

November 6, 2023

Open Time: The Board of Trustees of the Village of Dupo, Illinois, met for a regular board meeting on the 6th day of November 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, Treasurer Holzhauer, Chief Plew, Jamie Bender, Rich Sauget, Dave Miller, Mike Koonce, Christen Mitchell, Wayne Mitchell, Chuck Carner, and officer Fulkerson. Attorney Swartwout joined the meeting at 7:07 PM.

Communications: A moment of silence was held in memory of former Mayor Virgil Casey.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Trustee Dell motioned, and Trustee Taylor seconded for the Board to approve the regular session minutes from the regular meeting of October 16, 2023, 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 Taylor motioned, and Trustee Keys 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: Jamie Bender addressed the board regarding talking to IDOT about speed limit in town, and concerns with what appears to be junk at a property off of Columbia Road.

Christen Mitchell and Wayne Mitchell addressed the board regarding an organization she has regarding bullying and is looking to do an event around Easter to give away baskets and left business cards.

Chuck Carner addressed the board regarding a request to build a Chapel on 3rd St. He received a letter from Attorney Schneidewind stating it required a 2-acre lot and was denied. Chuck is looking for more information as other churches in town do not have 2 acres. Chuck is now planning on building a garage and is looking for direction. He was referred to Mike Spinner to look at his building plans and determine if any additional zoning or approvals are needed.

Old Business: Discussion was held regarding the annual workers compensation insurance renewal. Rich Sauget and Dave Miller presented 3 proposals they received including the original proposal and 2 alternates. They work on different scenarios including higher deductibles or setting up a self-insured retention account to bring the premium cost down. They also recommend using as much loss control and training as possible. Discussion was held regarding claim review meetings, attorney assignments for current and future Village claims, and workers compensation and liability claims and processes. Agenda items will be added to the next meeting for setting up a self-insured retention account and approving the workers compensation renewal.

Attorney Swartwout discussed a Paid Leave for all Workers Act and the proposed ordinance to opt out of the act.

New Business: None.

Committee Reports:

Sewer Committee Chairperson Foster discussed TDK coming out to hang the skirt on the clarifier, and status of setting up a meeting with solar and Ameren to work out the recurring electrical issue at the sewer plant.

Finance/Ordinance Committee Chairperson Taylor discussed working on a Christmas Parade on 12/9/2023 separate from the DQC event, the mobile DMV event is coming up on Saturday 11/18 from 10AM-2PM, discussion on adding a larger sign on the south end and move the smaller sign to the north end, design and size of the new sign, landscaping plans around the signs, and sign price proposal.

Water Committee Chairperson Basinski discussed water plant EPA inspection on 11/14/2023, PFAS filing status, the need to replace the infrared tube heater in the plant, and mailings that have gone out and others to be sent out for the establishment of the new TIF district, status from a first joint review board and scheduling of a follow up joint review board meeting in 2 weeks, and public hearing prior to the 12/4 board meeting.

Trustee Basinski motioned, and Trustee Keys seconded for the Board to the purchase of a 125,000 BTU infrared tube heater from E&R Industrial for \$1,414.51. 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 the splash pad was winterized last week and they found the leaking feature, change of door lock times at the park to 5 PM and plans for cleaning and waiting until it gets colder to lock down for the winter, and pricing for the signage update on the Village Hall dropped down to \$3350. A straw vote was taken and unanimously agreed and will be added to the next agenda. Trustee Taylor informed the board that we received the official letter that the Village was awarded a \$47,468.86 grant for a pickleball court, some outdoor exercise equipment, walkway improvement and picnic tables and umbrellas.

Public Safety Committee Chairperson Keys, and Chief Plew discussed SIM card purchase and setup for the new LPR’s, the need to look to add an officer for coverage, status of getting the new vehicles ready, and status of new Officer Riley getting Illinois certification.

Street Committee Chairperson Dell discussed status of catching up on work orders, preparations for winter, cleaning out culverts, status of union job bidding and recurring meetings being setup, timing of work assignment changes, and test of the new warning siren system.

Mike Koonce reported by the end of November all CDL license certification.

Zoning/Planning Board: None.

Other Business: Trustee Taylor motioned, and Trustee Dell seconded for the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel, contracts, and possible litigation per 5 ILCS 120/2 {c}{1}. 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 8:17 P.M.

Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Taylor 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 8:35 P.M.

Adjournment Time: With nothing further to come before the board, Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Basinski 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 8:36 P.M.

Mark Nadler, Clerk