

January 23, 2023

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

**Held in the Public Services Complex  
209 South Prairie Avenue, Dwight Illinois  
January 23, 2023 at 6:30PM**

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

**ABSENT: Justin Eggenberger, Trustee**

**Other Village Officials in Attendance: Police Chief Nolan, EMS Chief Callahan, Cory Scoles,  
Public Works Director; Kevin McNamara, Village Administrator; Nick Ehgott, Village Attorney,  
and Whitney Scott, Village Clerk**

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

The Village Board Minutes from January 9, 2023 were presented for approval. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Irvin, to approve the minutes as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Payment of the January 23, 2023 bills in the amount of \$64,677.75 were presented for payment from the various funds. Trustee Butterbrodt made a motion, with a second from Trustee Meister, to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

The December 2022 Treasurer's Report was presented for review. Trustee Johnson made a motion, with a second from Trustee Kinkade, to approve the report as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

None

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

None

**VILLAGE REPORTS:**

Chief Nolan congratulated Gary Beier on his 30<sup>th</sup> year of service with the Dwight Police Department and advised that he was celebrating an important birthday this week!

EMS Chief Callahan advised that Ambulance 1814 is slated for completion in the next few weeks, and once it is officially in service, 1824 will be returned to Crossroads in Indiana for minor paint/primer issues that will be covered under warranty. Dwight EMS has been selected to participate in the Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Program, which runs April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024. Once the

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requested data is submitted and analyzed, it's hopeful that Medicare will increase reimbursements for ambulance transports.

**COMMITTEE MEETING:**

**Administration & Finance Committee, Wednesday January 18, 2023** was cancelled due to no quorum.

**Administration & Finance Committee, Monday January 23, 2023 at 5:30PM**

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

*ABSENT: Trustee Eggenberger*

*Other Village Officials in Attendance: Police Chief Nolan, EMS Chief Callahan, Cory Scoles, Kevin McNamara, Nick Ehr Gott, and Whitney Scott*

*President Johnson called the meeting to order and requested a roll call.*

*Pattern Energy Wind Farm: Kelly O'Brien, Allen Wynn, Bradley Allen, and Jared Anderson were onsite to explain the details of their current project and the proposed impact on the Village of Dwight. O'Brien explained that the proposed plan includes 89 turbines in Livingston County, with additional turbines extending into Kankakee County as well, for a total of 161 total planned turbines. O'Brien confirmed they've acquired land rights and will begin working on the permitting process this summer. She advised they have scheduled an open house for the general public March 14th to answer questions, and that all Village residents would receive invitation by mail to attend.*

*The proposed plan includes 17 turbines within 1.5 miles of city limits. O'Brien explained that while most municipalities defer to the counties for authority to proceed, the Livingston County Planning and Zoning committee is requiring a Resolution from each village/town approve the variance. O'Brien further explained that a Resolution to approve the project and a Community Benefit Agreement, (providing financial support of \$1500/year/turbine, and a \$10,000 execution of contract one-time payment) would need to be signed prior to moving the project forward to next steps. If the permitting process remains on schedule for this summer, construction should begin in 2024 and tentatively completed, with the turbines up and running, in 2025.*

*O'Brien provided the following estimated benefits, explaining that property taxes are based on the specific taxing bodies of each specific location of the individual turbines:*

	<i>Dwight Road District</i>	<i>Dwight Common School</i>	<i>DTHS</i>	<i>Combined</i>	<i>Dwight Fire District</i>	<i>Prairie Creek Library</i>
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Year (est. 2025)</i>	<i>\$43,000</i>	<i>\$1.3M</i>	<i>\$1M</i>	<i>\$2.3M</i>	<i>\$200,000</i>	<i>\$56,000</i>
<i>Over 30 years</i>	<i>\$923,000</i>			<i>\$50M</i>	<i>\$4.2M</i>	<i>\$1.2M</i>
<i>AVG Value each turbine per year</i>	<i>\$1150</i>	<i>\$14,000</i>	<i>\$11,000</i>		<i>\$2,500</i>	<i>\$640</i>

*Pattern Energy answered several questions; confirming that the interest inside the 1.5 mile radius was based on land-owner interest, advising this is fairly standard throughout the state and that most municipalities welcome the value. They further verified that none of the turbines are planned within projected areas of growth, and only one of the proposed 17 turbines could potentially impact the proposed mega-site. After much discussion among the Committee and community members in attendance, it was determined to schedule an additional Special Board of Trustees Meeting on Tuesday January 31, 2023 at 6:00 pm to obtain additional community feedback before taking the matter to vote. In the interim, Pattern Energy will provide an updated proposed Resolution and Community Benefit Agreement clarifying Section 8, Events of Default.*

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*Extend New Home Construction Incentive: McNamara advised that the Committee had previously discussed extending the New Home Construction Incentive, a \$1,000 flat fee for new home construction, eliminating miscellaneous fees, but that it had never been officially voted on. Irvin made a motion, with a second from Johnson, and unanimously approved to recommend the Board approve the extension of the New Home Construction Incentive.*

Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Butterbrodt, to approve the extension of the New Home Construction Incentive. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

*Hire EMS Paramedics: EMS Chief Callahan shared the resumes and his recommendations to hire Chris South as a full-time medic, and Xavier Beltran as a part-time medic, on a 12-month probationary period, pending clear background checks and testing into the Morris Hospital System. Irvin made a motion, with a second from Kinkade, and unanimously approved to recommend the Board approve the hiring of both medics. [*

Trustee Meister made a motion, with a second from Trustee Kinkade, to approve the hiring of Chris South, as a full-time paramedic at Step A, and the hiring of Xavier Beltran as a part-time medic at \$21.50 per hour, both on a twelve-month probationary period and pending their cleared background checks and testing into the Morris Hospital System. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

*With no further new business to discuss, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20PM.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

McNamara reminded the Board they had previously discussed putting the WWTP Upgrade Project back out for bid after the first of the year; Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Butterbrodt, to proceed with putting the project out for bid. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

McNamara requested a motion to put the Watters Drive Water Main Loop Project out for bid, advising they had received IEPA approval, but were still waiting on IDOT approvals to cross Rt. 66. Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Butterbrodt, to approve the report as presented. Roll call. All voted aye. Motion carries, 5-0.

Finding no further new business, President Johnson asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss Section 2 (C) 1 Personnel and Section 2 (C) 2 Collective Bargaining. Trustee Irvin made a motion, with a second from Trustee Meister, to enter into Executive Session at 6:43pm.

Finding no further business, and no motions required from Executive Session, Trustee Kinkade made a motion, with a second from Trustee Irvin, to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM, all voted aye.

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Paul Q. Johnson, President

ATTEST:

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Whitney M. Scott, Village Clerk