

September 25, 2023

**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 25, 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; Justin Eggenberger, Trustee and Randy Irvin, Trustee

ABSENT: Pete Meister, Trustee and Brian Berta, Trustee

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

The Village Board Minutes from September 11, 2023 were presented for approval. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Eggenberger, to approve the minutes as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Payment of the September 25, 2023 bills in the amount of \$34,827.80 were presented for payment from the various funds. Trustee Johnson made a motion, with a second from Trustee Eggenberger, to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

Village Administrator Livingston presented the July 2023 Treasurer's Report for review. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Johnson, to approve the report. Roll Call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

Trustee Irvin, on behalf of Harvest Days, thanked the Public Works, EMS, and Police Departments for all of their work over the Harvest Days weekend, stating that everything went fantastic and it couldn't have been done without them.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Johnson also expressed his thanks to everyone for the success of Harvest Days; he explained that a lot of work goes into the event with a lot of moving parts behind the scenes and a lot of time and money spent to make sure it's an enjoyable weekend for everyone and was happy to report there were no major incidents.

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VILLAGE REPORTS

Village Administrator Livingston stated she, Ryan Hansen of Chamlin & Associates, and the school districts continue working on the Safe Route to School Grants. She confirmed that they will be submitting two separate grants because the High School and Grade School are separate districts and that those will both be submitted by the end of the week. Livingston also advised she is working with Chamlin and Associates on the Lead Service Line Grant. Livingston closed her report with her thanks to the Public Works, EMS, and Police Departments also – she explained that as her first Harvest Days as the Administrator, there were lots of moving parts and she was very thankful for the entire Village crew.

In Chief Callahan's absence, Livingston reported that there were five additional calls, but nothing critical, and no major incidents over Harvest Days weekend. The IDPH inspections have been rescheduled for Thursday September 28 and the IDPH commitment is up for renewal and their packet is with EMS for approvals.

Chief Nolan reiterated his thanks to everyone also, he stated that everyone at every level did an awesome job! He was pleased to report this was the second year in a row with zero incidents to report; he explained there were a dozen calls over the weekend, but nothing related to Harvest Days. Nolan also expressed his thanks to Grundy and Livingston County Sherriff's departments for their assistance with the parade. Nolan stated that both new officers experienced their first Harvest Days and everything went well. Nolan also shared his appreciation for Ty Sparrow and all the work he'd recently put into cleaning up the empty lot behind Dwight Pizza; he stated that Sparrow is still working on the area, but he's doing an amazing job. Nolan closed his report with a reminder that Homecoming events start later this week, with a bonfire scheduled Thursday and the parade on Friday. President Johnson confirmed that the Fire Department had provided their approvals for the bonfire and would be onsite for the duration.

Public Works Director Scoles advised there wasn't much new to report; Public Works is mowing creek banks and working on cleaning up the area in front of Circle K. Scoles confirmed this is State property, but they've not taken care of it so his guys will.

Joe Fritsch advised that the Village had received a violation for arsenic levels; they believed the high levels were due to one well which was immediately taken out of service, and that their testing numbers have improved. He also advised that he's working with Farnsworth on the necessary steps to repair the issues. Livingston confirmed that letters will go out to all Village residents this week.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2023-20 Approving and Authorizing Financial Commitment in Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program, for the Dwight Township High School Grant. Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Eggenberger, to approve the Resolution as proposed. Roll call: Johnson (aye), Kinkade (aye), Meister (absent), Berta (absent), Eggenberger (aye), Irvin (aye). Motion carries, 4-0.
A COPY OF RESOLUTION 2023-20 IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE CLERK

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Resolution 2023-21 Approving and Authorizing Financial Commitment in Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program, for the Dwight Grade School Grant. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Eggenberger, to approve the Resolution as proposed. Roll call: Johnson (aye), Kinkade (aye), Meister (absent), Berta (absent), Eggenberger (aye), Irvin (aye). Motion carries, 4-0.

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Diane Jensen, Village Treasurer, submitted her letter of resignation, announcing her retirement effective September 30, 2023. President Johnson expressed his thanks for her 18+ years of service and nominated Livingston as Village Treasurer.

Resolution 2023-22 Appointment of Carissa Livingston as Village Treasurer. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Johnson, to approve the Resolution as proposed. Roll call: Johnson (aye), Kinkade (aye), Meister (absent), Berta (absent), Eggenberger (aye), Irvin (aye). Motion carries, 4-0.

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The Dwight Lions Club submitted an application for a Bucket Brigade to be held on Friday October 13th from 7:00AM – 5:00PM and Saturday October 14th from 7:00AM – noon. Trustee Johnson made a motion, with a second from Trustee Eggenberger, to approve the Curb Cut. Roll call: Johnson (aye), Kinkade (aye), Meister (absent), Berta (absent), Eggenberger (aye), Irvin (abstain), President Johnson (aye). Motion carries, 4-0.

Debbie Jargstorf submitted a letter to the Board and was in attendance to present her request to host Christmas Caroling on December 2nd from 2:00-3:00PM at the Windmill. Trustee Johnson made a motion, with a second from Trustee Kinkade, to approve the request. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

Prior to the closing of the meeting, Village Clerk Scott swore in Livingston as new Village Treasurer.

Finding no further new business, President Johnson requested a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Irvin, with a second by Trustee Kinkade. All voted aye by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

APPROVED:

Paul Q. Johnson, Village President

ATTEST:

Whitney M. Scott, Village Clerk