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

**Held in the Dwight Township High School Gym
209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight Illinois
March 11, 2019 at 6:30PM**

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30PM and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Jared Anderson, Village President; Marla Kinkade Trustee; Randy Irvin, Trustee; Jenny Johnson, Trustee; Justin Eggenberger, Trustee; Jerry Curtis, Trustee; Jim Mixen, Trustee

ABSENT: None

Other Village Officials in Attendance: Kevin McNamara, Village Administrator; Jill Haacke, Village Clerk; Tim Henson, Police Chief; Irvin Masching, Village Attorney.

The Village Board Minutes February 25, 2019 were presented for approval. Trustee Kinkade made a motion with a second from Trustee Curtis to approve the minutes as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Payment of the March 11, 2019 bills in the amount of \$127,241.48 were presented for payment from the various funds. Trustee Mixen made a motion, with a second from Trustee Johnson to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS

President Anderson presented the final Motor Fuel Tax Pay request #2. Trustee Kinkade made a motion with a second from Trustee Mixen to approve the final MFT Pay Request #2. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries.

President Anderson presented the final 2016 Street Maintenance Pay Request #6. Trustee Kinkade made a motion with a second from Trustee Curtis to approve the Final Street Maintenance Pay Request #6. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Administrative Committee met on March 4, 2019 to discuss the plans for East Main Street and the budget for the upcoming year. Members present were Randy Irvin, Jenny Johnson, Marla Kinkade, Jerry Curtis, Justin Eggenberger and Jared Anderson. Other officials present were Kevin McNamara, Austin Haacke, Ryan Hansen, Al Metzke, Tim Henson, and Steve Kinkade. Village President Jared Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:04PM.

Anderson gave a synopsis of his trip to Farmville Virginia.

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Hansen reviewed the downtown construction plans and answered questions. The plans will be bid as the East Main- Franklin-Delaware bid package with Alternates. The Alternates would be Park and Chippewa Street and decorative lighting. The project includes new curb and gutter, sidewalks, and concrete pavement. No finishes are included at this time. Time Frame for completion was discussed as was staging of the project. August 15 is the deadline for the East Main section of the project. The sanitary and storm sewer line from Franklin to the Creek between Mazon and Delaware was discussed as was as the sanitary sewer which runs down Park Street. Those projects could possibly be paid out of the Sewer Fund.

There was discussion of having the Park Street sewer lines smoke tested, adding a manhole at Chippewa and Park and lining or replacing the Park Street line. The smoke testing would address business complaints of sewer smell in their buildings. Installing a water line in the parkway of East Main from the park south is included in the updated specs per Hansen. Irvin made a motion with a second from Curtis to recommend to the Board to put the entire package out for bid with a bid opening date of Monday, April 1, 2019. (Motion)

Trustee Curtis made a motion with a second from Trustee Johnson to approve the bid package going out for Park Street as recommended by the Administrative Committee. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries.

The Village will have a meeting for all affected businesses once the bids are received and a time frame is established.

Review continued the proposed FY20 budget. The General Fund was reviewed by Department.

In revenue-

- Henson and McNamara will review the current fine schedule for possible revisions.*
- Liquor Licenses will increase \$100.00.*
- Low Speed vehicle licenses will increase from \$35.00 to \$50.00.*
- In lieu of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision limiting localities from imposing excessive fines, the impoundment fee will remain the same.*
- The School Officer Fee will be looked at to increase when the Agreement expires at the end of the current school year.*
- NEW Commercial Building fee permits will increase to \$1,000.00 PLUS \$ 0.25 per square foot*
- NEW Commercial Building Electrical and Plumbing fee permits will increase to \$1,000.00.*
- Ambulance rates*
- Creating an event fee to offset extra costs for other community events will be explored.*

Capital Outlay requests were reviewed. \$8,000.00 will be included for Police Officer vests, \$1,200 for a salt spreader for the JD 1025 R which does the depot and sidewalks. Other requested items may be revisited if additional funds become available in the fiscal year.

