

September 13, 2021

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

**Held in the Public Services Complex  
209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight Illinois  
September 13, 2021 at 6:30PM**

**PRESENT: Paul Johnson, Village President; Marla Kinkade, Trustee; Jenny Johnson, Trustee; Justin Eggenberger, Trustee; Randy Irvin, Trustee; Pete Meister, Trustee**

**ABSENT: Chuck Butterbrodt, Trustee**

**Other Village Officials in Attendance: Austin Haacke, Finance Director; Jenny Allsworth, EMS Director; Tim Henson, Police Chief; Whitney Scott, Village Clerk**

The Village Board Minutes from August 23, 2021 were presented for approval. Trustee Eggenberger made a motion with a second from Trustee Kinkade to approve the minutes as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Payment of the September 13, 2021 bills in the amount of \$81,202.38 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, 5-0.

Mayor Johnson read a Fund Transfer request of \$44,569.05 from Sewer Fund (52) to the Sewer Replacement Reserve Fund (53) for the purpose of paying an IEPA loan. Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Meister to approve the transfer of funds. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

Mayor Johnson read Fund Transfer request by Finance Director Haacke of \$475.00 from Water Fund (51) to the Water Bond Fund (41) for the purpose of paying fiscal agent fees. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Irvin. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

The August 2021 Treasurer's Report as prepared by Village Treasurer Diane Jenson was presented for approval. The report shows a total balance in all accounts of \$4,760,836.98 as of August 31, 2021. Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Kinkade to accept the August Treasurer's report as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Trustee Irvin, and Harvest Days President, commented that the carnival is getting all moved in and very happy with the green space. They're so excited, they've decided to bring in extra rides.

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### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President Johnson advised that he and Village Administrator Kevin McNamara had recently attended a webinar and are working on a Grant Application for the Downtown Restoration/Improvement Project.

President Johnson also wanted to recognize the efforts of the DTHS Students that worked hard cleaning area highways to commemorate 9/11 and in general for "doing good things".

### **VILLAGE REPORT:**

Sarah Tutterow advised there was nothing to report on behalf of Public Works/Sewer.

Jenny Allsworth reported the 1814 is back from Fraher Ford, but now has wiring issues (may have been hit by lightning) and will need re-wired. Jenny reported that Caleb Kaupp's last day was 9/7 and he had returned all equipment. New EMT Ryan C is currently attending Basic and will be testing on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Jenny also confirmed that all IDPH ambulance inspections were passed. She also noted 9 calls to support Odell and that that Dillon and Sam are currently working on a grant.

Chief Tim Henson reported that the West Waupansie Street stabbing is still being investigated, with one individual charged, but wanted to give a shout out to EMS and FD for their help and support on the scene, especially with the child(ren) until DCFS arrived. Item of note was that there was a discrepancy between the 911 transcript (reported as a stabbing) and the information provided by dispatch (relayed as a "cut arm") which could have put the First Responders in greater danger. Radio transcripts will be reviewed, and the 911 dispatcher and supervisor were notified.

Chief stated the department is ready for Harvest Days and anticipates another great, calm year as the past several years have been – and that he'll be hosting "Let's Make A Deal" from the Main Stage. Chief also wanted to give a shout out to Gary Beier for organizing the clean-up event held on 9/11. Chief also reports that the trainees are progressing well at the academy and anticipate a mid-October graduation date.

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

The Administration & Finance Committee met at 6:30PM at the Public Services Complex on August 31, 2021. *Present were Village President Paul Johnson, Trustees Eggenberger, Irvin, Johnson, Kinkade, Butterbrodt, and Meister. Other Village Officials in Attendance were Austin Haacke, Tim Henson, Kevin McNamara, as well as John Cronin and Randy Bees of North Point Partners and 32 members from the community. The purpose of the meeting was the Proposed 401 W William Town Home Development. Mr. Cronin gave a power point presentation on the project. He stated a study of the Dwight area showed there is a need for moderate income housing. His company is proposing an eight-building town home development of four units each and will be a \$7 million dollar investment. There is no need for a zoning change and no variances are requested. The units will be energy efficient, fully sprinklered and up to all life safety and fire codes. Many questions were asked, and concerns were addressed. President Johnson commented the project meets all Village zoning rules at this time. The meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.*

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**ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 9 Water, of the Municipal Code of the Village of Dwight regarding tenant deposit fees and meter testing fees was reviewed in its entirety. Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Eggenberger to approve the suggested amendments effective October 1, 2021. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

**A Copy of Ordinance No. 1468 is on file in the office of the Village Clerk**

The proposed ordinance to Amend Chapter 22, Streets and Sidewalks, of the Municipal Code of the Village of Dwight regarding curb cut applications and fees was reviewed in its entirety. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Irvin to approve the suggested amendments effective October 1, 2021. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

**A Copy of Ordinance No. 1469 is on file in the office of the Village Clerk**

A Resolution to Approve the Application for Grant Funds from the Illinois Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Program was also reviewed in its entirety. Trustees discussed the benefits of walking and biking to school as opposed to everyone driving. Trustee Eggenberger made a motion, with a second from Trustee Kinkade to approve the resolution. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

**A Copy of Resolution 2021-14 is on file in the office of the Village Clerk**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None to report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Lions Club Bucket Brigade Request for October 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM and October 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the corners of Rt 17 & 47 to raise funds for their sight and hearing programs. Trustee Johnson made a motion, with a second from Trustee Meister to approve the request. Roll call. Trustee Irvin abstained from this vote as a Lion Member, all others voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0-1

Harvest Days Sound Amplification Permit for Thursday September 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM, Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM, Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM, and Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM Sunday September. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Meister to approve the request. Roll call. Trustee Irvin abstained from this vote as Harvest Days President, all others voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0-1.

EMS Director Jenny Allsworth reported the Ambulance Evaluations are being reviewed; it would cost approximately \$130,000.00 to bring the ambulances up to DOT Code compared to approximately \$230,000.00 - \$270,000.00 to purchase a brand-new ambulance. President Johnson discussed the \$7M COVID grant that was recently awarded to Livingston County and advised that it was to be shared among the municipalities throughout the county. It was thought that this would be a great opportunity as Dwight's ambulances are responsible for over one-third of Livingston County and used county-wide if needed. President Johnson will further discuss the application process for funds with Village Administrator Kevin McNamara, as there is a deadline of September 30, 2021.

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**MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Irvin to enter executive session at 7:11 PM. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Johnson to end executive session and reenter into Open Session at 7:17 PM. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

Finding no further new business, President Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Irvin, with a second from Trustee Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 PM. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

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Paul Q. Johnson, Village President

ATTEST:

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Whitney M. Scott, Village Clerk