

January 4, 2022

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

**Held in the Public Services Complex
209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight Illinois
January 4, 2022 at 6:30PM**

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

ABSENT: Chuck Butterbrodt, Trustee and Jenny Johnson, Trustee

Other Village Officials in Attendance: Cory Scoles, Public Works Director; Kevin McNamara, Village Administrator; Whitney Scott, Village Clerk

The Special Village Board Meeting was called to address Dwight EMS.

Patricia Groll and Rachel Keller were both listed on the Agenda for New Business; Rachel advised that she did not have anything to discuss in public forum and would wait until closed/executive session to address the board. Patricia Groll addressed the board in regard to the December 7, 2021 EMS Situation, advising that Rachel was not near her, or within her home, while she was COVID positive. She expressed further concerns that the Police Department and Officers are not held to the same standards as the EMS staff, which she believes is unfair.

The Mayor, Trustees Irvin and Johnson and Administrator McNamara interviewed two candidates for the EMS Chief position and recommend Michael Callahan be hired as the new EMS Chief effective January 3, 2022 as Step A of the revised EMS Chief pay scale, \$74,943.00. The employment is contingent on testing/transferring to the Morris Hospital System, a physical examination, and on a six-month probationary period. Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Meister, to hire Michael Callahan effective January 3, 2022. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

Joseph Beagle was also recently interviewed for the open part-time EMS Basic position has successfully transitioned into the Morris Hospital system. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Meister, to hire Joseph Beagle as a PT EMS Basic. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

Confirming no additional EMS business on the agenda, President Johnson requested a motion to leave Regular Session to enter into Executive Session. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Meister, to leave Regular Session at 4:36 pm. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

The Village Board entered into Executive Session to further discuss Section 2(c) Personnel regarding the December 7, 2021 EMS situation.

A motion to adjourn the Executive Decision at 5:19 pm was unanimously approved, and the Board returned to Regular Session at 5:21 pm.

In Regular Session, Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Irvin, to terminate Rachel Keller effective immediately. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

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Finding no further new business, President Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Kinkade, with a second from Trustee Irvin to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 PM, all voted aye.

Paul Q. Johnson, Village President

ATTEST:

Whitney M. Scott, Village Clerk