

*June 21, 2021*

**Open Time:** The Board of Trustees of the Village of Dupo, Illinois, met for a regular board meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June at the Dupo Village Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Pledge of allegiance was conducted.

**Roll Call:** Trustees answering roll call for the meeting were: Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustee(s) Absent: Basinski. There being a quorum present, President Wilson declared the meeting open for business. Others in attendance: Clerk Nadler, Attorney Swartwout, Treasurer Holzauer, Chief Plew, and Brett Small.

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

**Communications:** Clerk Nadler read correspondence regarding a village property sold for taxes. Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Dell seconded for the Board to put the communications on file. Trustees voting “Aye”, Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Trustee Dell motioned, and Trustee Foster seconded for the Board to approve the regular and executive session minutes from the regular meeting of June 7, 2021, as presented. Trustees voting “Aye”, Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

**Bills:** Trustee Keys motioned, and Trustee Taylor seconded for the Board to approve the bills, as presented. Trustees voting “Aye”, Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

**Public Address Board:** Multiple people were on the agenda to address the board but not present.

**Old Business:** Discussion was held regarding returning to in-person meetings but also offer Zoom still. The agenda would need to state unvaccinated attendees need to wear a mask. For July we will consider allowing only signed up speakers in attendance.

Discussion was held regarding Exit 9 NEPA discussion status and an upcoming call, and a discussion on the house removal status.

Discussion was held regarding building and occupancy plans in addition to the Zoning Administrator role to be added. A job description will be prepared.

Discussion was held regarding 2 companies met with so far for a new message board, looking for a 3<sup>rd</sup> vendor, and plans for putting it out for bid.

Discussion was held regarding complaints received for noise ordinance violations over the past 4 years, including locations and times, and impact and costs incurred by the village for violation. Discussion was held regarding options for violations, additional fines, and options for including a liquor license impact provision. Attorney Swartwout will prepare some language for the board to review and consider.

**New Business:** Discussion was held regarding the Treasurer Surety bond quoted price from the Risk Management Insurance provider. Attorney Swartwout reviewed Village Ordinances further, identified language conflicts regarding Treasurer bonding, and suggested adding a dual signature limit to mitigate.

Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Dell seconded for the Board to approve setting the Treasurer check signing limit to \$100,000 and beyond that requiring additional signatures. The 2<sup>nd</sup> signature will be the mayor first, and if not available the Clerk second, and if neither of those are available then 2 trustee members of the Finance Committee. Trustees voting “Aye”, Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding moving the next meeting due to falling on the observed Independence Day holiday.

Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Key seconded for the Board to approve moving the next meeting to Tuesday, 7/6/2021 due to the scheduled meeting falling on the observed Independence Day holiday. Trustees voting “Aye”, Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding consideration of enrollment in the St. Clair County Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). A vote was tabled to allow the attorney to review the contract.

**Committee Reports:**

Sewer Committee Chairperson Foster discussed status of the solar install review at the water and sewer plant and plans to go-live later this week, status of the waiting for the new pump to be received and installed, plans for getting the trickling filter running again, plans for getting the 2<sup>nd</sup> clarifying filter reviewed and repaired.

Discussion was held regarding preparing for a hearing and ordinance change to raise the sewer rate 6%, change the township limit and rate, and include an annual 1% future increase.

Trustee Foster motioned, and Trustee Taylor seconded for the Board to approve a 6% Sewer Rate increase, a 1% annual future rate increase, and changing the township rate to be \$1.50/1000 gallons over 5 million gallons and have the Attorney move forward with noticing and preparing for a required hearing. Trustees voting “Aye”, Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Finance/Ordinance Committee had nothing to report.

Water Committee and Attorney Swartwout discussed the amendment request from Standard Solar and status of ongoing discussions.

Gas/Parks Committee Chairperson Phillips discussed setting up an account and credit application for purchasing devices, plans to purchase and replace the water heater at the Park, status of replacing toilets and faucets at the park, status of playground mulch and looking at mats for the swing set areas, and status of preparation for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. Discussion was held regarding park rules and a sign on basketball courts closing and enforcement.

Public Safety Committee Chairperson Keys, and Chief Plew discussed a drug and weapon traffic stop, some weekend issues at the bars, resident comments to the chief regarding officers, coverage plans for the July 4<sup>th</sup> event, and coverage for the Splash Pad.

Street Committee Chairperson Dell discussed meeting with Ameren on LED streetlights on 5<sup>th</sup> Street at Bluffview subdivision and Tommy Drive, looking as switching gas lights on Main Street to LED, ditch work and road work on Tommy Drive, ditch and drain work status, MFT status, and removing barrels.

**Zoning/Planning Board:** None.

**Other Business:** Trustee Dell motioned, and Trustee Keys seconded for the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel, contracts,

and possible litigation per 5 ILCS 120/2 {c}{2}. Trustees voting “Aye,” Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay,” none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried. Executive Session began at 8:37 P.M.

Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Taylor seconded for the Board to return to Open Session. Trustees voting “Aye,” Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay,” none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried. Executive Session concluded at 9:13 P.M.

Discussion was held regarding concerns with Cayenne and Walt’s Trucking on Thielmann Road and 5<sup>th</sup> Street, potential zoning violations, concerns with lighting, fencing, cameras, and not conforming to agreed building use and portable bathroom. The attorney and police committee will follow up.

**Adjournment Time:** With nothing further to come before the board, Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Foster seconded for the Board to adjourn the meeting. Trustees voting “Aye,” Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay,” none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 P.M.

***Mark Nadler, Clerk***