

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

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

President Mixen led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Skinner to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2009 regular Village Board meeting as submitted. Roll call was as follows: Skinner-aye; Airgood-aye; Woods-aye; Curtis-aye; Harris-aye; Nielsen-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Harris and seconded by Nielsen to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2009 TIF Public Hearing as submitted. Roll call was as follows: Skinner-aye; Airgood-aye; Woods-aye; Curtis-aye; Harris-aye; Nielsen-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

The bills were presented for payment from the various funds in the amount of \$20,412.54. A motion was made by Harris and seconded by Nielsen to pay the bills as submitted and approved by the various committees. Roll call was as follows: Skinner-aye; Airgood-aye; Woods-aye; Curtis-aye; Harris-aye; Nielsen-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Skinner and seconded by Nielsen to approve the January 2009 Treasurer's Report as submitted by Village Treasurer Diane Jensen. Roll call was as follows: Skinner-aye; Airgood-aye; Woods-aye; Curtis-aye; Harris-aye; Nielsen-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Administrator McNamara informed the Board that Mr. Larry Vaupel had been hired as the first CEO of the Livingston County Economic Development Council. A press conference to introduce Mr. Vaupel will be held on Wednesday, February 25th, 4:00 p.m., at Dwight's Public Services Complex.

Trustee Skinner read the February 10, 2009 Services Committee report. The following items were discussed: additional part-time police officers versus overtime for full-time officers; revision of the fine rate schedule for Village ordinance violations; placing current Public Works car, old ambulance, and two pick up trucks on excess property list; giving old 2005 squad to the Public Works Department; report on meth drug bust on Franklin St.

Trustee Skinner then read the minutes from the February 19, 2009 Services Committee meeting. The following items were discussed: hiring additional part-time police officers; revising the fine rate schedule; resignation of Officer Wayne Haley from full-time status; hiring John Hoy as full-time officer.

A motion was made by Woods and seconded by Harris to authorize the Police Department to advertise for part-time police officers. Roll call was as follows: Skinner-aye; Airgood-aye; Woods-aye; Curtis-aye; Harris-aye; Nielsen-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Harris and seconded by Woods to revise the fine rate schedule for parking violations effective April 1, 2009. The revision would increase the fine to \$25.00, to be reduced \$10.00 if the fine is paid within ten days. Roll call was as follows: Skinner-aye; Airgood-aye; Woods-aye; Curtis-aye; Harris-aye; Nielsen-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Airgood and seconded by Nielsen to accept the resignation of Officer Wayne Haley from full-time service. Roll call was as follows: Skinner-aye; Airgood-aye; Woods-aye; Curtis-aye; Harris-aye; Nielsen-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Officer Haley will remain a part-time police officer with the Village of Dwight.

A motion was made by Harris and seconded by Nielsen to hire John Hoy as a full-time police officer effective March 1, 2009, at a starting salary of \$38,357 (Step C). Roll call was as follows: Skinner-aye; Airgood-no; Woods-aye; Curtis-aye; Harris-aye; Nielsen-aye. Motion carried 5-1.

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Trustee Harris read the minutes from the February 10, 2009 Properties Committee meeting. The following items were discussed: proposed new baseball field; replacing damaged playground equipment at Renfrew Park.

Harris then read the February 17, 2009 Properties Committee meeting minutes. Discussion continued on the baseball field and the playground equipment.

A motion was made by Harris and seconded by Airgood to allow the new baseball field for T-ball and 7 & 8 year old leagues to be built in the grassy area on the Village property at Washington St. and William St. Roll call was as follows: Skinner-aye; Airgood-aye; Woods-aye; Curtis-aye; Harris-aye; Nielsen-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Harris and seconded by Skinner to purchase playground equipment for Renfrew Park to replace equipment that had been damaged. The cost of the equipment will be approximately \$27,548, and will be purchased with funds donated by Laurie Stitzer back in 1998. Roll call was as follows: Skinner-aye; Airgood-aye; Woods-aye; Curtis-aye; Harris-aye; Nielsen-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Harris said the Lions Club may help purchase surface material to be placed under and around the playground equipment.

President Mixen read the minutes of the February 16, 2009 Finance Committee meeting. The Fiscal Year 2010 budget was discussed at that meeting.

In old business, a motion was made by Skinner and seconded by Nielsen to rescind the Chippewa St. water tower demolition proposal from Lee Farms Excavating that was accepted at the January 26, 2009 Village Board meeting. Roll call was as follows: Skinner-aye; Airgood-aye; Woods-aye; Curtis-aye; Harris-aye; Nielsen-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

The work will be put out for bid at a future date with specifications and a time frame for completion.

In new business, a request for permission to conduct the annual "Buddy Poppy Drive" in Dwight was made by the Dwight Veterans of Foreign Wars.

A motion was made by Harris and seconded by Woods to grant permission to the VFW to conduct its annual "Buddy Poppy Drive" at the corner of IL Rt. 17 and IL Rt. 47 the weekend of May 15-16, 2009. Roll call was as follows: Skinner-aye; Airgood-aye; Woods-aye; Curtis-aye; Harris-aye; Nielsen-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

In other new business, a request was made by the Main Street Program to host the annual Cruise Night on Saturday, June 20, 2009.

A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Harris to allow the Main Street Program to host a Cruise Night on Saturday, June 20, 2009 on East Main St. in the downtown area beginning at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was as follows: Skinner-aye; Airgood-aye; Woods-aye; Curtis-aye; Harris-aye; Nielsen-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

President Mixen complimented Andrew Clausen for doing such a nice job with the concrete pad that was poured next to Ambler's Texaco Station as his Eagle Scout project.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Nielsen, seconded by Curtis to adjourn. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

APPROVED:

James L. Mixen, Village President

ATTEST:

Patricia E. Drechsel, Village Clerk