

October 14, 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  
October 14, 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; Brian Berta, Trustee; Jenny Johnson, Trustee; Marla Kinkade, Trustee; Josh Jahn, Trustee; and Pete Meister, Trustee

**ABSENT:** Justin Eggenberger, Trustee

**OTHER Village Officials in Attendance:** Crissy Livingston, Village Administrator; Nicole Bozarth, Deputy Clerk; Cory Scoles, Public Works Director

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items were presented for consent agenda: (a) Payment of October 14, 2024 bills in the amount of \$152,898.44, (b) Minutes of the September 24, 2024 Village Board Meeting, (c) Minutes of the September 24, 2024 Emergency Board Meeting, (d) August 2024 Treasurers Report. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Berta to approve Consent Agenda items a-d. Roll Call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Dwight Resident Gene Mortensen spoke on behalf of St. Peter's Church in regard to a vacant home next door at 320 W. Chippewa. Mr. Mortensen raised concerns about the yard being overgrown, garbage in alley, as well as other belongings in the yard. The Village has sent letters and attempted to contact the homeowner several times throughout the last few months. With no action still done by the owner of the property the Village will take further action.

**PRESIDENT REPORT**

None

**VILLAGE REPORT**

Village Administrator Livingston advised that Conxxus Fiber continues with fiber installation throughout the Village. Livingston advised The Village Complex repairs are now complete. Livingston on behalf of EMS Chief, Callahan stated that the three newest full-time employee are working through their new hire

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orientation. Ambulance 1815 should be inspected by IDPH by the end of October. Once done 1824 will go out for warranty repairs.

Public Works Director Scoles advised that he has been working diligently with Conxxus Fiber. The Baseball/Softball fields are now closed for the season. Scoles also advised that the Renfrew Park playground equipment is not reuseable and cannot be used in other areas of the Village. Public Works will start to remove certain areas of the park this fall to prepare for the upgrades coming next year. Repairs have started on certain alleys along with repairs and patching on Delaware, Chippewa, Orchard and Columbia Street. Scoles also advised that Well 7 will be taken out of service for repairs on October 21. He wanted to remind residents of sample bottles being distributed and to please turn them in within a reasonable time.

#### **REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Ordinance 1520 amendment was approved to allow up to five chickens to be kept on resident's property. Yearly permits are required for this. Trustee Johnson made a motion, with a second from Trustee Meister. All voted aye. Motion carries 5-0.

#### **A COPY OF ORDINANCE 1520 IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE CLERK**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

A payment for Tobey's in the amount of \$36,617.94 for William Street Construction was presented for approval. Trustee Berta made a motion, with a second from Jahn. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries 5-0.

A payment for Opperman Construction in the amount of \$50,713.82 for Renfrew Parking lot was presented for approval. Trustee Meister made a motion, with a second from Johnson. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries 5-0.

A payment for Vissering Construction in the amount of \$153,526.00 was presented for approval. Trustee Jahn made a motion, with a second from Trustee Kinkade. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries 5-0.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Payment request #1 and final from Opperman Construction in the amount of \$24,232.50 for concrete repairs was presented for approval. Trustee Meister made a motion, with a second from Trustee Kinkade. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries 5-0.

Randy Irvin on behalf of Harvest Days submitted various requests for 2025 Harvest Days. Harvest Days request for a Beer Garden for 2025 was presented for approval. Location of Beer Garden to be determined. Trustee Meister made a motion, with a second from Trustee Jahn. Roll Call. All voted aye, Motion carries 5-0.

Dwight Harvest Days Committee submitted a request for Sound Amplification Permit for September 18, 2025 through September 21, 2025 from 8:00 am – 10:00 pm was presented for approval. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Johnson. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries 5-0.

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Dwight Harvest Days Committee submitted a request to utilize motorized golf carts and UTV's for the 2025 festival. Trustee Berta made a motion, with a second from Trustee Kinkade. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries 5-0.

Dwight Harvest Days Committee submitted a request for "Street/Closure parking". Trustee Meister made a motion, with a second from Trustee Kinkade. Roll Call. All voted aye. Motion carries 5-0.

Livingston presented a letter of resignation from Officer Blake Hill effective October 1, 2024. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Johnson. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries 5-0.

Livingston presented a letter of retirement from Vicki Ryan, effective January 8, 2025. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Berta. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries 5-0.

EMS submitted for approval for a part-time EMT Basic hire of Cielo Aguirre. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Meister. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries 5-0.

Resolution 2024-17 Retirement of Dwight Police Department K9 Spyke. K9 Spyke ownership will be awarded to his handler, Officer Watson McKee for the sum of \$1.00. Trustee Jahn made a motion, with a second from Trustee Mesiter. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries 5-0.

Finding no further business, President Johnson asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss Personnel, Collective Bargaining, Purchase or Lease of Real Estate, and Litigation. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Berta to enter into executive session at 7:14PM. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries 5-0.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:32 pm with the following action: Approved salary and job description for Police Records Clerk/Department Secretary. President Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Kinkade with a second from Trustee Jahn. All voted aye by voice. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

APPROVED:

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Paul Q. Johnson, Village President

ATTEST:

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Nicole L. Bozarth, Village Deputy Clerk