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Due to the vote on the Plan Commission recommendations regarding ICA-Illinois/Butterfield Ridge at the March 11, 2019 Village Board meeting and the change in meeting location the Public Hearing on the FY20 proposed budget will be moved to March 25, 2019 with passage expected at that meeting also.

President Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm. on a motion from Kinkade seconded by Johnson.

PUBLIC FORUM

Rodney Connor of Dwight commented on how he had listened to both sides of the detention center argument, did some research and thought about all he came up with. He understands the immigration policy is a mess and recommends that everyone in attendance to contact their local state and national representatives. He stated that he is proud of where he comes from and feels that this center would assist future generations on getting every opportunity they can in Dwight.

Mark Scott of Dwight stated that if Dwight loses LSC, the school and community are next. This facility would help the town stay open and alive.

Kristen Markuski of Whiting Indiana stated that the facility will not work in a community like Dwight or anywhere else. She also questioned the board on who would fill the center, and how much money the Village and ICA would make off of filling beds.

Arthur Haynes of Bloomington has a friend that is an immigrant from India. He is one of the hardest working men he knows, and his family will be affected by this. He stated that the Muslim ban we put into effect because hate and most policy reflects hate. He recommended the board use their moral compass when they make their vote.

Sara Holthaus of Normal thanked the Village Board for the receiving all of the letters and allowing everyone to talk this evening. She stated that if Dwight allows this center, they will be responsible for breaking up families. She also urged the board to vote no because the infrastructure alone would not be able to support this center. She also asked them to be gibber than organizations like ICE who store humans for profit.

Ava Garcia of Chicago represents the United Workers Center. She stated that this center will be built on the backs of immigrants at no cost to any human life. She also believes that these centers purposefully proposed in rural communities to give them funding. He urged the board to vote no to all propositions.

Lee Goodman of Northbrook has recently visited two detention centers, in Florida and Texas. From his visits he was confident to tell the board that ICA has been telling them lies on how the immigrants will be treated. He read the brochure ICA sent to the Dwight Paper. He questioned if the immigrants being released would be dumped at public transportation hubs in Dwight and surrounding communities. He stated that this would average 7,200 people a year and would be burden on any community. He advised the board to figure out a plan on how to deal with people leaving the center.

Sarita Mendiola of Bloomington asked the board to looking into their conscious to see how we should treat humans. She is an immigrant who is about love and support for all immigrants and all countries.

Enuylee Gardad of Bloomington came to tell the board to vote down the detention center. It not only effects the person in the center but the entire family. She stated that the profits will not go to Dwight, but outside of the Village and Dwight will be stuck with the association with ICA.

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Janice Jays of Champaign is a teacher at Illinois State University and came to express her concerns with the detention center. She stated that the US government is backing away from for-profit prisons and Dwight should back away with this for-profit detention center. She is also sympathetic to Dwight's economic situation and stated history was not on their side. Vote no for community pride.

Father Tom Royer from Champaign is a retired priest. Thirty years ago his church adopted a sister church in El Salvador. Since they have been sister parishes, he has seen great compassion from all members and benefits in both churches. He told the board a story of a detainee not being able to talk to an outside priest one on one in a center in southern Illinois. He stated how depressed that immigrant was and that not all immigrants in centers are treated equally.

Leslie Gingery of Dwight stated that the current ICE and immigration policy existed and urged everyone who disagrees with it to contact their local and state representatives. She also noted that this center is going to be built somewhere so why not Dwight. The town voted in the trustees and mayor, and we should trust them to do research and vote in good faith.

Keran Johnson of Pontiac stated that just the thought of this center breaks her heart and having families separated is unfair and appalling.

Walter Carlson of Peoria is representing the Illinois Conference of Churches. He stated that all members of the Conference opposed the construction of the detention center. Children deserve to be with their families and he encouraged Dwight residents to speak out.

Mary Flott of Dwight thanked the board for the ability to have everyone speak during public forum. She stated that even though many of the speakers are from out of town, they have a stake in Dwight and only want the best for everyone. She then began to read an article that was recently published in TIME magazine about the effect detention centers have on individuals and families.

