

June 8, 2020

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

**Held via Teleconference
Number: 351-999-3046
June 8, 2020 at 6:30PM**

President Anderson called the meeting to order from the Public Services Complex at 6:30PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT: Jerry Curtis, Trustee

Other Village Officials in Attendance: Jill Haacke, Village Clerk; Steve Kinkade, Public Works Director; Irv Masching, Village Attorney; Austin Haacke, Finance Director; Tim Henson, Police Chief; Midge Fogarty of The Paper; Megann Horstead of WCSJ radio.

According to Section 6 of the Executive Order specifically suspends, for the duration of the Gubernational Disaster Proclamation, the Open Meeting Act requirement that public officials be physically present at public meeting. Public bodies are “encouraged” to : (1) postpone consideration of public meetings whenever possible; (2) provide video, audio, and/or telephonic access to meetings to ensure member of the public can monitor the meetings; and (3) update their websites and social media to keep the public apprised of changes to their meeting and of activities related to COVID-19.

The Village Board Minutes May 11, 2020 were presented for approval. Trustee Eggenberger made a motion with a second from Trustee Irvin to approve the minutes as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Payment of the June 8, 2020 bills in the amount of \$68,047.21 were presented for payment from the various funds. Trustee Butterbrodt made a motion, with a second from Trustee Kinkade to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries.

President Anderson presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month of April 2020. Trustee Irvin made a motion with a second from Trustee Eggenberger to approve the April 2020 Treasurer’s report as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries.

PUBLIC FORUM

Midge Fogarty inquired if anything had been decided on the 4th of July celebration. She was directed to contact the Dwight Economic Alliance since they are the committee in charge of the event.

VILLAGE REPORTS

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Jared Anderson thanked the Dwight Historical Society for all their great work celebrating Zip Code Day on June 4, 2020. They sold over 800 shirts. Anderson also informed the board members that Tractor Supply Company is moving along with some renovations to the building.

Village Administrator, Kevin McNamara, informed the board that at their request, the Harvest Day actions items will be pulled from the agenda and presented at the first July meeting. Willy's Pub submitted a sound amplification permit for bingo and a DJ for June 20th, too late for the agenda. The board should also be on the look-out for a Services Committee meeting to discuss the EMS.

McNamara has also been working closely with Finance Director, Austin Haacke, to see how revenues have been looking during the State of Illinois stay at home order. Beginning in April, they are projecting that tax revenues will be down \$20,000 monthly. Irvin inquired how much the Village saved by not opening the pool, and Haacke projected they would save around \$22,000.

McNamara noted that Census 2020 response from Village residents was still behind 2010 numbers and encouraged all residents to go online or call to respond and complete the census. McNamara also stated that the June 22 meeting will continue to be a teleconference meeting due to the 10-person limit restriction.

Tim Henson thanked Sergeant Peters and Kevin McNamara for all their work while he was out. He also informed the board that there will be a Vermillion Valley Crime Stoppers vehicle going around town. They are working on an app that residents can use to text tips.

Deb Karch from Dwight Economic Alliance informed the board that there is a very low amount of homes for sale in Dwight. The DEA has the keys to their new building on Main Street and will be moving in soon. She was also excited and thankful to everyone that worked on the getting the deal with Tractor Supply Company. TSC is currently working on remodeling and plan a September opening.

Karch also commended local facilities and corporate partners for their efforts to contain the cCOVID-19 virus and keep their facilities safe. She also commended the Ahmedi family for moving forward with a major expansion and renovation of their business during the pandemic.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator McNamara presented the shovel ready projects that the Village will be submitting with board approval for the Re-Build Illinois Grant Opportunities. They include new sidewalks around the schools and rebuilt ones throughout the community, Brewster Run culvert upgrades/improvements, and installation of a 16" sewer trunk from Watters Drive to the WWTP. The sewer trunk will need IEPA approval prior to construction. There was no objection from the Board that grant funds should be pursued.

Trustee Butterbrodt made a motion with a second from Trustee Irvin to reappoint Tim Henson to the Vermillion Valley Communications Board. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries.

President Anderson presented the board with the sales tax abatement model agreement for the new business going into the old Shopko Building on Watters Drive; Tractor Supply Company. This agreement would abate one cent of the Village sales tax for ten years. Trustee Kinkade made a motion with a second

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from Trustee Eggenberger to approve the Sales Tax Abatement for Tractor Supply Company. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries.

The Dwight Historical Society Historic is requesting to occupy the entire Historic Train Depot when the Dwight Economic Alliance moves out into their new building. Trustee Butterbrodt made a motion with Trustee Kinkade to approve the request as presented by the Historical Society. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries.

Jason and Crissy Livingston of 316 Wilmac Street have submitted an eight-foot variance request for a garage extension on the west side of the property. Trustee Irvin made a motion with a second from Trustee Butterbrodt to approve sending the variance to the Zoning Board of Appeals for their July 21 meeting. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries.

The Grundy County Economic Development Annual Dues total is \$2,130. Trustee Kinkade made a motion with a second from Trustee Butterbrodt to pay the annual dues to the Grundy Economic County Development on a quarterly basis. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries.

Since it was submitted too late to be on the agenda, President Anderson asked for a tentative approval of the Sound Amplification Request for Willy's Pub on June 20th. There was no objection from the board members.

Finding no further business, President Anderson asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Irvin with a second by Trustee Eggenberger. All voted aye by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:05PM.

APPROVED:

Jared Anderson, Village President

ATTEST:

Jill V. Haacke, Village Clerk