

October 12, 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
October 12, 2021 at 6:30PM**

PRESENT: Paul Johnson, Village President; Marla Kinkade, Trustee; Jenny Johnson, Trustee; Randy Irvin, Trustee; Chuck Butterbrodt, Trustee; Justin Eggenberger, Trustee

ABSENT: Pete Meister, 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, Village Administrator; Whitney Scott, Village Clerk

The Village Board Minutes from September 27, 2021 were presented for approval. Trustee Johnson made a motion with a second from Trustee Eggenberger to approve the minutes as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Payment of the October 12, 2021 bills in the amount of \$115,605.48 were presented for payment from the various funds. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Butterbrodt to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

NONE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Johnson advised that he didn't have anything new or major to report, just an update that he had received a request from the Livingston County Finance committee to answer a few questions regarding the APR Fund Grant Application for the two ambulance remounts. He and Kevin will be attending a meeting Monday October 18, 2021 at the Livingston County Courthouse to answer those questions and funds will be awarded on November 15, 2021.

VILLAGE REPORTS:

Police Chief Henson thanked the seven Dwight Police Officers who assisted in the Grundy County situation October 7, 2021 where a Grundy County Sherriff's Deputy was shot, and the suspect fled.

Chief also advised that the two new officers are scheduled to graduate from the academy Wednesday October 13, 2021 and will begin their training with veteran officers starting Friday October 15th and Monday October 18, 2021.

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Cory Scoles advised that stick pick-up ends at the end of October and leaf pick-up will continue through the end of November. Cory also wanted to remind all residents to follow waste pick-up guidelines, noting that the waste management services won't pick up TV's, yard waste, large rolls of carpet, etc. and that everyone should follow the guidelines to keep the village clean.

Jenny Allsworth advised that Dwight EMS is accepting applications for both full- and part-time paramedics and basics.

Jenny also thanked the Dwight EMS crew for their assistance in the Grundy County situation October 7th and advised that another department had loaned their EMTs bullet-proof vests, explaining that she had learned that vests only have a life-expectancy of five years. Jenny advised that they're looking into vest options.

OLD BUSINESS:

DTHS Homecoming Parade Request UPDATE for Friday October 22nd at 2:40 PM was submitted and reviewed. Homecoming was postponed due to the opponent suspending football for the season. Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Kinkade to approve the revised request. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Adam Dontz with GLCEDC was present to discuss the City of Pontiac assisting with applications for the Business-2-Business grants available, explaining the qualifications for income loss of any local business and advising that the deadline is approaching this week and to reach out to him for any additional assistance.

Livingston County Public Health Department is advertising a free tire collection, limited to one set (4) of tires per person, through the end of October. Please call LCPH to schedule an appointment.

Dwight will be hosting the FREE Livingston County E-Cycling event November 6, 2021 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Public Works garage; volunteers needed and appreciated.

Dr David Casper is reopening his optometry clinic downtown Dwight on a part-time basis.

Finding no further new business, President Johnson asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session, 2(c)1 Personnel. A motion was made by Trustee Eggenberger, with a second from Trustee Kinkade to move to Executive Session at 6:49 PM. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

The 2 (c)1 Personnel issue was discussed, and a recommendation was reached. A motion to reenter Open Session at 8:28 PM was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Irvin. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

A motion to return to open session at 8:33 was made by Trustee Butterbrodt, seconded by Trustee Johnson. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

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Following the Executive Session there was a recommendation to remove Jenny Allsworth as EMS Director, but for her to remain on staff as a paramedic on a six-month probationary period with a Last Chance Agreement in place drafted by Attorney Masching.

Trustee Kinkade made a motion to accept the recommendation with a second from Trustee Johnson. Roll call, Kinkade – aye, Johnson – aye, Eggenberger – nay, Butterbrodt – aye, Irving – aye. Motion carries 4-1.

The Public Health & Safety Committee will schedule a Special Village Board meeting to discuss appointing an interim Director, with Kevin McNamara and Chief Henson to fill in until a new director is determined.

Finding no further new business, President Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Kinkade, with a second from Trustee Irvin to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

Paul Q. Johnson. Village President

ATTEST:

Whitney M. Scott, Village Clerk