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

**Held in the Public Services Complex
209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight Illinois
August 14, 2023 at 6:30PM**

President Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30PM and asked for a roll call.

PRESENT: Paul Johnson, Village President; Marla Kinkade, Trustee; Jenny Johnson, Trustee; and Brian Berta, Trustee; Randy Irvin, Trustee; and Pete Meister, Trustee

ABSENT: Justin Eggenberger, Trustee

OTHER Village Officials in Attendance: Crissy Livingston, Village Administrator; Cory Scoles, Public Works Director; Mike Callahan, EMS Director; Mike Nolan, Police Chief; and Whitney Scott, Village Clerk

The Village Board Minutes from July 24, 2023 were presented for approval. Trustee Johnson made a motion, with a second from Trustee Berta, to approve the minutes as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Payment of the August 14, 2023 bills in the amount of \$154,873.78 were presented for payment from the various funds. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Meister, to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries. 5-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

Randy Irvin, on behalf of Harvest Days, stated that Harvest Days is just over one month away and everything is lined up and ready; he confirmed that the carnival will set up the Friday before in their usual spot and the Harvest Days Committee will continue working with Public Works and Chief Nolan.

Irvin, on behalf of DEA, stated that they had received a few great inquiries that he's passed along to Livingston and President Johnson, and that everything is going well. He did share that their coordinator would be out of the office several days this week, but that she'd be available regular hours next week.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Johnson thanked the community for their attendance at the Renfrew Park Committee Meeting and for their input. He shared his excitement for the project and said he looks forward to seeing the progress. He also shared his appreciation for everyone's support of National Night Out held August 2nd, especially to Beier, Nolan, Callahan and Livingston for the work they put into the event.

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VILLAGE REPORTS

Village Administrator Livingston stated that she was excited about the impressive turnout for the Renfrew Park Committee Meeting and looking forward to breathing life back into the community. She confirmed that the deed/title issues have been resolved and that she'll be working with Hitchcock and NCICG to complete the OSLAD Grant Application. Livingston stated that she had recently met with Ryan Hansen from Chamlin and Associates and Josh DeLong, Superintendent, regarding the Safe Routes to School Grants. They will be working on two separate grants, 100% funded up to \$250,000 each for the Grade School and High School, due at the end of September. She also said they will be hosting a community meeting within the next month. Livingston advised that she had spoken with Hansen and Scoles regarding the Williams Street Project and had learned that the local redi-mix plant was unable to provide the concrete for curbs portion of the project, so they'll be using Coal City Redi-Mix.

Chief Callahan stated that Zach Zimmerman had recently passed his paramedic exam and is working on his state licensing requirements this week. Callahan confirmed that Zimmerman will be covering Rachel's usual shift while she's out of the office on medical/maternity leave.

Chief Nolan thanked the community for a great National Night Out, with a special thanks to Officer Beier for his planning efforts. He said the community response has been awesome with an estimated 1400 attendees. Nolan confirmed that the two new recruits are nearing graduation, with state exams next Thursday and graduation next Friday, August 25th. Nolan also shared that Beier had recently attended the 35th Annual Crimes Against Children seminar in Dallas TX last week; that Beier said it was intense, but very informative, and one of the best he's ever attended. Nolan also confirmed that their new squad is being outfitted now and hopes to have it in service by Harvest Days.

Public Works Director Scoles congratulated Cody Mahoney on starting his 8th year with the department and confirmed that the play equipment for Lion's Lake is on schedule to be delivered; he'll coordinate installation with the Lion's Club. Scoles shared his appreciation for his team and their hard work cleaning up after the storm; he confirmed the new chipper is a champ and they're almost caught up.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Community Meeting – Renfrew Park, August 14, 2023 at 5:30pm

A Community Meeting, open to the public, was hosted Monday August 14, 2023 at 5:30PM to discuss the proposed upgrades to Renfrew Park.

Steve Konters with Hitchcock Design Group was in attendance to provide an overview of the proposed concept plan for the Renfrew Park improvements, as well as the project scope for Phase I. The Village is partnering with North Central IL Council of Governments (NCICG) and Hitchcock Designs to submit an application for the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant. Because Dwight qualifies as a distressed community, the OSLAD Grant would be 100% funded up to \$600,000.

The overall concept plan for the park improvements focuses on new recreation and improved accessibility, with a proposed new vehicle access/traffic plan, upgrades to the existing shelters and walking trails, and a splash pad. The Phase I scope focuses on five main components, noted as the "Core Activity Zone" in the northwest corner: new playground area in the southeast section (including new equipment, seating, and impact surface), resurfacing one of the tennis courts and replacing the other tennis court with two pickleball courts, an additional picnic shelter, and an area for outdoor fitness equipment.

There are no changes planned for the following: the historical columns at the entrance off North Street, the existing pavilions, restrooms and walking paths. There is also no plan to change the rocket!