Margaret Hass of Lafayette Indiana urged the board members to strongly reject the proposals being presented to them tonight. There is a moral argument against centers like these. She also stated that the jobs they are offering will not all go to people who live in Dwight and they could not guarantee a good work environment. Centers like these cut corners to make profit and Dwight and the board will not be in control of that. She also asked if other businesses would want to come to Dwight after this center is built. She inquired on what would happen if the center closes and more protesters will come if the building is approved.

Peter Broeksmit of Dwight inquired if ICA will pay the same water rates as Dwight residents at their center. He also asked who will be in charge of the center and hopes that all money questions have been asked and answers have been given. He hopes that Dwight will not be financially burdened by this center and he does not want to see Dwight throw away any advantage they may have.

Sharon Hellman of Bloomington stated that she has an interest in Dwight. These immigrants that will be put in the center are just trying to take spiritual refuge or are seeking protection and safety. She urged the board to no on the issue and anyone that votes yes should be voted out.

Charles Strietelmeier from Bloomington stated that there are other communities that have voted against this facility. He stated that the facility will only hurt the Dwight community and will continue to fight these centers. The facility will only cost the Village money with ambulance, fire and police being called out to the facility. He ended by saying that many residents were grateful in Gary Indiana when they voted down their vote.

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Roger Hellman of Bloomington said he was greeted by Dwight residents to go home. He said that if this center is built it will put pressure on families in all communities, not just Dwight. Immigrants do jobs that no one wants, and the board should think about the families being left behind.

Derek Lough of Bloomington said that he has studied the effects of immigrants and staff in these centers. Everyone should make a sacrifice so not one has to suffer and building this only validates everything ICE does. He stated for Dwight to get ready to be the face of child abuse, and families being ripped apart if the center is built. It is not a legacy for Illinois.

Lawrence Maushard of Peoria is here on behalf of a human rights group who thinks this topic is very important. He has seen many Facebook posts and comment that they are not fair minded. He asked why ICA was the only company interest in the center and no other detention center facilities have bid. He urged the board to look into other options. We all live in Illinois and our state should be a state with no ICE facilities.

Joe Boyle of Glenview understands that the board members are looking for financial stability in the future. He commented that the land ICA is looking at is a prime location surrounded by wind farms and could be used for something better. He stated that if the board approves these plans they are going backwards and should vote no.

Gabriela Marquez-Benitez from Chicago is a part of the Detention Watch Center. She informed the board of a stillborn that just passed away in a Texas facility. ICA is a human trafficking center, and caging and separating families is not humane. She stated that the board was rushing to a vote without letting Dwight speak. The center that would be built would be the biggest of its kind, and does Dwight want to be known for that. She also stated that the only goal of ICA was to maximize profits and the system is costly and not effective.

Julia McDonald from Kankakee works with Connect Kankakee. She inquired if the board was surprised with the turn out for the evenings meeting. She also said they would continue to come to meeting to get national spotlight on the issue. She believes the board is only listening to ICA and not any other information. She then read some statements made by previous employees of the Farmville facility and told board members to check other problems online.

Mary Hayes of Peoria stated that she has a vested interest in Dwight. She stops on her travels and spends money on gas, Dairy Queen and Casey's. She is opposed to the center as someone who frequents our town. She had a good conversation with Trustee Curtis and stated he was nice.

Max Sulzberger of Dwight thanked the Plan Commission and Village Board on the research they have put into the center. He stated that saying yes to these ordinances tonight does not mean you agree with the current immigration policy, but to an economic gain in Dwight. He asked the board to think of all the opportunities this center could bring to Dwight. The decision is not easy or perfect, but he is confident the board will find solutions.

Alex Quezada from Kankakee represents St. John Paul II Parish. His organization helps others and all families need mothers and fathers. He asked the board to look out for the next generation in Dwight. He informed the board of his mixed family and that their decision would affect him. The board is given this chance to vote no.

