

January 22, 2024

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

**Held in the Public Services Complex  
209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight Illinois  
January 22, 2024 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; Brian Berta, Trustee; Pete Meister, Trustee; and Randy Irvin, Trustee**

**ABSENT: Justin Eggenberger, Trustee**

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

The Village Board Minutes from January 8, 2024 were presented for approval. Trustee Berta made a motion, with a second from Trustee Johnson, to approve the minutes as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Payment of the January 22, 2024 bills in the amount of \$50,582.64 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.

The November 2023 Treasurer's Report was presented for review. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Johnson, to approve the report as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

None

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Johnson thanked the Public Works, EMS, and Police Departments for all their service and teamwork. He explained that there have been a lot of calls with all departments involved and he appreciates everyone stepping up. He also thanked the Public Works department for their work with the recent snow and ice events and doing such a great job with limited equipment.

**VILLAGE REPORTS**

Village Administrator Livingston stated that the Village had received a \$3,000.00 donation from LOVE's to help with the Public Works fire. Livingston also advised that the Village had received a

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\$3,035.00 grant from IPRF to promote public safety and that she'd be working with the three department chiefs to determine how that should be spent. She also advised that they had received a \$40,000.00 grant from the IEPA to identify lead service lines within the Village.

Chief Callahan stated that Ambulance 1815 left on Thursday for the remount, and expected the project to take about 120 days. Callahan also advised that Brandon and Alyssa are both halfway through medic school and doing well. Callahan also gave a shout-out and thanks to the Public Works crew for how great the roads have been.

Chief Nolan stated that the two newest recruits started week three today and are doing well. Nolan gave a shout-out to Detective Beier as he starts his 31<sup>st</sup> year with the department and will be celebrating his 51<sup>st</sup> birthday next week. Nolan shared that Officer Calhoun had recently purchased a home in town and will be relocating here soon. Nolan also shared a shout-out and thanks to the Public Works crew for keeping the roads clear.

Public Works Director Scoles thanked his crew for all their hard work, stating that they're doing great with very limited equipment. He asked to share a reminder with all the residents to be patient, that they're doing everything as efficiently as possible, and no one is favored or more important than any other street or house. Scoles also stated that while they do have a semi-permanent residence in the Richards Supply building, it's not quite the same as their previous location and asked that the public reach out to Village Hall first

President Johnson shared thanks from the Fire Department as well to Public Works, they'd recently helped with frozen hydrants in a few situations, and expressed his thanks again for how well everyone is working together to get things taken care of.

## **ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2024-04 A Resolution to Enter into an Agreement with Illinois Department of Natural Resources**, to enable IDNR to work with Dwight for the enhancement of public sport fishing at Lions Lake. Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Berta, 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 2024-04 IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE CLERK**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Livingston presented the final pay application from Chamlin & Associates for the Williams Street Roadway Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$13,429.70. Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Berta, to approve the invoice. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Callahan presented his recommendation to hire Gary Metke as a full-time Basic, at Step A. Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Johnson, to approve the hiring. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

Callahan also presented his recommendation to hire Thomas Stoiber as a part-time Paramedic. Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Meister, to approve the hiring. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

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Livingston presented her recommendation to hire Julita Sidorowicz as a second part-time Paramedic; she explained that because Julita is Chief Callahan's spouse, she handled the interview process without Callahan. The Board discussed and confirmed that there is a solid plan in place, and that Livingston would handle any disciplinary or personnel issues directly. Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Kinkade, to approve the hiring. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

Finding no further new business, President Johnson asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Section 2 (c) 1 Personnel. Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Johnson, to enter into Executive Session at 6:52PM. All voted aye by voice vote.

The Board returned to regular session at 7:09PM and with no action items from Executive Session, President Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Meister with a second by Trustee Berta. All voted aye by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:09PM.

APPROVED:

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Paul Q. Johnson, Village President

ATTEST:

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Whitney M. Scott, Village Clerk