

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, June 22, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting being called to order by President Jared Anderson. Roll call was as follows:

Present:

Jared Anderson	President
Marla Kinkade	Trustee
Tim Dougherty	"
Jerry Curtis	"
Randy Irvin	"
Justin Eggenberger	"

Absent:

Jim Mixen	Trustee
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Other Village officials in attendance were Administrator Kevin McNamara, Public Works Director Steve Kinkade, EMS Director Al Metzke, Police Chief Tim Henson, , and Village Attorney Gary Neville.

President Anderson led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prior to the Village Board attending to business on the agenda, State Representative Tom Bennett addressed the Board with an update on budget talks in Springfield, saying they have been called back into session five (5) times with no results. Bennett said they have \$32 billion dollars in expected revenue, with \$36 billion dollars in expenses. After indicating that he and fellow Republicans had voted “present” on a certain bill at the request of Gov. Rauner, Trustee Irvin commented that he believes Rep. Bennett should have voted “yes” or “no” on the issue since he should speak for the people who live in his District and not Gov. Rauner who does not live in his District. Rep. Bennett said the bill presented to them was a “sham” bill, and wasn’t going to serve anyone’s needs. Rep. Bennett thanked Trustee Irvin for his comments and said he would be in touch with him.

A motion was made by Irvin and seconded by Dougherty to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2015 regular Village Board meeting. Roll call was as follows: Kinkade-aye; Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

The bills were presented for payment from the various funds in the amount of \$53,998.89. A motion was made by Kinkade and seconded by Curtis to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call was as follows: Kinkade-aye; Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

A motion was made by Dougherty and seconded by Curtis to approve the May 2015 Treasurer’s Report as submitted by Village Treasurer, Diane Jensen, showing a balance in all accounts of \$1,739,824.90. Roll call was as follows: Kinkade-aye; Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

President Anderson presented an ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter Nineteen of the Dwight Municipal Code With Regard to Sidewalk Café/Outdoor Restaurant Seating Standards”. This amendment was previously discussed at the May 28, 2015 Ordinance Committee meeting, and the June 8, 2015 Village Board meeting.

A motion was made by Eggenberger and seconded by Irvin to pass Ordinance No. 1359 as stated above. Roll call was as follows: Kinkade-aye; Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1359 IS ON FILE IN THE VILLAGE CLERK’S OFFICE

In a related matter, President Anderson presented an ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance Establishing a Licensing Fee for Sidewalk Cafés/Outdoor Restaurant Seating on Public Right-Of-Way Within the Village of Dwight, Livingston and Grundy Counties, Illinois”.

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A motion was made by Kinkade and seconded by Eggenberger to pass Ordinance No. 1360, setting the annual license fee for Sidewalk Café/Outdoor Restaurant Seating at \$100 per establishment per year. Roll call was as follows: Kinkade-aye; Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

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President Anderson reported:

- Dwight's annual Cruise Night is Sat., June 27th;
- Construction on the High Speed Rail depot is planned to begin July 6th. A ground breaking ceremony is to be held July 3rd.
- Mailings are out regarding the Village's electric aggregation, whether to opt out of the program or participate;
- Reminded citizens to keep their vehicles locked, as there have been a number of items stolen from vehicles in surrounding communities;
- Spoke with State Rep. Bennett about taking the playground equipment from the closed Dwight Correctional Center and moving it to Dwight's ball parks.

No report from Village Clerk Drechsel.

Administrator McNamara reported:

- An 80/20 CDAP (Community Development Assistance Program) grant for public infrastructure is available for communities with areas of low to moderate income. Deadline for submission is July 8, 2015;
- Dwight submitted an application for an Economic Development Agency grant June 11th in conjunction with Grundy County Economic Development Council and Dwight Economic Alliance. The grant is a 50% matching grant and would allow the Village to hire a consultant to develop an economic development strategy;
- Patrick Doggett from IL Congressman Adam Kisinger's office will be at the Public Services Complex on Wednesday, June 24th, from 11:00 a.m. to noon;
- He's working on the status of Michael O'Brien's house at 405 E. Delaware St. which was completely destroyed by fire a few months ago. Mr. O'Brien has been given information on businesses that can demolish the house;
- Public Works employees were out all night this past Saturday night working on flooding issues and lift station issues due to heavy rains.

EMS Director Metzke reported that his department has been very busy. Also, Kurtz Ambulance has loaned them an ambulance to use for calls because the 2008 Village ambulance has to have the fuel pump replaced.

Public Works Director Kinkade reported the lift station pumps were down over the weekend, but were operational at this time. He asked that residents who have their sump pumps discharging into the Village's storm sewer system disconnect them at once since it is causing excess water to go into the system and causing problems. Kinkade also asked residents to stop mowing grass out onto the streets which washes down into the storm drain grates when it rains, causing them to plug up.

Chief Henson reported:

- Residents should take precaution and lock cars;
- The drug dog is back on duty after undergoing surgery.

