

April 25, 2022

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

**Held in the Public Services Complex
209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight Illinois
April 25, 2022, at 6:30PM**

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

ABSENT: Justin Eggenberger, Trustee and Chuck Butterbrodt, Trustee

Other Village Officials in Attendance: Mike Nolan, Michael Callahan, Cory Scoles, Sara Tutterow, Austin Haacke, Kevin McNamara, Whitney Scott

The Village Board Minutes from April 11, 2022, were presented for approval. Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Johnson, to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Payment of the April 25, 2022, bills in the amount of \$152,098.41 were presented for payment from the various funds. Trustee Johnson made a motion, with a second from Trustee Meister, to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

The Treasurer's Report for March 2022 was presented for review. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Meister, to approve the report. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Johnson said that he didn't have an official report but wanted to express his appreciation for the Community coming together to help cope after the tragic loss of Iris Beier this past week and wanted to remind anyone to reach out, especially the EMS, Fire, and Police Departments, if anyone needs anything. President Johnson closed by saying he'd be remiss not to recognize the kind gestures of the churches, schools, and residents coming together.

VILLAGE REPORTS:

Public Works Director Cory Scoles advised that baseball is in full-swing and the fields are ready. The North Pavilion work is almost complete, with just a few finishing touches and clean-up necessary. He also explained that the installers will be back to check on the filter at the Water Filtration Plant and that inspections will be completed tomorrow to make sure there are no further issues before putting it back into service. Scoles also said that his three new employees started today and had a great first day!

Police Chief Nolan shared that the two newest officers reported to the academy yesterday and were off to a good start, despite their arrival during a tornado warning.

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Attorney Ehrgott thanked the Board for welcoming him and just wanted to clarify that he is also the Attorney for the Village of Odell, as well as for the Dwight, Odell, and Cullum Fire Districts.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The Administration & Finance Committee met on 4/11/22 at 5:30PM

PRESENT: Village President Paul Johnson, Trustees Irvin, Johnson, Meister, and Kinkade

Other Village Officials in Attendance: Kevin McNamara, Mike Nolan, Michael Callahan, Cory Scoles, Sara Tutterow, Austin Haacke, Whitney Scott

Village President Paul Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:30PM. and asked for a Roll Call. President Johnson began the meeting with introductions to the new Village Attorney Nicholas Ehrgott and explained that he had assisted with writing the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement by and between The Village of Dwight and Village of Odell regarding Licensing of Neighborhood Vehicles. The trustees discussed the proposed agreement, confirming that the minimum age requirement remains at 18 for the Village of Dwight and suggested one registration sticker for both Dwight and Odell be created. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend the Board accept the proposed Agreement.

Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Johnson, to approve the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the Village of Dwight and Village of Odell regarding Licensing of Neighborhood Vehicles. Roll Call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

President Johnson then introduced reestablishing the Dwight Economic Development Committee or Council as the second agenda item. He explained that the Dwight Economic Alliance is focusing on current businesses, furthering downtown developments, and attracting small and mid-size businesses to town, staying away from the larger commercial businesses. He further explained that while we have the support of Nancy Norton with GCED and Adam Dontz with GLCEDC, he believes there's a need to create a local committee or counsel to focus on bringing new development to Dwight. Trustee Kinkade inquired about the costs associated with creating a new group, competing for the same funds currently earmarked for the DEA. President Johnson advised that would need to be further discussed by the new committee. The trustees unanimously approved recommending the Board create a new Dwight Economic Development Committee.

Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Kinkade, to establish the Dwight Economic Development Committee. Roll Call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

Chief Nolan advised that Officer Brandon Larson had provided notice that his last day would be Tuesday April 26, 2022, and that Sgt. Glenn Peters had provided an updated notice of his retirement effective June 1, 2022. Chief Nolan then provided two recommendations to hire two new officers, Hunter Kenney and Jace Kennedy, as Officers – Step A effective March 15, 2022, to start at the academy March 22, 2022. Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Kinkade to recommend the Board to hire both.

