

***March 18, 2024***

**Open Time:** The Board of Trustees of the Village of Dupu, Illinois, met for a regular board meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 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, Jule Levin, Jamie Bender, Adam and Quana Holloman, Chuck Carner, and Officer Cleveland.

**Communications:** None.

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Trustee Foster motioned, and Trustee Keys seconded for the Board to approve the regular session minutes from the regular meeting of March 4, 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:** Trustee Taylor motioned, and Trustee Basinski 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:** Jule Levin addressed the board regarding getting code changed for lighting concerns with his neighbor. The Village Attorney is researching options for lighting change. He also addressed the board regarding additional junk collecting on his neighbor’s property that has been ongoing. Jule has contacted the police as requested and with no resolution. He also addressed the board regarding Industrial Drive and concerns with the culverts and roadway. Trustee Dell gave an update that funding through DEOC is in final approval to go out for bid. Jule is meeting with the property owners. Jule is also holding a levee board meeting on 4/3/2024 at 6:30 PM and inviting local officials for input on disaster planning. The mayor discussed with Jamie Bender the status of having the light moved.

Adam Holloman from II Kings Coffee Experience addressed the board regarding interest in having mobile coffee service in town. The location he was proposing is owned by UPRR. The board suggested getting

approval from a property owner prior to requesting a Village license.

Jamie Bender addressed the board regarding concerns with Jule Levin dumping on his neighbor's property.

Chuck Carner addressed the board regarding still wanting a meeting with the Zoning board. He is questioning a letter received from the zoning attorney denying his request to meeting with the Zoning Board of Appeals. Discussion was held regarding what he could build – the board informed him the minimum he could build was a 1500 square foot house. He further addressed the board regarding a legal matter with a fire hydrant that he broke that the Village had to repair.

**Old Business:** Attorney Swartwout gave a status update on the I255 Interchange grant status and political support discussions, and Republic Times project status request being responded to by Attorney Swartwout.

**New Business:** None.

**Committee Reports:**

Sewer Committee Chairperson Foster discussed status of valve repairs, receiving the wrong parts for the repair, and EPA inspection.

Finance/Ordinance Committee Chairperson Taylor discussed SIM card status, Firstnet additional costs and fees and considering dropping service, status of pouring concrete for the new sign and coming in within the next week, status of copy charge analysis, grant request questions posted on Facebook, getting bids for fencing and landscaping on Main St. at the Street Department shop area, and concerns with the ties and other trash on UPRR property.

Water Committee Chairperson Basinski discussed status of discussions with Curry for water rate increase and lime silo plans, and more discussions from EPA on chlorine mandates.

Gas/Parks Committee Chairperson Phillips discussed status of gas audit going good, gas service in the business district, fireworks contract proposal, considering hiring 4 summer help workers, status of park work for new exercise equipment and pickleball blacktop work, and weed spraying plan.

Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Dell seconded for the Board to approve the July 4<sup>th</sup> firework bid for \$8,600 from J&M Display. 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 discussed status of Tom Davis starting to put up a building but not following building code, status of other property matter discussions, and securing a IDOT house.

Street Committee Chairperson Dell discussed remaining signs to replace and repair street and stop signs and posts, work on park equipment preparation, Belleville Fence review of the Street Department lot to give a quote, and estimating replacing the sidewalk in front of the Street shop. Discussion was held regarding having our storm water engineer for a county meeting for a grant application discussion, and having park lights that are out repaired.

Trustee Dell motioned, and Trustee Keys seconded for the Board to approve purchase of street signs and poles not to exceed \$5,500 from Warning Lights of So. Illinois. Trustees voting "Aye", Basinski, Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting "Nay", none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

**Zoning/Planning Board:** None.

**Other Business:** None.

**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 8:26 P.M.

***Mark Nadler, Clerk***