

February 5, 2024

Open Time: The Board of Trustees of the Village of Dupu, Illinois, met for a regular board meeting on the 5th 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: 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, Jamie Bender, and Chuck Carner.

Communications: Clerk Nadler read correspondence regarding Bluffview reading event and Dupu/EC Chamber meeting dates and membership information. Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Basinski 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 January 16, 2024, as presented. Trustees voting “Aye”, Basinski, Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Bills: Discussion was held regarding a double charge for Ameren electric bill for Sewer department to be removed. Trustee Basinski motioned, and Trustee Taylor seconded for the Board to approve the bills, as revised. 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 calling the police about his neighbor and being told to talk to the mayor.

Chuck Carner addressed the board regarding wanting to have a meeting with the Zoning board about what he can do with the property, how is it zoned and what he can do on the property. A straw poll was taken of the board on whether to schedule a zoning meeting, with a majority voting to have the meeting scheduled. Trustees voting “Aye”, Phillips, Keys, Foster, Dell and Taylor. Trustees voting “Nay”, Basinski. Mr. Carner

also questioned and disagreed the bill he received for a water line broke when he hit a fire hydrant. The board will send an itemized bill.

Discussion was held regarding a public address request for blocked crossings and amount of time. Regulations do not allow the local public safety to fine or ticket the railroad but the public can report issues online by filing an FRA Blocked Crossing Report. Discussion was held regarding making the truck traffic circle and clear the intersection. Discussion was held regarding contacting the IEPA to have the railroad remove the old track ties due to creosote hazard.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

Sewer Committee Chairperson Foster discussed getting valves for pump repair and other general maintenance currently.

Finance/Ordinance Committee Chairperson Taylor discussed April 20th Community Awareness program at the High School again and interest in purchase or looking for something from the Village for a give-away, update on AT&T switch over to FirstNet for LPR cameras and phones, phone issues encounter for cell phones, retaining of Merry Maids through May contract, bid from Triple Shine for cleaning with the addition of the police department, and another person interested in cleaning. Discussion was held regarding giving both a 90-day opportunity with one at the Village Hall and the other at the Police department. Discussion was held regarding ordering additional Christmas decorations.

Trustee Taylor motioned, and Trustee Dell seconded for the Board to purchase Christmas Decorations from Holiday Outdoor Décor for \$4,997.50 paid from the Business District fund. Trustees voting “Aye”, Basinski, Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding plans to get the Village Hall office carpet cleaned for under \$200, status update on the town entrance sign due to come in 2-3 weeks, the table picked was done, a status update was giving on the police window and siding, attendance at the Cahokia Kaskaskia Trail meeting, putting a historic map up in the Village and considering joining, looking to do a new business spotlight on the Village website and Facebook page, Park donation letters sent out, request from State Rep Kevin Schmidt to come to the Village office for a meet and greet on June 26, 2024, and discussion on what the school

district has planned for the Little Woods, and potential liability concerns with the Village assisting and maintaining the property.

Water Committee Chairperson Basinski discussed tabling water rate consideration until Curry can do some additional analysis, status of laying additional pipe in Sugarloaf, water leak on the tank, Prairie DuPont causing an issue with the hydrant requiring a flush to be needed, request to watch for water sitting where it normally doesn't as a sign of water leaks, other leaks and breaks being found, request for additional PFAS sampling to be taken, receipt of the Comprehensive Plan books, an upcoming interchange Cultural meeting with IDOT, Federal Highway Commission and the Tribal Council to discuss requirements of the Area of Potential Effect, and additional information on the hydrant and line break discussed earlier.

Gas/Parks Committee Chairperson Phillips discussed training additional employees on gas, gas meeting in Mt. Vernon for some employees, approval of accessories for the new gas truck, updated quote from Alarm24 for Park camera updates, exercise equipment status update, issues/concerns with adding pickleball courts at the park for the grant work and a cost shortage to repair the asphalt of \$7500.

Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Dell seconded for the Board to approve the quote from Hytech for \$2470 to purchase and install accessories on the new gas truck. Trustees voting "Aye", Basinski, Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting "Nay", none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Public Safety Committee Chairperson Keys, and Chief Plew discussed light-duty considerations of full-time training, administrative work, evidence custodian, code enforcement, and other considerations, and discussion on power supply and internet for an LPR camera on Adams road, and looking at a different camera at the north lights intersection.

Street Committee Chairperson Dell discussed MFT meeting with Curry, MFT receipt and bank statement request, and consideration of adding no-parking signs on Bluffview Dr. due to tractor-trailer parking and damaging the roadway, and consideration of replacing Village street signs and checking potential to charge to MFT.

Trustee Dell motioned, and Trustee Phillips seconded for the Board to approve purchase of new street signs for \$5,500, to be charged to MFT if allowable. Trustees voting "Aye", Basinski, 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}{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 8:19 P.M.

Trustee Keys motioned, and Trustee Dell 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 8:43 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 8:44 P.M.

Mark Nadler, Clerk