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

**Held in the Public Services Complex
209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight Illinois
November 8, 2021 at 6:30PM**

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

ABSENT: Trustee Pete Meister

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

The Village Board Minutes from October 25, 2021 were presented for approval. Trustee Irvin made a motion with a second from Trustee Johnson to approve the minutes as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Payment of the November 8, 2021 bills in the amount of \$76,521.25 were presented for payment from the various funds. Trustee Butterbrodt made a motion, with a second from Trustee Kinkade to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

Fund Transfer of \$379,511.25 from Referendum Fund (36) to Referendum Bond Fund (47) for the purpose of paying interest and principal on the referendum bond was presented. Trustee Johnson made a motion, with a second from Trustee Irvin to transfer the funds as proposed. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

Fund Transfer of \$311,478.75 from the Water Fund (51) to the Water Bond Fund (41) for the purpose of paying interest and principal on the water bond was also presented. Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Johnson to transfer the funds as proposed. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

NONE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Johnson expressed his thanks to the new Dwight Beautiful Committee for their donations of pumpkins and straw and their efforts to make the downtown area festive; several groups of Homecoming attendees and families have taken advantage of the décor to stage photos. President Johnson also wanted to thank Cory and Sara and their crews for all their work getting Dwight ready for

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winter, and to Chief and Kevin for their hard work alongside the EMS Department while searching for a new director.

President Johnson advised that there are a few grant applications that they'll begin working on as soon as the internal issues are resolved (EMS Director and Chief of Police positions filled); first up will be the Federal Infrastructure Bill which is \$1.2T, with \$17B for Illinois. This grant is available for roadways, waterways, broadband expansion, etc.

He also mentioned that discussions of a wind farm coming to the Dwight vicinity have begun. He advised the wind farm would not be within village limits but would bring significant money to the school district jurisdiction. There may be questions how this potential project may impact the potential Mega Site Project, especially as Dwight is one of just four qualifying sites.

President Johnson also advised that the previously discussed Solar Farm Project may be on hold or possibly terminated as RES sold the Blue-Sky Solar Energy Project to Scout effective November 1; contracts would need to be renegotiated.

VILLAGE REPORTS:

Cory Scoles expressed his thanks for the E-Cycling Event held this past weekend, at least three semi-trailers worth of material were collected. He advised that they're working hard to get Dwight ready for winter; new frost jackets have been installed at all three storage tanks, and they're finishing up sweeping streets. Cory also wanted to remind residents that all leaves and such must be placed in a yard waste bag and placed at the curb.

Ryan Hansen mentioned that he and Cory continue to work on flow-metering and that they've gotten lots of preliminary information from the probing/testing at the Wastewater Plant.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

SERVICES, HEALTH & SAFETY met 11/8/21 at 6:01pm. Present were Trustees Eggenberger, J. Johnson, Irvin, Butterbrodt, Kinkade, Mayor Johnson, Tim Henson, Cory Scoles, Austin Haacke, McNamara. Three applicants were interviewed of the Full-time EMS Basic position on October 27 by President Johnson, Chief Henson, and McNamara. They recommend hiring current part-time basic Cassandra Walsh as a Full time EMS Basic at Step C \$36,036.00 of the Basic salary schedule with a six-month probationary period. The Committee concurs.

Trustee Eggenberger made a motion, with a second from Trustee Kinkade to employ Cassandra Walsh as a Full-time EMS Basic at Step C \$36,036.00 of the Basic salary schedule with a six-month probationary period. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

President Johnson explained about the re-chassisng of two ambulances. The first available slot is in March 2022. The company will give the Village a loaner to use during this time. Chief Henson reported: EMS applicants for other positions are few, he is waiting on ambulance 1814 to be certified by IDPH, he is looking at the next available slots at the Police Academy, a list of qualified police officer candidates needs to be compiled including finalizing what a lateral transfer program would look like, previously he

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was given approval to purchase three new portable radios. He has a lead on purchasing three used radios. The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m. on a motion by Irvin with a second from J. Johnson.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Irvin inquired about the water meter project; Kevin confirmed the RFP is almost ready to go out. Trustee Irvin also inquired about the lighting project; President Johnson advised that unfortunately we still don't have a concrete ETA on the lights ordered. There was a 12–16-week lead time. President Johnson and Kevin also discussed that there is a capital grant for funding through Illinois DCEO to Rebuild Downtowns and Main Streets Grant that could be used towards purchasing additional lighting. The grant is due January 10, 2022.

Trustee Irvin added that the Harvest Days Committee would be interested in assisting with costs for the weather-proof storage needs for the sound system portion of the project and McNamara suggested the DEA Building might be a potential place as it's centrally located.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Zoning Appeal for Variance request was received from David R Wollgast for the property at 301 Julie Drive, Zoned R – 1, to move a 12' by 24' detached accessory building to the east side yard of the above-described premises. Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Eggenberger to refer the variance request to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

Finding no further new business, President Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Johnson, with a second from Trustee Kinkade to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 PM. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

Paul Q. Johnson. Village President

ATTEST:

Whitney M. Scott, Village Clerk