of Dwight. Section One, Article I will be amended to add “Delaware from Gooseberry Creek to Franklin Street.” Section Two, Article V, will add the word “Residential” before public street in the first sentence.

Trustee Kinkade made a motion with a second from Trustee Irvin to approve Resolution 2019-01 as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

ORDINANCE #1416 IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE CLERK

OLD BUSINESS

The Village board was presented with a recommendation from the Plan Commission meeting on February 19, 2019. The recommendation is regarding the petition for annexation, zoning request and annexation agreement from the Immigration Center of America (ICA-Illinois, LLC.) President Anderson asked the Village Trustees to table this recommendation until the March 11, 2019 Regular meeting, that way representatives from ICA can be present to answer questions.

Trustee Kinkade made a motion with a second from Trustee Johnson to table the Plan Commission recommendation from their February 19, 2019 meeting to the Regular Village Board Meeting being held on March 11, 2019. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS

The Albert Tunberg VFW Post 2608 is requesting a Bucket Brigade on May 3rd and 4th from 7AM to 3PM. The money raised will go to support the Poppy Days program.

Trustee Irvin made a motion with a second from Trustee Kinkade to approve the VFW Bucket Brigade as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

Randy Irvin, representing the Dwight Harvest Days Committee is requesting the following street closure for the event being held on September 19, 2019 to September 22, 2019:

- Starting 6AM, September 18th to September 23rd
 - East Chippewa Street from South Prairie Street to Franklin Street.
- Starting 11AM, September 19th to September 23rd
 - South Franklin Street from Route 17 to South Intersection with East Chippewa
- Starting 8PM, September 19th to September 23rd
 - West Main Street upper parking lot
- Starting 3PM September 20th to September 23rd
 - West Main Street from South Prairie to Route 17
- From 6AM to 4PM on September 22nd
 - Route 17 from Clinton Street to Franklin Street, North Franklin 100 & 200 block to east Waupansie
- From 11AM to 3PM on September 22nd
 - Requesting detours be set up at the Old Route 66 and Route 17 and barricade to be placed at Route 17 and Route 47 to west bound traffic.

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Trustee Kinkade made a motion with a second from Trustee Johnson to approve all road closures as presented. Roll call was Eggenberger, aye; Kinkade, aye; Johnson, aye; Irvin, abstain; Anderson, aye. Motion carries, 4-0-1.

The Dwight Harvest Days Committee is requesting permission to allow public drinking on the street during their event, only if that person has the required wristband and is using approved containers. There will be volunteers to monitor those participating. Trustee Kinkade voiced some concern on starting wristbands at noon on Saturday in the vendors area.

Trustee Kinkade made a motion with a second from Trustee Eggenberger to approve the sales of wristbands for public drinking during Harvest Days 2019 on Friday as presented and on Saturday from Noon – 5PM only on Franklin Street from Willy’s Pub to Cherry Red Roasters, opening to the whole event from 5PM – 11PM. Roll call. Irvin, abstain; Eggenberger, aye; Kinkade, aye; Johnson, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carries, 4-0-1.

Randy Wittenberg from Vermillion Valley 911 is offering and implementing NIXLE, a free subscription-based emergency alert system. The Village is currently using Code Red and pay an annual fee. Village residents are encouraged to register for this new service. To register they can go to www.nixle and click “Sign Up”.

Wittenberg gave his annual report. Paul Johnson and Al Metzke currently sit on the board. Tim Henson serves as their alternate. Their Operating budget is \$1.4 million, and they have set up a capital reserve for the first time. For 2019-2020 the Village will contribute \$54,358.00 V Com 911 is always looking to update and get the best equipment to keep the communities safe.

Finding no further business, President Anderson asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Kinkade with a second by Trustee Irvin. All voted aye by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

APPROVED:

Jared Anderson, Village President

ATTEST:

Jill V. Haacke, Village Clerk