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

**Held in the Public Services Complex
209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight Illinois
May 9, 2022, at 6:30PM**

PRESENT: Paul Johnson, Village President; Marla Kinkade, Trustee; Chuck Butterbrodt, Trustee; and Randy Irvin, Trustee

ABSENT: Justin Eggenberger, Trustee, Jenny Johnson, Trustee; and Pete Meister, Trustee

Other Village Officials in Attendance: Mike Nolan, Michael Callahan, Cory Scoles, Sara Tutterow, Austin Haacke, Kevin McNamara, Whitney Scott

Because three Village Trustees were absent, President Paul Johnson provided the fourth vote.

The Village Board Minutes from April 25, 2022 were presented for approval. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Irvin, to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Payment of the May 9, 2022, bills in the amount of \$104,387.10 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, 4-0.

Finance Director Austin Haacke submitted a request for a fund transfer of \$9,978.75 from the Water Fund (51) to the Water Bond Fund (41) for the purpose of paying interest of a bond. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Irvin, to approve the fund transfer. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

Haacke next submitted a request for a fund transfer of \$27,761.25 from the NHRM Sales Tax Fund (36) to the NHRM Bond Fund (47) for the purpose of paying interest of a bond. Trustee Butterbrodt made a motion, with a second from Trustee Kinkade, to approve the fund transfer. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Johnson extended his thanks to the DEA, Rodney Connor and his family, Public Works, and the Board for making the Red Carpet Corridor Weekend a success. President Johnson said it was a great turn-out and thanked everyone for working together towards a successful weekend.

VILLAGE REPORTS:

Village Administrator Kevin McNamara advised that Stevenson Pool is scheduled to open on May 30th, with registration for memberships, lessons, aerobics, and swim team set for Friday May 20th 3:30-6:30pm

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and Saturday May 21st 7:30-10:30am in the DTHS cafeteria. Kevin also shared a Thank You from Rodney Connor to the Board and Village Employees for all their assistance over the weekend. He also advised that over five hundred people signed the guest book at the Texaco Amber Station.

Public Works Director Cory Scoles confirmed that the pool will be ready to open as scheduled and expressed his appreciation to the DEA for sponsoring the Public Works entry fee to the SCA Cook-Off Friday evening – they came in 18th and had a fun evening together and was a great opportunity to build team rapport.

EMS Chief Callahan advised that one of the recently hired part-time basics had resigned, and another part-time medic failed to meet Morris Hospital guidelines, so they were let go. He also said that the ambulance project is on-schedule, inspections were completed, and it should be delivered in about two weeks. Callahan also advised that EMS, with support of the Dwight Fire Protection District, will begin carrying CYANOKITS, a new medication for anyone showing signs of symptoms of severe smoke inhalation, increasing chances of survival for victims. He also explained that the paramedics will go through a training on the medication on Thursday May 12th, prior to the drug going into service.

Police Chief Nolan said that it was a great weekend; there were no calls for service downtown and he had not heard any complaints. He advised that they are currently working an investigation of the recent break-in at Old World Liquors, waiting on some technology assistance and that Detective Beier is following a lead. Nolan also shared that the two newest officers are in week three of Police Training Institute and doing well, and that he will be touching base with the newest hires to ensure they are ready for the May 22 class.

President Johnson also touched on the recent ambulance chase from Chicago to Dwight that made the news – there was minimal Dwight involvement, they learned the driver was attempting to drive to St. Louis to visit his mother and is facing felonies in both Will and Grundy Counties.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Irvin inquired about the upgraded water meters. Kevin confirmed that an RFP is necessary, which should be ready in a couple weeks. Trustee Irvin also inquired about the Downtown Lighting Project. Scoles confirmed that the J.U.L.I.E had been submitted and the work is scheduled for the last week of May.

Trustee Irvin also advised that Duncan has not been able to reach the Building Inspector to discuss plans for a lean-to and possible drive-thru window at Cherry Red Roasters. Kevin will reach out to Erv Daniels to ensure they are in touch by the end of this week.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Robert Black submitted a request for a Sound Amplification Permit to host a block party in the back yard of his residence, 314 W South St, on Friday, May 20th, 2022, from 4:00 pm until 10:00 pm. Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Butterbrodt, to approve the Sound Amplification permit. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

Trustee Kinkade advised that in offering the Utility Billing Clerk position, it was felt that the salary range for utility billing clerk and police records clerk needed to be adjusted. The interview committee recommended increasing both positions 5%, making the starting salary \$17.34. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Butterbrodt, to approve the 5% salary increase for both positions. Roll call. All voted ayes. Motion carries, 4-0.

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EMS Chief Callahan recommended hiring current part-time EMT Basic Danielle Bashears as a full-time EMT Basic, at Step A, effective June 1, 2022. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Irvin, to approve the transition to full-time. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

The final new business item was hiring a Utility Billing Clerk. Trustee Kinkade recommended hiring Melissa O'Brien, starting at Step C, effective June 1, 2022. Trustee Butterbrodt made a motion, with a second from Trustee Kinkade, to approve the hiring. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

Finding no further new business, President Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from President Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 PM, all voted aye.

Paul Q. Johnson. Village President

ATTEST:

Whitney M. Scott, Village Clerk