

August 27, 2018

Open Time: The Board of Trustees of the Village of Dupo, Illinois, met for a special board meeting for a Public Hearing on a proposed Business District in the Village of Dupo on the 27th day of August at the Dupo Village Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. Pledge of allegiance was conducted.

Roll Call: Trustees answering roll call for the meeting were: Basinski, Smith, Ragsdale, and Phillips. Trustee(s) Absent: Foster. Trustee Kenner arrived at 6:58 P.M. There being a quorum present, President Wilson declared the meeting open for business. Others in attendance: Clerk Nadler, Attorney Swartwout, Keith Moran, Treasurer Holzhauser, Michael Sullivan, Charles Carner, Tim Giddens, Ken Van Meter, Frankie Van Meter, Adriana Colindres, Michelle Dillon, Judy Spasovich, and Officer Veteto.

Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Basinski seconded for the Board to excuse Trustee Foster. Trustees voting “Aye”, Basinski, Smith, Ragsdale, and Phillips. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

New Business: Keith Moran presented details of a proposed business district in the Village of Dupo. The business district program is business considered. It is a sales tax based program and only allowed in a qualified area. The money collected can only be used for certain events. The proposed tax rate is 1% and would go into a specific business district fund to be used in the proposed business district area. A study of surrounding communities was presented showing they are higher than the proposed Dupo rate. Excluded items include anything licensed to the state of Illinois (boats, cars, etc.), unprepared food items, and medical/prescription items. A map was presented that include 362 parcels being considered. The properties being considered are eligible due to infrastructure and deterioration issues, mixed uses of property, declining EAV's, and under-utilization of the properties. Projects that would qualify in the district include building repair, building expansion, improve streetscape, improve parking and sidewalk spaces, improve infrastructure, and public safety. Next steps would be to pass an Ordinance establishing and the funds would go in effect on January 1st.

Mayor Wilson opened up the meeting to public comment and questions.

Public Address Board: Charles Carner addressed the board regarding the South County rate being lower than proposed and concerns that the tax would drive people out of the prepared food establishments. The local people would pay the tax but will not benefit from the residential area because it has to be used in the business district

The board responded that there are other people that shop in the village that would pay the tax, and only people that buy taxed items (i.e., this isn't a property tax rate increase, but a sales tax rate).

Ken Van Meter from Ken's Boat and Motor addressed the board regarding the mapping and why the businesses at the south end of town were left off of the map and concerns with the impact of being left off. Keith Moran responded that it was an oversight and he will meet with the mayor and attorney to be considered for addition. He also asked if business district funds could be used

for other residential properties. Keith responded that they could be considered for that, but more likely TIF funds would be used first.

Adriana Colindres addressed the board regarding whether other included properties would be eligible or impacted if they would open a business.

Tim Giddens from PRI asked how the projects would be selected for fund assignment. The board responded they would be considered and reviewed annually.

Judy Spasovich addressed the board regarding trying to attract better businesses to the Village of Dupo, especially at the entrances to the Village.

Charles Carner asked if all areas that were included in the business district would be automatically changed to a business district. The board replied that Zoning isn't automatically modified by the establishment of the district.

Discussion was held regarding street improvements and other potential projects and improvements.

Michelle Dillon addressed the board regarding the ability to add businesses when the interchange is moved / new interchange added. Keith Moran said that yes, that would be possible and likely added.

Adjournment Time: With nothing further to come before the board, Trustee Ragsdale motioned, and Trustee Basinski seconded for the Board to adjourn the meeting. Trustees voting "Aye," Kenner, Basinski, Smith, Ragsdale, and Phillips. Trustees voting "Nay," none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 P.M.

Mark Nadler, Clerk