

September 14, 2020

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

**Held via Teleconference
Number: 351-999-3046
September 14, 2020 at 6:30PM**

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

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

Others in Attendance: Jill Haacke, Village Clerk; Irv Masching, Village Attorney; Austin Haacke, Finance Director; Tim Henson, Police Chief; Jane Anderson, DEA; Adam Dontz, GLCEDC; Midge Fogarty, The Paper; Kevin McNamara, Village Administrator; Jim Freeburg.

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 August 24, 2020 were presented for approval. Trustee Eggenberger made a motion with a second from Trustee Johnson to approve the minutes as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 6-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Payment of the September 14, 2020 bills in the amount of \$104,047.22 were presented for payment from the various funds. Trustee Curtis made a motion, with a second from Trustee Irvin to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 6-0.

Trustee Kinkade made a motion with a second from Trustee Eggenberger to approve the August 2020 Treasurer’s Report as submitted by Treasurer Diane Jensen. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 6-0.

Trustee Kinkade made a motion with a second from Trustee Eggenberger to approve the fund transfer of \$475 from Water Fund 51 to Water Bond Fund 41 for the purpose of paying fiscal agent administration fees on the 2016A Waterworks Bond. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 6-0.

Trustee Butterbrodt made a motion with a second from Trustee Eggenberger to approve the fund transfer of \$475 from Referendum Fund 36 to Referendum Bond Fund 47 for the purpose pf paying fiscal agent administration fees on the 2016C Bond. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 6-0.

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Trustee Eggenberger made a motion with a second from Trustee Johnson to approve the fund transfer of \$25,000 from Sewer Fund 52 to Sewer Reserve Fund 33 for the purpose of paying principal and interest on IEPA Loan L17-1046. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 6-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jim Freeburg voiced his concerned about the motors, engines and other car parts sitting around the parking lot of Coleman and Sons business downtown on Route 17. He says it is unsightly and unsafe. President Anderson will address the issue with the owner of Coleman and Sons.

*Trustee Eggenberger left the meeting at 6:38.

Midge Fogarty was wondering where the Village was with the nuisance violations that were sent out in the Spring.

VILLAGE REPORTS

President Anderson reported that TSC opened up on Saturday, September 12th, and would like to welcome them into the community. He also stated that all Village Hall, EMS, Police and Public Works employees are in good health and doing well.

Anderson also congratulated and thanked Public Works Director Steve Kinkade who officially retires September 15 for his thirty years of service to the Village and its residents.

Kevin McNamara informed the board that Grundy County will be holding an electronics recycling event this Saturday, September 19th and residents of Dwight are more than welcome to participate. It will be located at the Animal Control Building on Dupont Road. There is a charge for any Television that is dropped off depending on size.

Nicor Gas is promoting their program to help with energy bills and assistance with utility payments.

SKC Construction began their MFT work of sealing asphalt streets Monday.

Chief Henson sent out an additional 30 letters last week regarding nuisance violations.

Jane Anderson from the Dwight Economic Alliance reported on their wonder donut event with the Donut Foundry this past Saturday. Grand opening for Tractor Supply Company is this Saturday the 19th. Farmers markets will continue through September. The DEA has been hosting a weekly trivia contest on Facebook, and all prizes are local gift cards to help support Dwight businesses.

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Curtis made a motion with a second from Trustee Johnson to approve Ordinance 1446, amending and updating the Sexual Harassment Policy for the Village of Dwight to comply with P.A. 100-0554.

McNamara reminded the elected officials they would need to complete State mandated Sexual Harassment Training by the end of the year. Roll call on Ordinance 1446 followed. All voted aye, motion carries, 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1446 IS ON FILE IN THE VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE

Trustee Irvin made a motion with a second from Trustee Kinkade to approve ordinance 1447, making the Village of Dwight eligible for reimbursement of funds through the Local Coronavirus urgent Remediation Emergency Support Program. Roll call, all voted aye, motion carries, 5-0.

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OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Adam Dontz from the GLCEDC thanked the board for their payment of quarterly dues to the organization. He wanted to inform the board that he sent them an email regarding an event next week at the potential Dwight rail site. He has also been in contact with LSC and Earl McCoy to work with LSC employees on job opportunities in the area. Finally, he has been working with Norfolk Southern and the listing agent of the LSC building to make sure they have an accurate listing and Norfolk will send it out to their clients who may be looking for a building with a rail spur. Mayor Anderson thanked Dontz for all his efforts on behalf of the Village.

Trustee Kinkade made a motion with a second from Trustee Johnson to approve the hiring of Amelia Netherton as a Full Time Basic, Geoffrey Burman as a Part Time Paramedic and Bryan Petersen as a Part Time Paramedic. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

Clerk Haacke reported that election petitions will be available for pick up from the Clerk's office on September 22nd, and the filing deadline is between December 14th and 21st of 2020.

Trustee Irvin inquired on when the flower pots will be returned downtown. He also reported that there will still be a Harvest Day's button this year.

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 Kinkade. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:02PM.

APPROVED:

Jared Anderson, Village President

ATTEST:

Jill V. Haacke, Village Clerk