

***February 20, 2024***

**Open Time:** The Board of Trustees of the Village of Dupu, Illinois, met for a regular board meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> 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, 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, Treasurer Holzhauer, Chief Plew, Darrin Hillen, Christopher Kuni, and Officer's Carrier, Deno, Cleveland, Zimmer, Riley, and Fulkerson.

Trustee Dell motioned, and Trustee Taylor 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:** Clerk Nadler read correspondence regarding a Dupu Special Education teacher donation request. Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Basinski seconded for the Board to put the communications on file. Trustees voting "Aye", Basinski, Dell, 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 Dell seconded for the Board to approve the regular session minutes from the regular meeting of February 5, 2024, as presented. Trustees voting "Aye", Basinski, Dell, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting "Nay", none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

**Bills:** Discussion was held regarding a Miken bill charged to the wrong department. 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:** Darrin Hillen and Christopher Kuni from the Dupu Volunteer Fire Department addressed the board requesting a permit to hold a Queen of Hearts to be held at 5<sup>th</sup> Street Billiards with the fee waived. This will be put on the next agenda for board consideration, but all board members were in favor by a straw vote.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Attorney Swartwout discussed the need to establish new policies related to sustainable contracting and purchasing; and diversity, equity, and inclusion to fall into grant compliance. Draft policies were presented for the board to review and consider for approval at the next board meeting.

**Committee Reports:**  
Sewer Committee had nothing to report.

Finance/Ordinance Committee Chairperson Taylor discussed posting the FRA report regarding

trains blocking tracks on the Village Facebook page. Chief Plew noted the same information is posted at the Village of Sauget police station, the Village carpet cleaning, Village spotlight on the website and on the Facebook page, and an overbilling on the phone bill that she is getting corrected.

Water Committee Chairperson Basinski discussed Koonce and DeJarnette at the Water Conference, with Mike Koonce receiving a runner-up water operators award for Southern Illinois, an update on use of funds and reasons for approvals by State and Federal, ongoing water line installation status, and carrying the water rate increase while further information is gathered.

Gas/Parks Committee Chairperson Phillips gave a reminder on gas members going to a conference, status on a gas line extension, the need to replace the park DVR, need for annual fertilizing and weed spraying at the park, and asphalt work needed at the pickleball court and discussion on funding to pay the extra cost.

Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Dell seconded for the Board to approve the Alarm24 quote to replace the park DVR camera for \$2,091.43. Trustees voting "Aye", Basinski, Dell, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting "Nay", none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Taylor seconded for the Board to approve annual fertilizer and weed spraying (2 treatments) at the park for a total of \$4000. Trustees voting "Aye", Basinski, Dell, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting "Nay", none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Taylor seconded for the Board to approve the quote from Moore Asphalt to surface the pickleball courts at the park for \$14,590 with the first payment of \$7,500 now and the balance paid on 5/1/2024. Trustees voting "Aye", Basinski, Dell, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting "Nay", none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Public Safety Committee Chairperson Keys, and Chief Plew discussed status of abatements and discussion with Officer Carrier regarding readiness to return to work, an update on new LPR camera capabilities, and discussion on how to handle dumpsters not being emptied.

Street Committee Chairperson Dell discussed snow removal this past week and getting no-parking signs on Bluffview Dr. between Arch and Goley to the end of the street.

Trustee Dell motioned, and Trustee Basinski seconded for the Board to approve Ordinance 24-01 to add no parking signs to Bluffview Drive from past the Dupo Quarteback Club south to the end of the road. Trustees voting "Aye", Basinski, Dell, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting "Nay", none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

**Other Business:** Trustee Dell motioned, and Trustee Keys 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, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting "Nay," none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried. Executive Session began at 7:45

P.M.

Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Dell seconded for the Board to return to Open Session. Trustees voting “Aye,” Basinski, Dell, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay,” none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried. Executive Session concluded at 7:54 P.M.

Trustee Keys motioned, and Trustee Taylor seconded for the Board for Patrick Carrier to return to work on 2/26/2024 as an Administrative Sergeant. Trustees voting “Aye”, Basinski, Dell, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

**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, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay,” none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

***Mark Nadler, Clerk***