

February 21, 2023

Open Time: The Board of Trustees of the Village of Dupu, Illinois, met for a regular board meeting on the 21st day of February at the Dupu 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, Chief Plew, Jamie Bender, Jule Levin, Alan Middendorf, and Mike Spinner.

Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Dell 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 the Community Development Block Grant Program Urban County Requalification and the Village would need to request to be excluded by March 15, 2023 if we no longer want to be included. Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Foster 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 Taylor motioned, and Trustee Keys seconded for the Board to approve the regular session minutes from the regular meeting of February 6, 2023, as presented. Trustees voting “Aye”, Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Bills: Discussion was held regarding 2 similar bills inquiring if they are duplicate and to hold until they can be checked. Trustee Dell motioned, and Trustee Taylor seconded for the Board to approve the bills, holding the 2 in question to confirm if they are duplicate. Trustees voting “Aye”, Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Public Address Board: Alan Middendorf addressed the board regarding building a new office at his property on Coulter and questioning the new building process. He was informed to get a building permit and drop off

his plans with the application.

Jule Levin addressed the board regarding junk being dropped on his neighbors property, a dispute with his neighbor, threats from his neighbor, and a police incident.

Trustee Foster asked Jamie Bender the nature of what he is doing to try and determine if he is running a business from the property. The board will research the dropping of scrap at his property to see if it conforms with Village code.

Old Business: Discussion was held regarding status of the removal of the garages and an upcoming I255 planning meeting on March 1st.

Discussion was held regarding status of tracking of gas/diesel charges, and tracking of vehicle mileage.

Discussion was held regarding having the contract for Rob Mardirosian ready and hiring him for commercial building inspections.

Trustee Keys motioned, and Trustee Foster seconded for the Board to approve hiring of Rob Mardirosian as an Outside Contractor for Village Commercial and Multi-family building inspections, pending the signing of the contract. Trustees voting “Aye”, Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

New Business: Discussion was held regarding Gil Cooper submitting his resignation as inspector and from the Zoning board.

Trustee Foster motioned, and Trustee Taylor seconded for the Board to accept the resignation from Gil Cooper at Village Inspector and from the Village Zoning Board. Trustees voting “Aye”, Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the need to appoint a new inspector, and the need to appoint potentially 2 inspectors to clear the backlog and for coverage. Discussion was held regarding permits issued where the inspection may still need to be completed. The attorney will check the ability for the Village to do inspections and implications of the process.

Trustee Keys motioned, and Trustee Taylor seconded for the Board to approve Mayor Wilson’s appointment of Mike Spinner as Village Residential and Occupancy Inspector. Trustees voting “Aye”, Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an

affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Sewer Committee Chairperson Foster discussed status of the vacuum truck repair, status of the trickling filter pump repair, planning of basin cleaning, and an upcoming grant from Curry for redoing a pump house.

Finance/Ordinance Committee Chairperson Taylor discussed continued work with AT&T on Village cell service and billing, request the board sign off on invoices tonight, getting bids on signs at both ends of town, status of flag pole for the south end of town, and status of LPR reader additions.

Water Committee Chairperson Basinski discussed water employees at a conference this week and status of acid washing of filters.

Gas/Parks Committee Chairperson Phillips discussed status of preparing to install the new playground, equipment was received, and the need to purchase a chart recorder for gas department.

Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Keys seconded for the Board to approve USDI Chart Recorder update for \$3,582.40 plus \$35 per month ongoing charge. Trustees voting "Aye", Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting "Nay", none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Trustee Taylor discussed Park donations received to date, review of trees and brick/markers at the Park that need to be updated, and status of review of park benches that have some safety concerns.

Public Safety Committee Chairperson Keys, and Chief Plew discussed status of Sergeant testing with Jesse Fulkerson and Pat Carrier both passing and promoting to Sergeant, and status of reviewing applications and process to replace Sgt. Cooper.

Street Committee Chairperson Dell discussed status of winter road patching, drainage repairs and replacements, other road cleanup and repairs, status of a FEMA grant letter that is being looked into for flooding relief, status of Industrial Drive SWIMPAC agreement letter that needs to have a not-to-exceed amount added for cost approval, and status of applications for the open laborer's positions.

Trustee Dell motioned, and Trustee Foster seconded for the Board to as an emergency setting the not-to-exceed amount for the Industrial Drive SWIMPAC grant preparation. Trustees voting "Aye", Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting "Nay", none. After an

affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Zoning/Planning Board:

Other Business: Trustee Dell 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}{11}. Trustees voting “Aye,” Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay,” none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried. Executive Session began at 8:05 P.M.

Trustee Dell motioned, and Trustee Foster 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 8:25 P.M.

Adjournment Time: With nothing further to come before the board, Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Taylor 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 8:26 P.M.

Mark Nadler, Clerk