

***May 6, 2024***

**Open Time:** The Board of Trustees of the Village of Dupo, Illinois, met for a regular board meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 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, 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, Chief Plew, Jamie Bender, Matthew Ritzel, Jule Levin, Mike Koonce, Tom Davis, Stephen Wylie, Latorrea Williams, Edward Higgerson, Officers Irwin and Deno, and Chuck Carner.

Trustee Phillips motioned, and Trustee Dell 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 ConvergeOne bankruptcy and Kelly Schaffer taking the Utility Man open position effective on 5/13/2024 after final certifications are obtained. Trustee Basinski motioned, and Trustee Phillips 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 Keys seconded for the Board to approve the regular session minutes from the regular meeting of April 15, 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 correction of a bill to McArthur’s bakery reimbursed by the police Benevolent association, R&M Oil police billing corrections, and reimbursement to Trustee Taylor. 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 status

of Industrial Drive project. Trustee Dell gave an update on hiring of an engineering firm. He also addressed the board regarding silt concerns with the quarry keeping Village runoff from having any place to go. Trustee Dell and Keys reported on FEMA reviews.

Matthew Ritzel addressed the board regarding the Planning Commission report results. He is interested in being annexed into the Village and to change it to business. Clerk Nadler will contact Dave Schneidewind regarding allowable uses on the property prior to the board considering annexation.

Latorrea Williams addressed the board regarding concerns with basement flooding at 204 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Trustee Dell will check into street drain status in the area.

Edward Higginson addressed the board regarding a follow up from the board request for neighbor signatures to temporarily park a camper on his property until it is repaired from fire damage.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Discussion was held regarding approval of IDOT required interchange projects.

Trustee Basinski motioned, and Trustee Phillips seconded for the Board to approve Resolution 24-05 for Supplemental Agreement #7 with IDOT. Trustees voting “Aye”, Basinski, Dell, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding transferring of \$140,000 in TIF funds to TIF 4 for coverage of TIF creation and Interchange grant applications and status of the Grant applications and process.

Trustee Basinski motioned, and Trustee Dell seconded for the Board to approve Resolution 24-06 to transfer \$140,000 in TIF funds from TIF 1 to TIF 4. Trustees voting “Aye”, Basinski, Dell, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

Sewer Committee member Dell discussed status on some sewer projects and water processing during the storms.

Finance/Ordinance Committee Chairperson Taylor discussed obtaining of notary certification for office employees, and American Legion

interest with Stephen Wylie in the Village participating in the Purple Heart Trail including a proclamation by the mayor, a sign at the entrance to town, and some exposure during the July 4<sup>th</sup> event.

Water Committee Chairperson Basinski discussed a new contract for Electrical Aggregation rates for June 24 – June 25 and expected additional savings and credits beginning in 2025. Opt-out letters will be sent out within the next week and information will be posted on Facebook. Discussion was held regarding the water rate increase proposal which has been in place for at least 15 years, and changing of maximum usage from the existing code. Minimum will increase from \$14.08 to \$17.26, and usage increase from \$7.04 to \$8.63. The ordinance will also be updated for commercial meter usage incremental fees, and annual built in 3% increases to be considered at the next meeting.

Gas/Parks Committee Chairperson Phillips discussed ICC Distribution Management audit, June 24<sup>th</sup> emergency meeting, and conference attendance, update on Brett Small talking to Ameren about the LED lights at the park, update on the pickleball court status, sump pump repair, leak, and opening at the splash pad, and hiring of 4 summer help workers at the next meeting. Discussion was held regarding use of the Village park field for high school softball use.

Public Safety Committee Chairperson Keys, and Chief Plew discussed status of abatements and legal review of unsafe properties, derelict Village owned properties and cleanup plans, executive session topics, and county multi-hazard mitigation plan. The plan could potentially help with mitigation of the silt and water backup issues. Discussion was held regarding evaluation options for engineering review of water backup and flow issues potential FEMA funding, and matching funds.

Trustee Dell motioned, and Trustee Keys seconded for the Board to authorize Attorney Swartwout to pursue the evaluation of the multi-hazard mitigation plan and grant application. 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 status of work orders from abatement notices, status of street sweeping, installation of the portable pump by the gas shop to move water out of town, waiting on prevailing wage statement from contractor, appointment of a committee to review Phase 3 engineering and assignment of engineer, and status of clearing streets and clearing drains due to heavy rains.

Discussion was held regarding a resident with water runoff issues from his neighbor’s property and his efforts to move it off of his property to

the street and what the Village can do about it. Discussion was held regarding Village code for runoff causing a nuisance and Village evaluation to do an abatement.

**Zoning/Planning Board:**

**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 8:24 P.M.

Trustee Basinski motioned, and Trustee Keys 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 8:52 P.M.

Trustee Keys motioned, and Trustee Taylor seconded for the Board to approve Resolution 24-07 for the renewal of the contract with Dennis Plew as Police Chief pending final language changes with the Attorney and approve from the chief. Trustees voting “Aye”, Basinski, Dell, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Trustee Keys motioned, and Trustee Taylor seconded for the Board to approve payout of unused vacation to Sergeant Carrier of 57.3 hours each over the next 3 pay periods. Trustees voting “Aye”, Basinski, Dell, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding FOP contract negotiation language.

**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 9:03 P.M.

***Mark Nadler, Clerk***