

September 27, 2021

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

**Held in the Public Services Complex
209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight Illinois
September 27, 2021 at 6:30PM**

PRESENT: Paul Johnson, Village President; Marla Kinkade, Trustee; Jenny Johnson, Trustee; Randy Irvin, Trustee; Pete Meister, Trustee

ABSENT: Chuck Butterbrodt, Trustee; Justin Eggenberger, Trustee

Other Village Officials in Attendance: Austin Haacke, Finance Director; Jenny Allsworth, EMS Director; Tim Henson, Police Chief; Cory Scoles, Public Works Director, Irv Masching, Village Attorney, Kevin McNamara, Administrator, Whitney Scott, Village Clerk

The Village Board Minutes from September 13, 2021 were presented for approval. Trustee Kinkade made a motion with a second from Trustee Johnson to approve the minutes as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Payment of the September 27, 2021 bills in the amount of \$57,404.39 were presented for payment from the various funds. Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Meister to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

Trustee Irvin as Harvest Days President expressed a THANK YOU to the Police Department, Fire Department, EMS, Mother Nature, and the community for a successful Harvest Days.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Johnson extended his thanks to Randy for heading up Harvest Days and congratulated him on the success of Harvest Days this year.

President Johnson also wanted to publicly recognize the Dwight Redbird softball team for their wins at Regionals and Sectionals and congratulate them on a great season.

President Johnson stated that Chief Tim Henson has submitted his official retirement announcement with a date of March 6, 2022. President Johnson explained that the hiring process would be further examined and discussed to ensure standards are executed across the board for all village officials, regarding posting jobs both internally and externally, as well as the interviewing process. The board will further discuss.

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President Johnson also mentioned they hadn't heard back regarding a meeting with the Odell Fire Department and EMS Director Allsworth will follow up.

President Johnson closed his report with a follow up on the Request for APR Funds for the two ambulance remounts, stating he and Kevin McNamara were completing the necessary application and paperwork to be on target to meet the September 30, 2021 2:00 PM deadline.

VILLAGE REPORTS:

Cory Scoles reported that the water plant's new interface went live this week and brings us into the current century. He also wanted to express his thanks to everyone for their assistance with the work completed on East William Street after the high-wind storm.

Jenny Allsworth thanked Mark at AHW/John Deere for the use of their gator over Harvest Days. President Johnson also thanked Jenny for the staffing provided over Harvest Days weekend, especially for the coverage provided for an incident and maintaining personnel at Harvest Days.

Deb Karch, DEA President, reports that planning for their annual Christmas events are in full swing, for both Breakfast with Santa at Cherry Red Roasters and the Christmas Parade on Saturday December 4, 2021. Deb stated that Catie Wilkey has volunteered to co-chair both events. DEA also provided a Letter of Support for Rotary for a grant to light up Pinecone Path this season. Deb also said that it was unanimously decided that the Cats Meow and Holiday Ornament would honor Emling Florist this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Village of Dwight and MAP Collective Bargaining Agreement was reviewed and has been signed by the Union. President Johnson requested a motion to approve a one-year contract as previously discussed. Trustee Kinkade made the motion to approve with a second from Trustee Meister. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

The Intergovernmental Agreement with IL Department of Healthcare and Family Services & Village of Dwight 2022-2023 was presented and reviewed. This annual IGA keeps the current Village and State agreement in place regarding EMS Medicaid reimbursement. A motion from Trustee Johnson with a second from Trustee Irvin was made to approve the IGA. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

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NEW BUSINESS:

DTHS Homecoming Parade Request for Thursday October 7th at 1:45 PM was submitted and reviewed. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Meister to approve the request. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

A Family Dollar Class B Liquor License Application was reviewed, clarifying that this was for beer and wine only. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Johnson to approve the request. Roll call. Trustee Meister abstained from this vote as a business owner holding a liquor license, all others voted aye; President Johnson providing the fourth vote. Motion carries, 4-0-1.

The next two agenda items were not acted on at this meeting:

The employment of Ryan Chocholek as an EMS Full Time basic and Samantha Marshall as an EMS Full Time Paramedic was tabled to further discuss the hiring procedure to ensure that all village positions, especially those with a pension and benefits, are filled in a fair and equitable procedure, regarding posting open jobs both internally and externally and further clarifying the interview process, as well as ensuring we're abiding by any applicable contracts.

Adam Dontz with GLCEDC had planned to discuss the City of Pontiac assisting with applications for the Business-2-Business grants available but was unable to attend the meeting.

Trick-or-Treat Hours were discussed, and community events reviewed. Kevin McNamara reported that Heritage Health is planning their Halloween events on Sunday October 31, 2021 but that he hadn't heard from the Lion's Club, Methodist Church, or New Life Assembly Church as to their plans yet. It was reported that SOCU would hold their annual Trunk-or-Treat event October 23, 2021 in the High School parking lot from 4:00 – 6:00 PM. Trustee Kinkade motioned to hold the Village Trick-or-Treat hours Sunday October 31, 2021 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM with a second from Trustee Johnson. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

Finding no further new business, President Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Irvin, with a second from Trustee Kinkade to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 PM. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

Paul Q. Johnson. Village President

ATTEST:

Whitney M. Scott, Village Clerk