

***October 18, 2021***

**Open Time:** The Board of Trustees of the Village of Dupo, Illinois, met for a regular board meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 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: Basinski, Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustee(s) Absent: None. There being a quorum present, President Wilson declared the meeting open for business. Others in attendance: Clerk Nadler, Attorney Swartwout, Treasurer Holzhauer, Chief Plew, Egypt Call, J Fletcher, Warren Besancon, Christina Besancon, Eddie Lambert and Officer Jessie Fulkerson.

**Communications:** Clerk Nadler read correspondence regarding Alton Memorial Hospital Behavioral and Addiction services. Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Dell seconded for the Board to put the communications on file. Trustees voting “Aye”, Basinski, 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 Keys seconded for the Board to approve the regular session minutes from the regular meeting of October 4, 2021, as presented. Trustees voting “Aye”, Basinski, Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

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

**Public Address Board:** Eddie Lambert addressed the board regarding his property and that he keeps his yard as perma-culture to be self-sufficient with no grass. His yard is unconventional but doesn't necessarily conform to normal Village guidelines. The growth can grow to 30" in height and have a number of different plants that have different purposes. Discussion was held regarding concerns with rodents and snakes. The board requested a list of plants and configurations to compare to Village code including some photos. Discussion was held removal of 4 fruit trees due to an abatement notice and is requesting compensation for the trees and his time. Discussion was held regarding

other sheet metal and old appliances in the yard that need to be removed.

Warren and Christina Besancon addressed the board regarding the 5<sup>th</sup> Street ditch, property erosion, engineering findings, smell, and weed work order. Trustee Dell discussed estimated costs from Curry and Associates of \$87,879 that will need to determine funding, looking at additional options, and bidding. Trustee Foster reported that the odorant was received, put in and should last about 2 weeks. Sewer is purchasing 2 man-hole inserts that are supposed to help with odor as well. Discussion was held regarding status of the work order, time and process for getting work completed.

Officer Jessie Fulkerson addressed the board regarding Crime Free multi-housing program. The program holds landlords for their own property with the Village police department working with and informing the landlords. They require occupancy permits and work with health department, fire department and other agencies. The program requires inspections with every change in rental, background checks, landlord training, property maintenance and lighting, and other requirements. Other communities include an annual fee to offset police costs and other administrative costs related to the program. The program typically requires the town to be home-rule, but information is available on adopting in smaller communities as well.

**Old Business:** Discussion was held regarding receiving the approval for the I255 Supplemental from IDOT allowing us to use Rebuild Illinois funds.

**New Business:** None

**Committee Reports:**

Sewer Committee Chairperson Foster discussed both aeration pumps in the sewer holding reservoir going out again that have only been in place for a few weeks.

Finance/Ordinance/Main Street Committee Chairperson Taylor discussed status of checking into leasing a copier instead of buying, Main Street status of 6 banners honoring 48 veterans expected to be in place next week, decorations that have been donated to the Village, findings on 4 ash trees at the Park that need to be destroyed due to a bore, and another that needs to be sprayed that may be able to be saved.

Water Committee Chairperson Basinski discussed review of solar bills and net metering, sewer bumping into DS3 due to usage, Ameren and state changes causing sewer to lose month-to-month credits, and the need for the Village to question the charges. Discussion was held

regarding the need to approve a 4<sup>th</sup> amendment to the solar PPA regarding changes to indemnification.

Trustee Basinski motioned, and Trustee Dell seconded for the Board to approve Ordinance 21-30 approving the 4<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Solar Energy Power Purchase Agreement. Trustees voting “Aye”, Basinski, Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Gas/Parks Committee Chairperson Phillips discussed Rex and Dennis out 2 days next week due to attending a conference, status of the Chili Cookoff and a good turnout, status of playground evaluation, checking into spraying trees, upcoming Halloween event from 6-8 PM on 10/30/2021, and 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt for a Fall Cleanup on November 7.

Public Safety Committee Chairperson Keys, and Chief Plew discussed a police car accident and bids to repair, consideration of sale of derelict vehicles, status of police calls related to drug issues and noise violations, and setting up an IML account for a grant finder.

Trustee Keys motioned, and Trustee Phillips seconded for the Board to approve a police car repair for \$1,177.03 at Westview auto. Trustees voting “Aye”, Basinski, Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Street Committee Chairperson Dell discussed the 5<sup>th</sup> Street ditch estimate from Curry, alternate options for looking at a block wall, retention requirement eliminating the culvert option, status repair of state drain on Main Street, and issue of blocked culvert on Carondelet near the sewer plant and road erosion.

Discussion was held regarding property abatement notice procedures for grass, weeds, nuisances, and other personal property.

**Zoning/Planning Board:** A zoning hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, 10/20/2021 for a Special Use hearing.

**Other Business:** Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Taylor seconded for the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel, contracts, and possible litigation per 5 ILCS 120/2 {c}{1} / {11}. Trustees voting “Aye,” Basinski, Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay,” none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried. Executive Session began at 9:07 P.M.

Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Basinski seconded for the Board to return to Open Session. Trustees voting “Aye,” Basinski, Dell,

Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay,” none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried. Executive Session concluded at 9:32 P.M.

**Adjournment Time:** With nothing further to come before the board, Trustee XX motioned, and Trustee YY seconded for the Board to adjourn the meeting. Trustees voting “Aye,” Basinski, Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay,” none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 P.M.

***Mark Nadler, Clerk***