

December 4, 2023

Open Time: The Board of Trustees of the Village of Dupu, Illinois, met for a regular board meeting on the 4th day of December at the Dupu Village Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 P.M. Pledge of allegiance was conducted.

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

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

Communications: None.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Trustee Basinski motioned, and Trustee Dell seconded for the Board to approve the regular session minutes from the regular meeting of November 20, 2023, as presented. Trustees voting “Aye”, Basinski, Dell, 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, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Public Address Board: Jule Levin addressed the board regarding his neighbor with an illegal light and dumping junk on his property again, and the process to expedite getting it handled permanently. The board discussed tickets that have been written and doing an abatement.

Old Business: None

New Business: Mayor Wilson announced he is terminating the appointment of Van Lear Eckert as the Village Police attorney and appointing Attorney Swartwout to handle those matters going forward.

Discussion was held regarding the annual Tax Levy and Abatement filings.

Trustee Basinski motioned, and Trustee Keys seconded for the Board to approve Ordinance 23-20 for 2024 Tax Levy in St. Clair County. Trustees voting “Aye”, Basinski, Dell, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Trustee Basinski motioned, and Trustee Taylor seconded for the Board to approve Ordinance 23-21 for 2024 Tax Levy in Monroe County. Trustees voting “Aye”, Basinski, Dell, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Trustee Dell motioned, and Trustee Taylor seconded for the Board to approve Resolution 23-21 for 2024 Tax Abatement for Sewer Bond. Trustees voting “Aye”, Basinski, Dell, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Sewer Committee had nothing to report.

Finance/Ordinance Committee Chairperson Taylor discussed the lighted parade this coming Saturday, 12/9/2023 with a possible delay to Sunday pending weather, the SIM cards received for the LPR cameras and installation started, and bid for signs on Main Street relocating the South end sign to the North end of town and getting a larger sign for the North end, and obsolete information on a Dupo Police website that needs to be taken down, and adding forms to the website.

Trustee Taylor motioned, and Trustee Keys seconded for the Board to purchase a sign from Sign-O-Rama for \$18,445, to be paid from the Business District fund. Trustees voting “Aye”, Taylor, Keys, Dell, and Mayor Wilson. Trustees voting “Nay”, Basinski and Phillips. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Water Committee Chairperson Basinski discussed being able to repair a pump instead of having to replace it, and upcoming taps being added on the bluffs.

Gas/Parks Committee Chairperson Phillips discussed 97 underground gas valves that need to be inspected by the 1st of the year.

Public Safety Committee Chairperson Keys, and Chief Plew discussed

officer insurance renewal due and increasing by 7%, Village insurance process for claim approval from the self-funded account, reserve funding, loss control and reporting processes, and committee approval level without board approval of \$5,000. Discussion was held regarding status of the new police cars being finalized this week, Dupo on-call phone caller ID, and an officer vacation payout.

Trustee Keys motioned, and Trustee Basinski seconded for the Board to renew the police insurance plan as presented. Trustees voting “Aye”, Basinski, Dell, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Street Committee Chairperson Dell discussed Industrial Drive bid review process by DECO prior to sending it out, and use of TIF or rebuild money for Industrial Drive. First \$200,000 will be paid from remaining Rebuild funds, with up to additional \$100,000 funds from TIF if needed.

Trustee Dell motioned, and Trustee Taylor seconded for the Board to approve up to \$100,000 in reserve TIF funding for the Industrial Drive project. Trustees voting “Aye”, Basinski, Dell, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding adding a heavier duty plow to the Gas department vehicle for \$1100. A straw poll was taken and the board is in agreement to move forward with the plow and formally approve at the next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the incentive payout amounts for 2023 based on certifications per the Local 100 contract.

Zoning/Planning Board: None.

Other Business: None.

Adjournment Time: With nothing further to come before the board, Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Keys seconded for the Board to adjourn the meeting. Trustees voting “Aye,” Basinski, Dell, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay,” none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Mark Nadler, Clerk