

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
Jerry Harris	Trustee
Gibs Nielsen	"
Ron Skinner	"
Mike Woods	"
Jerry Curtis	"

Absent:

Angie Airgood	Trustee
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Other Village officials in attendance were Village Administrator Kevin McNamara, EMS Director Al Metzke, Police 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 Curtis to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2009 regular Village Board meeting as submitted. Roll call was as follows: Harris-aye; Nielsen-aye; Skinner-aye; Woods-aye; Curtis-aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

The bills were presented for payment from the various funds in the amount of \$32,437.40. A motion was made by Harris and seconded by Woods to pay the bills as submitted and approved by the various committees. Roll call was as follows: Harris-aye; Nielsen-aye; Skinner-aye; Woods-aye; Curtis-aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

President Mixen presented the Keeley Trust Resolution, which states that in the year 2009 the Village of Dwight shall expend the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to build and repair sidewalks and roads in the Village of Dwight out of funds that will be derived through general taxation. This resolution must be passed before any part of the net income from the Keeley Trust can be distributed to the Village of Dwight. The 2008 net income will be in the amount of \$2,336.31.

A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Harris to pass the Keeley Trust Resolution. Roll call was as follows: Harris-aye; Nielsen-aye; Skinner-aye; Woods-aye; Curtis-aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

Mixen presented Ordinance #1260, authorizing the issuance of Waterworks Revenue Bonds and Alternate Revenue Source Bonds of the Village of Dwight to refinance and finance waterworks facility improvements. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Harris and seconded by Nielsen to pass Ordinance #1260. Roll call was as follows: Harris-aye; Nielsen-aye; Skinner-aye; Woods-no; Curtis-aye. Motion carried, 4-1.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1260 IS ON FILE IN THE VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE**

President Mixen set the date for a Public Hearing on the issue of refinancing the current bonds and financing an additional amount to pay for waterworks improvements. The Public Hearing will be March 23, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Services Complex.

Village Clerk Drechsel reported that today was the last day to file petitions for the upcoming Consolidated Election. Three people filed for the position of Village President, five for Trustee, and one for Village Clerk. She reported that a lottery to determine ballot placement for those candidates who filed simultaneously on the first day, will be Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the office of the Village Clerk.

Administrator McNamara reported on a meeting between members of the Dwight Area Chamber of Commerce, Dwight Main Street, and the Dwight Economic Development Committee. They met to discuss the loss of businesses in the downtown business district and to explore ideas of how to attract and retain retail business.

McNamara informed everyone that the Dwight Grade School would be hosting the Class 4A 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Tournament on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Dwight High School gym. He said there could be between 1500 and 2500 people in town for the Saturday games.

President Mixen reported on a grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding an upgrade program whereby IDOT will provide funding up to a maximum of \$25,000 for the replacement of existing traffic signs in the Village. Installation of the signs is not included in this grant and will be done by Village workers.

Trustee Nielsen reported on the Utilities Committee meeting held Monday, January 19, 2009. Among the items discussed were: demolition of the Chippewa St. water tower; a proposal from Allied Waste on refuse collection in the Village; generator for the water filtration plant/Well 8; sump pump inspection update; refinancing the 1997 General Obligation Bonds; refinancing the 1994 Waterworks Bonds and obtaining additional financing for water infrastructure repairs.

A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Curtis to accept the proposal of \$25,000, guaranteed not to exceed \$32,500, from Lee Farms Excavating for the demolition of the Chippewa St. water tower. Roll call was as follows: Harris-aye; Nielsen-aye; Skinner-aye; Woods-aye; Curtis-aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Curtis to extend the contract of Allied Waste for refuse pickup in the Village of Dwight. The contract extension would be for five (5) years with the current price frozen for year one and a four percent (4%) annual increase for years two through five, plus fuel adjustments, if any. Roll call was as follows: Harris-aye; Nielsen-aye; Skinner-aye; Woods-aye; Curtis-aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

Police Chief Henson reported on the selection process for hiring a new police officer.

President Mixen recommended the hiring of Wayne Haley at a salary of \$38,357 (Step C), effective February 1, 2009. Wayne has been working part-time for the Dwight Police Department for twenty-two (22) years.

A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Harris to accept the recommendation of hiring Wayne Haley as a full time police officer at a starting salary of \$38,357, effective February 1, 2009. Roll call was as follows: Harris-aye; Nielsen-aye; Skinner-aye; Woods-aye; Curtis-aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Curtis to refinance the 1997 G. O. Bonds on the Public Services Complex. Roll call was as follows: Harris-aye; Nielsen-aye; Skinner-aye; Woods-aye; Curtis-aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

The Board discussed a letter that President Mixen received from Fred Strufe, attorney for Kevin Rowland, in regards to Mr. Rowland purchasing and remodeling the building that was formerly the Hotel Francis at 114 E. Main St. Mr. Strufe and Mr. Rowland had previously asked that the lower floor, along with the second floor of this establishment, be allowed to have multiple dwelling units, even though it is located in the downtown business district, along with a small retail store on the first floor.

Administrator McNamara informed the Board that Mr. Rowland had recently come into the Village Hall and said he was satisfied with the Village's original decision on this matter, which was to allow seven apartments upstairs, one efficiency apartment downstairs, and a retail shop downstairs.

A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Harris to stay with the original Village Board decision on the property at 114 E. Main St. The Board will allow up to seven (7) apartments on the second floor, one (1) efficiency apartment on the first floor, along with a retail shop on the first floor. Roll call was as follows: Harris-aye; Nielsen-aye; Skinner-aye; Woods-aye; Curtis-aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

Mixen read a letter from Chris Mortensen, representing Dwight Youth Baseball, asking permission to solicit sponsors for the baseball teams, and putting the sponsors' names on advertising signs that would be placed on the fence at the baseball field.

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Mortensen also said they would like to keep moving forward on the location of the new baseball field.

Trustee Harris said these items would be discussed at the next Property Committee meeting.

Bill Wilkey, 212 W. Seminole St., alleged that the vote taken by the Village Board to “raise their wages” at the September 22, 2008 Village Board meeting was illegal because only three people voted on it. President Mixen asked the Clerk to look into it, but said he remembered having to vote on some issue not too long ago.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Nielsen, seconded by Curtis to adjourn. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

APPROVED:

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James L. Mixen, Village President

ATTEST:

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Patricia E. Drechsel, Village Clerk