Trustee Johnson made a motion, with a second from Trustee Meister, to hire Hunter Kenney and Jace Kennedy at Step A effective March 15, 2022. Roll Call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

The on-going PSC Server issues were discussed; Austin Haacke explained that the three-year old server has a drive failure and that the Police Department should be moved to their own separate server. Kevin McNamara advised that he's obtained two estimates to replace with two new servers and requested permission to spend up to \$15,000.00. Trustee Irvin made a motion, unanimously approved, to recommend the Board approve proceeding with the replacement of the PSC Server with two new servers, with a budget not to exceed \$15,000.00.

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Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Johnson, to replace the PSC Server with two new servers, at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00 Roll Call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

Austin Haacke provided an update on the Health Savings Account discussions, explaining that Weller Insurance Agency had advised the current PPO health plan does not support an HSA and Austin also confirmed this with Blue Cross/ Blue Shield. Austin has run into several hurdles in establishing the HSA and will reach out to other brokers/providers to get additional information and pricing for switching the current health plan. Chief Nolan advised that the high cost of our health care is the primary reason one of his officers transferred to another city, explaining that there's a substantial difference in the monthly premium costs to the Village of Dwight Officers compared to other areas. The Directors (Callahan, Nolan, and Scoles) will also work with Austin to assist with the research into other companies and plans.

DEA Smoke Out Requests for road closures and alcohol sales were the next agenda item. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend the Board approve the road closures as requested and determined that further (future) discussions would be necessary to create an open-air alcohol sales policy

Trustee Johnson made a motion, with a second from Trustee Kinkade, to approve the requested road closures for May 6th and 7th. Roll Call. Trustee Irvin abstained as DEA President, all other present trustees as well as President Johnson voted aye. Motion carries, 4-0.

The final agenda item was the Dwight Correctional Center property, offered to the Village for the cost of \$1.00. President Johnson explained that to complete the sale, lawmakers will need to pass legislation (possibly in the next session) and that we have the support of State Senator Jason Barickman and State Representative Tom Bennett. President Johnson further explained that the Village could sub-let the property if desired, cash-rent the farm ground, turn it into a multi-use facility, or any combination of those. He further suggested that the property could be used as a future dog park, community garden or concert venue and that there are many federal and state grants available to fund those types of ventures. Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Kinkade, to recommend the Board authorize the mayor to write a letter to the State requesting to purchase the property.

Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Kinkade, to authorize the mayor to write a letter to the State requesting to purchase the Dwight Correctional Center Property. Roll Call. All voted ayes. Motion carries, 4-0.

With no further new business to discuss, Trustee Johnson made a motion, with a second from Trustee Kinkade, to adjourn the meeting at 6:28PM.

The Zoning Board of Appeals Committee met on 4/19/22 at 6:30PM

A public hearing for the request for a variance made by Michael J. and Kelly A. Cornale for premises commonly known as 307 Julie Drive, Dwight Illinois, to decrease the rear yard requirement from the required thirty (30) feet to ten (10) feet. It was the unanimous recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals to the Dwight Village Board of Trustees to approve the requested rear yard variance from thirty (30) feet to ten (10) feet as submitted.

Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Johnson, to approve the rear yard variance for 307 Julie Drive, Dwight Illinois. Roll Call. All voted ayes. Motion carries, 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

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The VFW submitted an Application for Solicitation to host a Bucket Brigade on Friday May 6th and Saturday May 7th from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm at the corner of Rt. 17 and 47 to sell poppies to benefit club activities. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Meister, to approve the request. Roll Call. All voted ayes. Motion carries, 4-0.

Finding no further new business, President Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 PM, all voted aye.

Paul Q. Johnson. Village President

ATTEST:

Whitney M. Scott, Village Clerk