

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

**Held in the Public Services Complex
209 S. Prairie Avenue, Dwight, Illinois
March 24, 2026, at 5:00 pm**

President Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and asked for a roll call.

PRESENT: Marla Kinkade, Trustee; Josh Jahn, Trustee; Daniel Hansen; Trustee; Austin Haacke, Trustee and Debra Karch, Trustee.

ABSENT: Pete Meister, Trustee

OTHER Village Officials in Attendance: Crissy Livingston, Village Administrator; Cory Scoles, Public Works Director; Mike Nolan, Police Chief; Sarah Tutterow, Sewer Operator; Dustin Campbell, EMS Director; Nicole Bozarth, Village Clerk; Nicholas Ehrgott, Village Attorney.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were presented for consent agenda: (a) Motion approving minutes of the February 24, 2026 Administration & Finance Meeting (b) Motion approving the minutes of the February 14, 2026 Board Meetings (c) Motion approving the minutes of the March 5, 2026 Administration & Finance meeting (d) Motion approving the minutes of the March 5, Special Board Meeting (e) Motion to approve the payments in between board meetings of \$168,739.63 (f) Motion approving payments dated 3/24/26 of \$27,522.98 (g) Motion approving the February 2026 Treasures Report (h) Motion approving Capital Transfer Fund 01 to Fund 38 \$571,137.66 (i) Motion approving Capital Transfer Fund 01 to Fund 14 \$76,117.21 (j) Fund transfer \$475 from Referendum Fund (36) to the Referendum Bond (47) for paying fiscal agent fees. Trustee Kinkade made a motion to approve the consent agenda, with a second from Trustee Jahn. Roll Call. Motion carried, 5-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

Luke Atkinson, Emington spoke regarding a grant that just became available that he believes the Village should look into to better Dwight.

Chris Frauli, Dwight raised concern with speculations of a data center coming to Dwight.

PRESIDENT REPORT

President Johnson addressed community concerns regarding a proposed data center at Dwight's Megasite. He explained that the property was annexed into the Village in 2018 under prior

administration and is currently zoned for heavy industrial use. President Johnson noted that several manufacturers and large businesses have expressed interest in the Megasite over time. While one inquiry did involve a data center, as of March 24, 2026, at 5:09 p.m., no formal proposals for a data center have been submitted. He further emphasized that the community would be fully informed of any future developments, which would involve thorough discussion by the Village Board and Administration.

President Johnson thanked the Board, Administration and Directors for their hard work with the new fiscal year budget.

VILLAGE REPORTS

Administrator Livingston mentioned flyers are being sent to residents regarding upcoming Village-sponsored events and the Red Carpet Corridor Weekend, May 2-3.

Chief Nolan mentioned the new squad car is up and running. Chief Nolan also mentioned that letters for National Night Out were recently sent, and the event will be on August 4, 2026.

EMS Director Campbell reported that one ambulance went to Dwight Ford for maintenance, and unfortunately, the engine caught fire, leading to much damage to the ambulance engine.

Public Works Director, Scoles mentioned that branch pickup days are changing to Tuesday & Thursdays and will be on the southside starting April 2.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

None

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2026-03 was presented for consideration and approval. Motion by Trustee Kinkade, with a second from Trustee Jahn. Roll call. Kinkade (aye), Jahn (aye), Karch (aye), Haacke (aye), Hansen (aye), Meister (aye). Motion carried 6- 0.

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Resolution 2026-02 Garbage Billing/Debt Service applicability to vacant homes and accessory structure: (Not discussed)

Ordinance 1563 approving the Public Information Officer was presented for consideration and approval. Motion by Trustee Jahn, with a second from Trustee Karch. Roll call. Kinkade (absent), Jahn (aye), Karch (aye), Hansen (aye), Karch (aye), Johnson (aye), Haacke (absent), Meister (absent). Motion carried 4- 0.

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Ordinance 1564 approving implementing lift assist fees was presented for consideration and approval. Motion by Trustee Jahn, with a second from Trustee Karch. Roll call. Kinkade (absent), Jahn (aye), Karch (aye), Hansen (aye), Karch (aye), Johnson (aye), Haacke (absent), Meister (absent). Motion carried 4- 0.

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Ordinance 1565 amending Chapter 310, Zoning, Article VIII Business Districts:
(Not discussed)

Ordinance 1566 regulating ground mounted solar energy systems was presented for consideration and approval. Motion by Trustee Jahn, with a second from Trustee Karch. Roll call. Kinkade (absent), Jahn (aye), Karch (aye), Hansen (aye), Karch (aye), Johnson (nay), Haacke (absent), Meister (absent). Motion carried 3- 1.

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OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Trustee Jahn, with a second from Trustee Karch to approve the Special Use Permit for Nature Inc at 200-204 S. Franklin Street pending occupancy until fire detection is installed. Roll call. Motion carried, 3 aye – 1 nay.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Motion by Trustee Jahn with a second from Trustee Karch to approve the payments in between board meetings of \$237,357.62 Roll Call. Motion carried, 3 aye- 1 abstain.

b. Motion by Trustee Karch with a second from Trustee Jahn to approve payments of February 24, 2026, bills of \$40,440.41. Roll call. Motion carried, 3 aye-1 abstain.

c. Motion by Trustee Jahn, with a second from Trustee Hansen to approve the Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt at Renfrew Park on April 4, 2026. Roll call. Motion carried, 4-0.

d. Motion by Trustee Karch with a second from Trustee Jahn to approve the final payment to Innovation Landscape, Inc of \$37,048.00. Roll call. Motion carried, 4-0.

e. Motion by Trustee Karch, with a second from Trustee Hansen to approve the Dwight Diamond Dawgs 13U Baseball use of Renfrew Park Baseball Field. Roll call. Motion carried, 4-0.

President Johnson asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss Personnel 2 (c) (1) and Litigation 2 (c) (11). All voted aye by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm.

APPROVED:

Paul Johnson, Village President

ATTEST:

Nicole Bozarth, Village Clerk