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Konters explained that is a six-month application process and that we hope to hear results by 1Q2024, and then it would be approximately a two-year timeline for the project.

President Johnson also added that because Dwight qualifies as a distressed community, we are eligible for 100% funding, and additional funds from the Wind Farm Project are earmarked for future phases of the project.

Konters, Johnson, and Livingston answered questions and accepted suggestions from the community, as well as collected comment cards at the conclusion of the meeting.

ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2023-15 Committing Local Funds for the Renfrew Park OSLAD Project was presented for consideration. Trustee Johnson made a motion, with a second from Trustee Kinkade, to approve the Resolution as proposed. Roll call: Johnson (aye), Kinkade (aye), Meister (aye), Berta (aye), Eggenberger (absent), Irvin (aye). Motion carries, 5-0.

A COPY OF RESOLUTION 2023-15 IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE CLERK

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Lauri Pope, with Mack and Associates, was in attendance to present the 2023 Fiscal Year Auditors Report. Pope reviewed the several statements and fund balances, as well as shared their recommendations. She confirmed their unmodified audit opinion and clear findings.

Steve Fritsch, on behalf of the Dwight Knights of Columbus, submitted an application for a Certificate of Registration for Solicitation in the Village of Dwight, for a Bucket Brigade to be held at the corner of Rt. 17 and Rt. 47 Friday September 15th from 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM and Saturday September 16th from 7:00 AM – Noon for their annual “Tootsie Roll” Drive. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Meister, to approve as requested. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

Paul Ferrari, on behalf of Aly Anne’s, submitted a request for a Sound Amplification Permit on August 26th for a Jeep & Bike Run Event. Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Johnson, to approve the Sound Amplification Permit Saturday August 26th at 8:00AM until 1:00AM. Roll call: Johnson (aye), Kinkade (no), Meister (aye), Berta (aye), Irvin (aye). Motion carries, 4-1.

Paul Ferrari, on behalf of Aly Anne’s, also submitted a request for a Sound Amplification Permit during Harvest Days. Trustee Johnson made a motion, with a second from Trustee Berta, to approve the Sound Amplification Permit as follows: Thursday, September 21st from 5:00PM until Midnight, Friday September 22nd from 4:00PM until 1:00AM, Saturday September 23rd from noon until 1:00AM and Sunday September 24th from noon until 1:00AM. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

Paul Ferrari, on behalf of Aly Anne’s, submitted a request for a Street Closure Permit for Saturday August 26th from 8:00AM – 1:00AM for the Jeep & Bike Run Event. Trustee Johnson made a motion, with a second from Trustee Meister, to approve the Street Closure Request. Roll call: Johnson (aye), Kinkade (no), Meister (aye), Berta (aye), Irvin (aye). Motion carries, 4-1.

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Paul Ferrari, on behalf of Aly Anne's, also submitted a request for a Street Closure Permit for Harvest Days, closing Park Street directly behind Aly Anne's from Thursday September 21st at noon until Monday September 25th at 10:00AM. Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Meister, to approve the request as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

Willy's Pub submitted a request for a Sound Amplification Permit on Saturday September 23rd. Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Berta, to approve the Sound Amplification Permit Saturday September 23rd from 8:00AM until 1:00AM. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

Livingston presented a proposal from Gordon & Backhus Glass & Lock, Inc to rekey all Village Buildings for the cost of \$13,546.81. Trustee Johnson made a motion, with a second from Trustee Meister, to approve the proposal and move forward with rekeying the facilities. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

DIKOT, LTD, d/b/a Berkot's Super Foods, submitted an application for a Video Gaming Terminal License, intending to operate six (6) machines as well as one (1) redemption machine. Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Kinkade, to approve the application as submitted. Roll call: Johnson (aye), Kinkade (aye), Meister (abstain), Berta (aye), Irvin (aye). Motion carries, 4-0.

Two sidewalk reimbursement requests were received, one from Tom and Louise Tock and the second from Gerald and Anna Reidl, for the removal and replacement of city sidewalk on their properties. Scoles and the Board discussed, and it was determined to table these requests at this time, pending the need for verification of the sidewalks and measurements replaced, as no prior approvals were granted prior to the requests received. Scoles explained that per the Ordinance, the homeowner should reach out to request approval prior to the work being completed to validate the need (and measurements) for sidewalk replacement(s).

Callahan provided his recommendations to hire Troy Opyd as a part-time EMT-Basic, pending testing into the Morris Hospital System. Trustee Meister made a motion, with a second from Trustee Johnson, to approve the hiring as recommended. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Kinkade, to enter into executive session at 7:48pm to discuss Section 2 (c) 11 Litigation.

The Board returned to open session at 8:10PM with no actionable items. Finding no further business, President Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Kinkade with a second by Trustee Berta. All voted aye by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

APPROVED:

Paul Q. Johnson, Village President

ATTEST:

Whitney M. Scott, Village Clerk