

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
Mike Woods	Trustee
Gibs Nielsen	"
Ron Skinner	"
Angie Airgood	"

Absent:

Jerry Curtis	Trustee
Jerry Harris	"

Other Village officials in attendance were Village Administrator Kevin McNamara, EMS Director Alan Metzke, Public Works Director Dave Bozarth, and Police Chief Tim Henson.

President Mixen led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A Public Hearing was held at the beginning of the regular Village Board meeting to consider a proposal to sell bonds in the amount of up to \$3,800,000 for the purpose of refunding certain 1994 Alternate Water Bonds and financing water projects throughout the Village of Dwight.

Administrator McNamara said that a notice of the Public Hearing was published in the March 11, 2009 edition of The Paper.

McNamara explained that in addition to refinancing the current loan at a lower interest rate, the Village could also extend the loan and borrow up two million dollars to be used for major water projects such as replacing water lines, painting the north and west water towers, purchasing generators for Well 8 and Well 9, and replacing twenty-five (25) outdated water hydrants. McNamara said the yearly loan payment would basically stay the same as it is now.

Bob Vail, representing Bernardi Securities, Inc., was also in attendance and commented on the refinancing of the 1997 General Obligation Bonds which paid for the building of the Public Services Complex. Refinancing right now for those bonds would save the Village approximately \$37,000 in interest.

Regarding the 1994 Water Bonds, Mr. Vail said that the Village would not be increasing its debt service anymore than it currently is, the Village would just be extending the debt out and generating up to two million dollars for the various water projects that need to be done. He reminded everyone that no vote could be taken on the issue tonight, but could be done at the next meeting or the meeting after. Bernardi Securities will monitor interest rates and let the Village know when they feel the rates are good. The interest rate would be locked in at the time the Bond Ordinance is passed by the Village Board. Mr. Vail said interest rates have held pretty steady the last two or three months.

Public comment came from Bill Wilkey, Nick Kester, and Marla Kinkade.

Mr. Wilkey didn't understand why the Village would borrow more money at this time. He suggested funding the water projects by using the million dollar surplus the Village currently has in the General Fund, in addition to using the savings in interest if the Village just refinanced and not extended the loan.

Mr. Kester felt that the Village should just lower the interest rate on the current loan and pay that off instead of borrowing more money. He thought the Village should save money for future projects instead of borrowing.

Marla Kinkade wanted to know the benefits of replacing these water lines. David DeLong, Water Operator for the Village of Dwight, responded that there would be an improved flow for fire protection, improved water quality because of plastic lines versus old cast iron lines, and less repair work.

The Public Hearing was then closed.

A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Airgood to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2009 regular Village Board meeting as submitted. Roll call was as follows: Woods-aye; Nielsen-aye; Skinner-aye; Airgood-aye. Motion carried 4-0.

The bills were presented for payment from the various funds in the amount of \$23,578.07. A motion was made by Skinner and seconded by Nielsen to pay the bills as submitted and approved by the various committees. Roll call was as follows: Woods-aye; Nielsen-aye; Skinner-aye; Airgood-aye. Motion carried 4-0.

March 23, 2009

Administrator McNamara reminded everyone that the new President, Board of Trustees, and Clerk will be sworn in and seated at the May 11, 2009 meeting. Federal and State laws require a waiting period between the election, which is April 7th, and the time when new officers are seated.

In Department Head reports, Metzke said the big rig was in the shop again; Bozarth reported that the new playground equipment would be in Thursday; Henson said that new patrol officer, John Hoy, is progressing well with his on-the-street training.

President Mixen read the minutes of the March 10, 2009 Finance Committee meeting. Items discussed included: Management and Planning Programs Involving Non-metropolitan Groups; Commercial Rehabilitation Loan Program; Rent Subsidy Program; consideration of what to do with the police department's Ford Tempo vehicle; a request by J. T. Moyemont to Liquor Commissioner Mixen regarding staying open until 3:00 a.m.; a matter involving Terry Riccolo's water bill; budget item regarding adoption of a Maintenance Code.

Mixen then read the minutes of the March 17, 2009 Finance Committee meeting which recessed and reconvened on March 21st. The Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget was discussed.

A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Skinner to amend the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 budget. Roll call was as follows: Woods-aye; Nielsen-aye; Skinner-aye; Airgood-aye. Motion carried 4-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1262 IS ON FILE IN THE VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE

A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Airgood to approve the budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Roll call was as follows: Woods-aye; Nielsen-aye; Skinner-aye; Airgood-aye. Motion carried 4-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1263 IS ON FILE IN THE VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE

President Mixen read an ordinance changing Appendix E, Fine Rate Schedule, of the Dwight Municipal Code. The ordinance formally changes the parking fine to \$25.00, or \$15.00 if the fine is paid within ten (10) days of the date of the ticket.

A motion was made by Nielsen, and seconded by Skinner to approve Ordinance No. 1261 changing the Fine Rate Schedule, effective April 1, 2009. Roll call was as follows: Woods-aye; Nielsen-aye; Skinner-aye; Airgood-aye. Motion carried 4-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1261 IS ON FILE IN THE VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE

A motion was made by Nielsen and seconded by Skinner to enter into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the findings shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. Roll call was as follows: Woods-aye; Nielsen-aye; Skinner-aye; Airgood-aye. Motion carried 4-0.

The Village Board came back into open session at 6:55 p.m.

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

APPROVED:

James L. Mixen, Village President

ATTEST:

Patricia E. Drechsel, Village Clerk