President Anderson read the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation from their June 16, 2015 meeting:

“Public Hearing: To consider an application for a zoning variance filed by Wayne and Tola Haley to allow for the construction of a storage building within an existing flood plain on the property located at 505 N. Clinton Street, Dwight, Illinois. The applicants also request the building be allowed to exceed the permitted size for an accessory building in a flood plain.

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There was discussion that a variance in a Flood Plain is not desirable, especially when the proposed size of the structure is over 100% larger than allowed. It is the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals to the Dwight Village Board of Trustees to deny the variance as submitted by Wayne and Tola Haley, 505 N. Clinton Street, Dwight, IL, based on the proposed size of the structure being constructed in a flood plain.”

Mr. Haley was in attendance to address the Village Board on the ZBA recommendation. Haley felt that the ZBA did not look at everything, did not take everything into consideration. Haley said he met the State requirements, and that he would be raising the structure twelve inches (12”) above the existing plan. Haley told Administrator McNamara on June 18th that he would be willing to construct a 30’x30’ shed instead of a 30’x40’, making the square footage nine hundred square feet (900 sq. ft.) instead of twelve hundred square feet (1200 sq. ft.) He doesn’t feel that the building would cause a restriction in water flow.

Trustee Kinkade said she would be willing to allow the 30’x30’ shed and asked if Mr. Haley had a picture of the proposed shed and if a different color other than red could be used to blend in with his home and neighborhood. Haley said he did not have a picture and the materials to build the shed had already been purchased. Kinkade said she would rather look at a shed than have a camper and tractor sitting outside.

Haley said he had two (2) neighbors that said they would be “O.K.” with the shed.

Trustee Curtis remarked he had looked at Bob Farrell’s shed at 128 Morgan St., and didn’t think it was unsightly. Curtis said since IDNR had approved Haley’s construction, he didn’t think there was an issue.

Trustee Eggenberger suggested the issue should be sent back to the Zoning Board of Appeals since Mr. Haley was modifying his plan.

Steve Zabel, 509 N. Clinton St., a neighbor of Haley’s and also a member of the ZBA, was in attendance to voice his opposition to the construction of the shed. Zabel said he has already been flooded twice since he has lived there, and his opinion is that no construction should be allowed in a flood plain. Zabel reasoned that even if the shed is raised higher, it will be full of equipment and the water will not be able to freely flow through.

Haley said that when the creek was cleaned, dirt was piled on the west side and he says that’s what is causing flooding problems. President Anderson said that was done by the farmer that owns the land on the west side. Mr. Zabel noted that the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation District did not have an issue with the west side of the creek. President Anderson’s opinion was that the culvert that runs across the creek is the biggest problem.

A motion was made by Eggenberger and seconded by Irvin to send the variance request made by Wayne and Tola Haley to build a 30’x30’ shed in a flood plain at 505 N. Clinton St., Dwight back to the Zoning Board of Appeals for further consideration. Roll call was as follows: Kinkade-aye; Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

President Anderson next reported on the Administration Committee meeting which was held at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Village Board meeting. Erica Blumberg, representing Mack & Associates of Morris, Illinois, was in attendance at the Committee meeting to present and review the Village of Dwight’s fiscal year 2015 audit. Mack & Associates gave the 2015 audit a clean opinion and no issues were found. Ms Blumberg reviewed the various Governmental and Business type funds which showed an increase of \$165,075 in total net assets from FY 2014 to FY 2015.

A motion was made by Kinkade and seconded by Dougherty to accept the Fiscal Year 2015 audit findings as presented by Mack & Associates, Morris, IL. Roll call was as follows: Kinkade-aye; Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

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Nancy Ammer, of Grundy Economic Development Council, was in attendance to update the Village Board on what has been happening with development in Grundy County. Overall, the county saw a decrease in unemployment by over 2% since last year. In industrial development, Ammer stated that GEDC is seeing big re-investment by companies in the county. She thanked the Village of Dwight for their support, and said it has been a pleasure to work with the Dwight Economic Alliance.

A motion was made by Dougherty and seconded by Eggenberger to enter into Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) to approve and review minutes previously closed. Roll call was as follows: Kinkade-aye; Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

The Dwight Village Board returned to open session at 7:45 p.m.

A motion was made by Eggenberger and seconded by Irvin to approve Resolution No. 2015-08, “A Resolution regarding Executive Session Minutes”. The resolution:

- Approves the September 8, 2014 Executive Session minutes and releases a portion of those minutes;
- A portion of the August 11, 2014 Executive Session minutes will remain closed;
- Approves the destruction of Executive Session recordings from July 22, 2013 and August 12, 2013.

Roll call was as follows: Kinkade-aye; Dougherty-aye; Curtis-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye. Motion carried, 5 – 0.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Eggenberger and seconded by Irvin. All voted aye by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jared Anderson, Village President

ATTEST:

Patricia E. Drechsel, Village Clerk