

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, January 11, 2016 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
Jenny Johnson	Trustee
Jerry Curtis	"
Jim Mixen	"
Randy Irvin	"
Justin Eggenberger	"
Marla Kinkade	"

Other Village officials in attendance were Village Administrator McNamara, Public Works Director Steve Kinkade, Police Chief Tim Henson, EMS Director Alan Metzke and Village Attorney Irvin Masching.

President Anderson led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Anderson welcomed Irv Masching to the meeting as the Village Attorney. He also acknowledged State Representative Tom Bennett and Livingston County State's Attorney Seth Uphoff who were in attendance.

State Representative Bennett informed those gathered that 237 new laws took effect in Illinois January 1, 2016 and that shows the Legislature can work together in a bipartisan manner. He also stated they continue to work on the budget.

A motion was made by Curtis and seconded by Kinkade to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2015 regular Village Board meeting. Roll call was as follows: Johnson-aye; Curtis-aye; Mixen-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

A motion was made by Mixen and seconded by Kinkade to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2015 Special Village Board meeting. Roll call was as follows: Johnson-aye; Curtis-aye; Mixen-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

The bills were presented for payment from the various funds in the amount of \$54,099.00. A motion was made by Kinkade and seconded by Curtis to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call was as follows: Johnson-aye; Curtis-aye; Mixen-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

The following fund transfer was requested by Finance Director Austin Haacke: \$43,273.28 from the General Fund (01) to the Reserve for Capital Expenditures (38) for the purpose of covering invoices from Christopher Burke Engineering, Chamlin Associates and the Gary Neville Trust Account.

A motion was made by Mixen and seconded by Kinkade to approve the fund transfers as submitted. Roll call was as follows: Johnson-aye; Curtis-aye; Mixen-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

In Public Forum,

Valerie Larson stated she had a break-in at her garage during the break-ins of October 5 and 6, 2015. It cost her \$525.00 to have the door replaced. She figures she will never be alive to see any restitution but would like to at least be kept informed about the status of the break-in. Chief Henson responded that one suspect is currently in custody and he has been working with the State's Attorney's office to get charges filed.

Max Sulzberger, the current President of the Dwight Economic Alliance gave the Board an update on the 2015 DEA activities and progress. He thanked the Village for their generous support of the organization. He stated in 2016 the group would be focusing on membership, tourism, events and business and community development.

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Livingston County State's Attorney Seth Uphoff addressed the Board. He began by assuring Ms. Larson that his office has been working with Dwight Police on her case and that charges are pending. He next spoke about a community assembly being sponsored by his office and Dwight Police on January 27, 2016 at 6:30 at Dwight Township High School. A speaker is being brought in to discuss Heroin Abuse and Prescription Drug Abuse. He urged everyone in the community to attend.

President Anderson reported he had been in contact with the Mayor of Delevan, Illinois. She is attempting to gather mayors from communities who currently have marijuana cultivation centers and dispensaries. Since the current program the State is operating is a pilot program set to expire Jan. 1, 2018, she hopes to formulate a strategy to lobby the Governor and General Assembly to extend the program and make it permanent.

Anderson commended the Public Works Department for their clean-up efforts after the ice storm of two weeks ago.

Administrator McNamara informed the Board that a Public Works employee had slipped on the ice the previous Sunday while doing rounds. He was transported to Morris Hospital and will be off work the remainder of the week.

EMS Director Metzke reported that EMS received 98 more calls in 2015 than 2014. He also reported Paramedic Andi McGraw was his lead instructor and would be training the Dwight Police Officers on administering Narcan to patients.

Chief Henson reported his department had conducted an "active shooter" training at Dwight Grade School on Saturday, January 2, 2016. Henson stated this was important training for all. He thanked School Resource Officer Beier, Paramedic McGraw for organizing the event and Fire Chief Johnson for his assistance.

Henson also urged Trustees and everyone in the community to bring a friend and attend the Assembly at the High School on January 27.

An Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Resolution naming Austin Haacke as the Village's Authorized IMRF Agent was presented for consideration.

A motion was made by Kinkade and seconded by Curtis to pass Resolution 2016-01 as presented. Roll call was as follows: Johnson-aye; Curtis-aye; Mixen-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01 IS ON FILE IN THE VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE

The annual renewal from the Dwight Economic Alliance was presented in the amount of \$40,000.00. Trustee Irvin inquired about his eligibility to vote on the matter since he will be in charge of the car show this year. Attorney Masching advised that as long as he was not compensated or benefiting from his involvement he saw no reason to not vote on the matter.

A motion was made by Kinkade and seconded by Mixen to renew membership in the Dwight Economic Alliance for 2016 in the amount of \$40,000.00. Roll call was as follows: Johnson-aye; Curtis-aye; Mixen-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

The annual renewal from the Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council was presented for \$8,504.00. President Anderson stated GLCEDC CEO Adam Dontz had a conflict with another meeting and was unable to attend.

A motion was made by Mixen and seconded by Curtis to renew membership in the GLCEDC for 2016 in the amount of \$8,504.00. Roll call was as follows: Johnson-aye; Curtis-aye; Mixen-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

With the retirement of Village Clerk Drechsel and Village Attorney Neville President Anderson stated the need to designate new Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) officers.

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He recommends that positions as opposed to specific individuals be designated. His recommendation is that the Village Clerk and the Police Records Clerk be designated as the Village of Dwight FOIA officers. The FOIA officers are responsible for replying and complying with the State of Illinois Freedom of Information Act.

After some discussion and clarification Mixen made a motion, seconded by Curtis to designate the Village Clerk and the Police Records Clerk as the Village of Dwight FOIA officers. Roll call was as follows: Johnson-aye; Curtis-aye; Mixen-aye; Irvin-aye; Eggenberger-aye; Kinkade-aye. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mixen and seconded by Eggenberger. All voted aye by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jared Anderson, Village President

ATTEST:

Kevin J. McNamara, Acting Village Clerk