

The Dwight Village Board of Trustees met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting being called to order by President Jim Mixen. Roll call was as follows:

Present:

Jim Mixen	President
Gibs Nielsen	Trustee
Ron Skinner	"
Angie Airgood	"
Mike Woods	"
Jerry Curtis	"
Jerry Harris	"

Other Village officials in attendance were Village Administrator Kevin McNamara, EMS Director Al Metzke, Chief Tim Henson, Public Works Director Dave Bozarth, and Village Attorney Irv Masching.

President Mixen led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Airgood to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2008 regular Village Board meeting as submitted. Upon roll call, all voted aye—motion carried.

The bills were presented for payment from the various funds in the amount of \$126,168.99. A motion was made by Harris and seconded by Nielsen to pay the bills as submitted and approved by the various committees. Upon roll call, all voted aye - motion carried.

A motion was made by Curtis and seconded by Nielsen to approve the September 2008 Treasurer’s Report as submitted by Village Treasurer Diane Jensen. Upon roll call, all voted aye - motion carried.

An ordinance declaring certain items as unusable personal property from the purchase of the Access Ag property at 401 S. Columbia St. was presented. The excess property included grain bins and deck scales.

A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Skinner to pass Ordinance No. 1247 declaring certain items at 401 S. Columbia St. as surplus property. Upon roll call, all voted aye - motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1247 IS ON FILE IN THE VILLAGE CLERK’S OFFICE

Administrator McNamara presented a request for annexation for land owned by Charles D. McWilliams Trust and McPart, L.L.C. A motion was made by Harris and seconded by Curtis to refer this request for annexation to the Plan Commission. Upon roll call, all voted aye - motion carried.

McNamara also presented a request for a front yard variance from Bobby Hosier at 205 E. North St., Dwight. A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Airgood to refer this request for a variance to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Upon roll call, all voted aye - motion carried.

Tony Thorsen of the Dwight Historical Society, reported on the weekend events involving the Abraham Lincoln Mobile Museum which was in downtown Dwight from Thursday, October 9 through Sunday, October 12. Thorsen reported that 1381 people had gone through the exhibit in the four days that it was in town. He had positive comments from all who attended. Thorsen said the people running the museum were impressed with the young people in our community.

Village Clerk Drechsel reported on the Finance Committee meeting which was held at 5:00 p.m. prior to tonight’s Village Board meeting.

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The Committee discussed the following items: engine braking ordinance; hotel/motel tax; ambulance bids for the 1997 Ford ambulance; cargo containers; minimum square footage of lots; drainage around Watters Dr. businesses; girls' softball field crows nest; and refinancing of bonds.

A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Curtis to pass Ordinance No. 1248, Excessive Engine Braking Noise Prohibited, which amends Chapter 10, Article III of the Dwight Municipal Code. This ordinance will comply with the State of Illinois in regards to wording and size. Upon roll call, all voted aye - motion carried.

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A motion was made by Skinner and seconded by Harris to increase the hotel/motel tax from 3.5% to 5% effective January 1, 2009. Upon roll call, all voted aye - motion carried.

A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Harris to accept the ambulance bids for the 1997 Ford ambulance. Upon roll call, all voted no – motion did not carry.

Trustee Curtis requested that an Ordinance Committee meeting be scheduled to discuss Chapter 24 of the Municipal Code; the International Property Maintenance Code; decayed buildings list. A meeting was set for Monday, October 20th at 4:30 p.m.

The Board briefly discussed a few houses in town that have foundations exposed due to deterioration or remodeling work. President Mixen would like to see these foundations enclosed in a reasonable amount of time, and requested that this problem be discussed at a future Ordinance Committee meeting.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Nielsen, and seconded by Skinner. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

James L. Mixen, Village President

ATTEST:

Patricia E. Drechsel, Village Clerk