

September 30, 2020

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

**Held via Teleconference
Number: 351-999-3046
September 30, 2020 at 7:30PM**

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

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

Others in Attendance: Jill Haacke, Village Clerk; Director; Irv Masching, Village Attorney; Austin Haacke, Finance Director; Tim Henson, Police Chief; Jenny Allsworth, EMS Director; Debra Karch, DEA; Cory Scoles, Dwight Public Works; Kevin McNamara; Midge Fogarty, The Paper

According to Section 6 of the Executive Order specifically suspends, for the duration of the Gubernational Disaster Proclamation, the Open Meeting Act requirement that public officials be physically present at public meeting. Public bodies are “encouraged” to : (1) postpone consideration of public meetings whenever possible; (2) provide video, audio, and/or telephonic access to meetings to ensure member of the public can monitor the meetings; and (3) update their websites and social media to keep the public apprised of changes to their meeting and of activities related to COVID-19.

The Village Board Minutes September 14, 2020 were presented for approval. Trustee Curtis made a motion with a second from Trustee Eggenberger to approve the minutes as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 6-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Payment of the September 30, 2020 bills in the amount of \$94,812.03 were presented for payment from the various funds. Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Butterbrodt to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 6-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

VILLAGE REPORTS

President Anderson congratulated the Redbird softball team for winning regionals, the Trojan Girl’s Golf team for having 4 individuals making the all-conference team and the high school on a successful Friday Night Lights 7 on 7 event. He also reported Adam Dontz had a successful meeting at the rail site. He also stated that Farmer’s Markets were done for the season and Dwight will be having a drive through flu shot clinic on October 7th at the Village Hall.

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Chief Henson reported that some lawn ornaments have been found missing recently. He also thanked the High School PE classes for spending a day of class time going around town helping clean up.

EMS Director, Jenny Allsworth, reported that all the part time employees are completing orientation. McNamara also stated that that afternoon Allsworth and her partner saved the life of a trucker.

Clerk Haacke reported petitions for Village Trustee, Mayor and Clerk are available for pick up in at Village Hall.

Deb Karch reported that she has been working with LSC and local businesses to get a job fair together for all employees that will be laid off from the closure of the business. She has also been working with local companies and Adam Dontz on getting another business in that factory.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Administration Committee met on September 30, 2020 at 7:00PM via teleconference at 351-999-3046. Those present were Trustees Johnson, Curtis, Irvin, Butterbrodt, Kinkade, Eggenberger and President Anderson. Those also present were Administrator McNamara, Police Chief Henson, Madelyn Fogarty and Clerk Haacke. President Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Many communities are waiting to see what the Illinois Department of Public Health recommends for Halloween, but nothing has been announced as of yet. The day is more of a choice of parents and families to send their children out or to answer their door. Since Halloween falls on a weekend the recommended time is 3PM to 6PM. Motion made by Irvin.

A motion was made by Trustee Eggenberger with a motion by Trustee Kinkade to set the Halloween trick or treating hours from 3PM to 6PM on Saturday, October 31, 2020. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 6-0.

After the August 10, 2020 Derecho, Administrator McNamara recommends that the Village join the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network, (IPWMAN). This organization allows other towns and our own Village to send manpower to help communities in need. The annual dues for the IPWMAN is \$100. Motion by Curtis.

President Anderson pointed out that Minooka, Coal City, Morris and Grundy County all came to help after our Derecho this year and without their assistance, our Public Works department would still be working on cleaning up all the branches.

Trustee Curtis made a motion with a second from Trustee Butterbrodt to approve the authorizing execution of the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network Agreement (IPWMAN), Ordinance Number 1448, as presented by Administrator McNamara. Roll call, all voted aye, motion carries, 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1448 IS ON FILE IN THE VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE

The Dwight Economic Alliance among others has reached out to the Village with questions to allow Food Trucks and other Mobile vendors in Dwight. Currently, they would considered a Fixed Location Itinerant Merchant in the Dwight Municipal Code. It is recommended to send this item to the ordinance committee.

The board members discussed the open Public Works Director position. McNamara stated that if we have the right person with engineering credentials, we could be saving money on engineering bills. Anderson

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suggested looking to enter an intergovernmental agreement with another Village who could offer PE services.

With harvest coming up the issue in the Scott/Tjelle subdivision with corn stalks in the culverts will be coming. There is currently no resolution to this problem and the Board will continue to investigate solutions.

Destiny Connor is concerned with the West Main Street parking directly in front of her building. She would like to move the two-hour parking sign from the depot sign to in front of her building. McNamara suggested the Trustees to go downtown and look at situation and the Ordinance Committee will follow up.

The Village's current new housing incentive is a flat rate fee of \$1,000 which went into effect May 11, 2015 and is set to expire December 31, 2020. The board needs to decide if they want to continue the incentive for new houses and if they would like to change it. Trustees agreed to extend it another year. Motion by Kinkade.

Trustee Eggenberger made a motion with a second from Trustee Irvin to approve a one-year extension for the new home building incentive. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 6-0.

Mack & associates presented a three-year contract for audit services. The prices are as follows: 2021 Fiscal Year at \$9,655, 2022 Fiscal Year at \$9,895 and 2023 Fiscal Year at \$10,140. The board members discussed if it would be beneficial to take the three-year contract or put it out to bid. Motion by Curtis to accept the Mack & associates three-year contract proposal.

The next meeting lands on the Columbus Day Holiday. Administrator McNamara stated that there are Trustees who have a holiday that day and other conflicts and suggested the Board may possibly want to move the meeting to the 13th of October. Motion by Eggenberger.

Trustee Johnson made a motion with a second from Trustee Kinkade to move the next Regularly scheduled Board Meeting from October 12th to October 13th at 6:30 pm. due to the Columbus Day Holiday. The meeting will continue as a Teleconference Meeting. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 6-0.

Chief Henson brought up the parking issue with people parking in 2-hour parking spots for extended periods of time. He asked the board about raising the fee for the ticket itself or having a graduated fee for each offense. McNamara and Henson will get together and look over the fees for each ticket in town.

Finding no further business, President Anderson asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Kinkade seconded by Irvin. All voted aye by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:31PM.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Finding no further business, President Anderson asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Irvin with a second by Trustee Kinkade. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:46PM.

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APPROVED:

Jared Anderson, Village President

ATTEST:

Jill V. Haacke, Village Clerk