

February 8, 2021

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

**Held via Teleconference  
Number: 351-999-3046  
February 8, 2021 at 6:30PM**

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

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

**ABSENT: Chuck Butterbordt, Trustee**

**Others in Attendance: Jill Haacke, Village Clerk; Irv Masching, Village Attorney; Austin Haacke, Finance Director; Kevin McNamara, Village Administrator; Jenny Allsworth, EMS Director; Corey Scoles, Public Works; Tim Henson, Police Chief, Jane Anderson, DEA, Ryan Hansen, Gary Beier, Liliana Fierro, Midge Fogarty**

According to Section 6 of the Executive Order specifically suspends, for the duration of the Gubernatorial 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 January 25, 2021 were presented for approval. Trustee Curtis made a motion with a second from Trustee Irvin to approve the minutes as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Payment of the February 8, 2021 bills in the amount of \$73,245.76 were presented for payment from the various funds. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Irvin to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Midge Fogarty inquired on phone meeting for the Village Board and if the building was open to the public.

**VILLAGE REPORTS**

Mayor Anderson thanked the Public Works Department for all the extra work they have been doing with snow removal.

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Chief Henson reported on a new law enforcement Premise Alert Program. It is for seniors and other individuals with disabilities to register into the 911 data base, which will help first responders. Registration is available on the County, Village and High School website.

Jenny Allsworth informed the board that the EMS department is fully staffed. With some limitations, they will begin to offer CPR classes to the public.

Corey Scoles reported to the board that they did get a salt shipment today and there is more to be delivered.

Finance Director, Austin Haacke, reported that sales tax revenues were down again. He and Kevin continue working on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year and they will have finalized numbers by the end of the week.

Jane Anderson from the Dwight Economic Alliance reported that they are doing a promotion to help promote the restaurants in town throughout the month of February and March.

## **VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

*The Public Property and Utility Committee met on Monday, February 2, 2021 via teleconference at 4:30PM. Those present were Trustees Kinkade, Irvin, Butterbrodt, Curtis, Johnson, and Eggenberger. Also present was Mayor Anderson, McNamara, Scoles and Reed.*

*The committee discussed restructuring the current water bond and borrowing an additional \$1 million dollars to install smart meters. The Village currently has 1671 water meters. \$155,000 is currently set aside for the project. It is estimated that the project could run between \$400-500,000.00. The remaining funds would be used to replace aging water mains. McNamara received restructuring information from Bernardi Securities which would restructure the current 2016A Bond, extending the debt service two years and issuing \$1 million of new money.*

*The Committee recommends to the Village Board that they work with Bernardi Securities on extending the debt service while issuing \$1 million of money to begin the process of installing smart meters.*  
**(Motion)**

Trustee Irvin made a motion with a second from Trustee Curtis to accept the recommendation from the committee on upgrading the Village's Smart Meters. Roll call. Eggenberger, nay; Irvin, aye; Johnson, aye; Kinkade, aye; Curtis, aye. Motion carries, 5-1.

*The committee discussed the Rebuild Illinois Bond funds being received by the Village. Dwight will receive \$250,750.74 distributed in six payments over three years. The St. Louis Street rebuild was previously planned and bid but due to a lack of funds was pulled until funds were available. Discussion centered on using the Rebuild Illinois Bond funds to begin the St. Louis Street project from Mazon Avenue to Chippewa Street. The Committee recommends that the Village work in conjunction with the Village Engineer to use Rebuild Illinois Funds to rebuild St. Louis Street.*

Trustee Kinkade made a motion with a second from Trustee Irvin to approve beginning the St. Louis project using Rebuild Illinois Bond funds. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 6-0

*The Committee discussed sealing the concrete streets this year in the MFT maintenance program. McNamara also stated purchasing street salt and tree maintenance can be paid for by MFT funds, which*

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*frees that amount from the General Fund. The committee recommends to the Village Board that they approve an initial 2021 MFT resolution for \$100,000.*

A resolution using \$100,000 for the 2021 MFT Maintenance program for street sealing, salt and tree maintenance was presented. Trustee Irvin made a motion with a second from Trustee Johnson to approve Resolution 2021-02 as presented. Roll call. All voted aye, motion carries.

**RESOLUTION 2021-02 IS ON FILE AT THE CLERKS OFFICE**

*Discussion returned from the previous meeting to the Fieldman Road culvert and the desire to keep corn stalks from inundating the subdivision area. The Mayor discussed the possibility of the farm owners extending a pipe under Fieldman Road to the Route 47 culvert. Future ditch maintenance was also discussed. More information needs to be gathered. The meeting adjourned at 5:06PM.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ryan and Tara Hansen submitted a Letter of Intent to develop a 10.7-acre subdivision on land west of town to be developed into 16 residential lots. Located in unincorporated Livingston County, this plan would include installation of a street to access the lots and a tap of the Village water main.

Trustee Kinkade made a motion with a second from Trustee Johnson to send the Hansen Harvest Subdivision plans to the Plan Commission at their April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries.

Liliana Fierro and Rafael Garcia have submitted a Solicitors Permit to park and run their taco truck, El Pique Tacos, in the parking lot of the BP station at 10 E. Northbrook Street in Dwight. They plan to run the business every day from 9AM to 11PM through August 2021. At that point, they will reevaluate, and consider extending the permit.

Trustee Kinkade made a motion with a second from Trustee Curtis to accept the Solicitors Permit from El Pique Tacos L&R LLC as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries.

Finding no further business, President Anderson asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Curtis with a second by Trustee Kinkade. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries. The meeting adjourned at 7:10PM.

APPROVED:

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Jared Anderson, Village President

ATTEST:

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Jill V. Haacke, Village Clerk