Zach Gittrich from Peoria stated that if Dwight accepts this center it will make the town look as if they are complicit with current federal policy. He has been to multiple meetings held in Dwight on this issue and is committed to bring more people if needed.

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JD Poppa from Chicago said that this decision does not just effect Dwight, but the lives of others in surrounding towns. This country was founded on the backs of immigrants and the hatred toward his people.

Sarah Breeden of Normal has emailed the trustees numerous times and also contacted state and federal officials. She commented on President Anderson's Facebook post and its lack of professionalism and inquired why the post was not public anymore. She asked if Dwight even has enough people to fill the jobs that are being proposed. She also said that ICA only showed them what they wanted to see when they visited Virginia.

Jen Carrillo of Bloomington is with Illinois Peoples Action. She asked audience members to stand who did not support the detention center. Her family had moved to America from Mexico and she worked hard to graduate from college with honors. She also stated that the individuals that would be caged up just want to give back to the community. She urged the board to find humanity and vote no.

Kim Trainor of Dwight stated she had listened to what everyone had to say and had talked with many residents of Dwight. She agrees that Dwight does need some economic growth, but does not agree that this facility is the way to do it. She also thanked the board for all their work on the matter.

VILLAGE REPORTS

None

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

An ordinance was presented by President Anderson, an Annexation Agreement between the Village of Dwight and ICA-Illinois, LLC and Butterfield Ridge No. 2 for annexation of the parcel consisting of 88.62 acres, more or less located south of Illinois Rt. 17 and east of I-55 and adjoining Watters Subdivision to the west as proposed, including items regarding infrastructure, payments and reimbursements to and from Village of Dwight and all related matters.

Trustee Curtis made a motion with a second by Trustee Mixen to accept the Plan Commission recommendation of February 19, 2019, together with any amendments or changes by the Corporate Authorities to adopt Ordinance Number 1417, An Ordinance authorizing the execution of Annexation Agreement. Roll call. Kinkade, aye; Johnson, nay; Irvin, nay; Curtis aye; Eggenberger, aye; Mixen, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion Carries

ORDINANCE #1417 IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE CLERK

An ordinance was presented by President Anderson, to annex certain territory contiguous to the Village of Dwight, with pursuant by petition for annexation by ICA-Illinois, LLC, Petitioner Developer, and Butterfield Ridge No. 2, Inc., as owner of 88.62 acres, more or less.

Trustee Kinkade made a motion with a second by Trustee Curtis to accept the Plan Commission recommendation of February 19, 2019, and to adopt Ordinance Number 1418, and Ordinance annexing Certain Territory to the Village of Dwight, Grundy County and Livingston Count, State of Illinois. Roll call. Johnson, nay; Irvin, nay; Curtis, aye; Eggenberger, aye; Mixen, aye; Kinkade, aye; Anderson, aye.

ORDINANCE #1418 IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE CLERK

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An ordinance was present by President Anderson, a petition to establish zoning as a P-1 Zoning District, and approval of proposed use upon annexation and use of a portion of the property annexed, consisting of 40 acres, more or less, to be used as a federal detention center.

Trustee Mixen made a motion with a second by Trustee Kinkade to accept the Plan Commission recommendation of February 19, 2019, and to adopt Ordinance Number 1419, an Ordinance granting P-1 planned industrial district zoning and approval of a proposal and the pursuant to an application to establish zoning and approval of proposed use upon annexation, with respect to a P-1 planned industrial zoning and a proposed use as a federal detention center. Roll call. Irvin, nay; Curtis, aye; Eggenberger, aye; Mixen, aye; Kinkade, aye; Johnson, nay; Anderson aye. Motion carries.

ORDINANCE #1419 IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE CLERK

NEW BUSINESS

Finding no further business, President Anderson asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Kinkade with a second by Trustee Mixen. All voted aye by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:37PM.

APPROVED:

Jared Anderson, Village President

ATTEST:

Jill V. Haacke, Village Clerk