

April 15, 2024

Open Time: The Board of Trustees of the Village of Dupo, Illinois, met for a regular board meeting on the 15th day of April 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: Attorney Swartwout, Treasurer Holzhauser, Chief Plew, Robert Christ, Mike and Jaycee Faries, Jule Levin, Edward Higgeson, Eric Chacon, and Chuck Carner.

Communications: Trustee Basinski read correspondence regarding a property for sale by the county on Elizabeth Ave. Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Dell 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 Keys motioned, and Trustee Taylor seconded for the Board to approve the regular session minutes from the regular meeting of April 1, 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 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: Robert Christ addressed the board regarding interest in expanding his Cayenne parking lot further north on 5th Street with rock onto his next lot he owns. Discussion was held by trustees and Attorney Swartwout with Robert Christ regarding water retention, zoning requirements, concerns with the adjoining property leased to Walt’s trucking, increased truck traffic concerns, and drainage issues in the area. Robert Christ was referred to the Zoning board for initial approval and recommended to first rectify the property concerns with the current lot used by Walt’s. Robert left his information with Attorney Swartwout to turnover to Attorney Schneidewind.

Jule Levin addressed the board regarding concerns with Robert Christ's proposal to ensure proper storm water retention is included, and thanked the board for having the police committee and attorney provide him a more detailed status of the legal proceedings and status with the neighboring property.

Chuck Carner addressed the board regarding a status request for a FOIA request he made on village payment of legal fees. Attorney Swartwout had a copy of the response provided. A copy was printed and given to Chuck at the meeting. Chuck addressed the board regarding the zoning requirement on building a secondary structure without a primary structure, specific pages for code requirements, and other properties in the Village that are in violation. Discussion was held regarding the building of a primary structure first and building of a secondary structure after.

Edward Higginson addressed the board regarding parking of a camper on his property while his house is being repaired, and discussed the insurance demolition holdback while the repairs are being made. He was requested to get a letter signed by his neighbors that none had a concern with his request and leave it at the Village Hall.

Old Business: Discussion was held on IDOT approving the I-255 Interchange project to start up again after recent funding and other discussions, including potentially starting the property demolitions in the coming months.

New Business: Discussion was held regarding 5th Street Billiards request to change their liquor license from a 1:00 AM license to a 2:00 AM license. Board, owner and police discussion was held regarding concerns with opening up to late night trouble, monitoring for trouble, and mitigation plans by 5th Street.

Trustee Dell motioned, and Trustee Basinski seconded for the Board to approve a 6-month trial 2:00 AM liquor license at 50% of the 2:00 AM license rate and review again upon expiration. Trustees voting "Aye", Basinski, Dell, Foster, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting "Nay", Taylor. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Eric Chacon from AT&T 1stNet addressed the board regarding the purpose of the 1stNet service and partnership with the Federal government and introduced himself and his role. Clarification was confirmed around billing, a billing credit received, confusions getting LPR cameras setup, expected costs and billing going forward, and board member and family and other first responder discount options.

Committee Reports:

Sewer Committee Chairperson Foster discussed status of getting new parts installed and readings, issue with pump in the equalization basin, status of new aeration pump, and issue with new distillation pump and repair.

Finance/Ordinance Committee Chairperson Taylor discussed the Awareness day on Saturday, discussed the school art department no longer interested in painting a mural at the splash pad, banners and other decorations for Main St., the park and the splash pad, and 3 bids received for new fencing for the Street department lot on Main St.

Trustee Taylor motioned, and Trustee Keys seconded for the Board to approve purchase of spring decorations from Holiday Outdoor Décor for \$4,925 to be 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.

Trustee Taylor motioned, and Trustee Keys seconded for the Board to accept the low bid of \$23,252 from Fence MD for new fencing, removal of old, and installation of new on Main Street to be 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.

Water Committee Chairperson Basinski discussed a status update on a billing issue and the correction made, status of the IEPA inspection report from last year, and meeting with Curry on lime and water rate planning.

Gas/Parks Committee Chairperson Phillips and member Taylor discussed splash pad opening plan, pickleball court paving plan, St. Clair County grants, hiring of weekend park worker, replacement of 2 light bulbs at the park and Ameren billing concern, and purchase of a bobcat after receiving 3 bids with selecting the bobcat as the Village has all of the accessories already for this machine.

Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Foster seconded for the Board to hire Dwayne Hoffman as the summer weekend park worker. Trustees voting “Aye”, Basinski, Foster, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, Dell, Taylor. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Keys seconded for the Board to approve Ordinance 24-02 purchase of a bobcat for \$70,111.96 with \$50,000 paid from ARPA funds and the balance divided by Water, Sewer, and Streets. 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 completion of the hazmat survey and potential grant available, payment of employee vacation payout, police contract negotiations, and general fund budget concerns.

Street Committee Chairperson Dell discussed DEOC requesting the village to advertise for an engineer for the Industrial Drive project and funding for the engineer included in the funding, and status of clearing the drainage ditch on Industrial Drive near the quarry.

Zoning/Planning Board:

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 9:05 P.M.

Trustee Basinski motioned, and Trustee Keys 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 9:20 P.M.

Trustee Basinski motioned, and Trustee Dell seconded for the Board to accept the letter of retirement by Michael Edwards. Trustees voting “Aye”, Basinski, Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Trustee Foster motioned, and Trustee Basinski seconded for the Board to deny an employee medical insurance extension. Trustees voting “Aye”, Basinski, Dell, Foster, 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 Basinski motioned, and Trustee Taylor/Keys 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 9:25 P.M.

Mark Nadler, Clerk