

*July 1, 2024*

**Open Time:** The Board of Trustees of the Village of Dupo, Illinois, met for a regular board meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 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: Mayor Wilson. There being a quorum present, Clerk Nadler declared the meeting open for business. Others in attendance: Clerk Nadler, Attorney Swartwout, Treasurer Holzhauer, Chief Plew, Kevin Mantz, Josh Owen, Jamie Bender, Jerry and Olivia Casey, Valerie Howell, Dylan and Lisa Benjamin, Ed Lambert, Jule Levin, and Matt Hamilton.

Trustee Foster motioned, and Trustee Taylor seconded for the Board to excuse Mayor Wilson. 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 Phillips seconded for the Board to appoint Trustee Basinski to Mayor Pro-Tem. Trustees voting “Aye”, Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. Trustees voting “Abstain”, Basinski. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

**Communications:** Clerk Nadler read correspondence regarding IMLRMA interest in bidding our insurance renewal. Trustee Dell motioned, and Trustee Foster 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 Taylor seconded for the Board to approve the regular session minutes from the regular meeting of June 17, 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 Keys motioned, and Trustee Taylor 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:** Kevin Mantz addressed the board regarding the empty lot next to his property owned by Mr. Carner with trailers, clutter, broken concrete blocks, an out houses, and old steeple. Chief Plew responded that the process has started with abatement notices, and briefly discussed the full process to be followed.

Jule Levin addressed the board regarding a new pump sitting out in the weather. Trustee Dell reported that it is being used during the storms. He also asked the board regarding a revision he is requesting for a lighting ordinance that he would like to have the Zoning board recommend but the board isn't meeting, and more issues with his neighbor collecting junk.

Josh Owens and others addressed the board regarding delinquent houses and campers being

setup and lived in on Adams Rd., sewer being output onto the ground, and suspected drug traffic and trying to find out what they can do. Discussion was held regarding attempts and cleanup efforts but then recurring issues and neighbors that would consider buying properties if they could put trailers on them.

Valerie Howell addressed the board regarding concerns with the declining property maintenance in the Village of Dupo and concerns with it getting worse, a question about a pool permit on a neighboring property to her business, fence permit application, water feature enclosure, electrical concerns, and rectification options. Discussion was held regarding setting up a town hall special meeting to discuss potential Village / citizen solutions.

Jerry and Olivia Casey thanked the board for the business license approval for Groovie Grooming and assistance from Village employees to get them ready, and status of planning to open later this month.

Ed Lambert addressed the board regarding a neighbor that built a fence and is putting up a building at 230 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> that he thinks it is on his property but doesn't know if he is on his property without a permit.

**Old Business:** Discussion was held regarding the status of the 2024 RAISE Grant and the Village of Dupo was not awarded, but other potential grants that the Village may be more eligible to receive later in 2024 or the 2025 RAISE grant. Discussion was held regarding the property demolitions of the IDOT properties that will be moving forward.

**New Business:** Discussion was held regarding continuing the façade improvement grant program with business district funds. The old program had a \$20,000 annual budget with an individual grant max of \$2,500. The business district revenue is about 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the TIF district and the information was shared with board to consider until next meeting.

Attorney Swartwout discussed the board to consider developing a highway authority agreement with Union Pacific Railroad to be in line with a similar recent IDOT agreement.

**Committee Reports:**

Sewer Committee Chairperson Foster and Matt Hamilton discussed the Metro AG price increase notice and contract renewal, status of the original (East) clarifier cleaning and finding the bearing broke that needs to be replaced. The parts are a little over \$1800 and the contract labor to replace. Discussion was held regarding the status of the full sewer plant review, maintenance, and cleanup. Discussion was held regarding the sewer outfall pumps and the reasoning behind obtaining a 3<sup>rd</sup> emergency backup pump or alternate emergency pump options. To fit our backup pump would cost about \$2,500, but we could also rent the parts and fittings if we ever need them for about \$1,000 / mo. Alternately we could rent a pump and have it setup by C&C for \$6200 for the first month and \$4300 for additional months. Matt recommends not purchasing the equipment approved last meeting, but rent if needed. Discussion was held regarding the bids for Flos lift station repair, and an issue today with the Lime Street lift station.

Trustee Foster motioned, and Trustee Dell seconded for the Board to approve amending the motion from last meeting to not purchase the outfall pump lines and connectors but instead to

rent if needed. 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 Dell seconded for the Board to approve Ordinance 24-04 for the Flos Lift Station repair bid from Equipment Pro for \$96,400 for the 80/20 grant. Trustees voting “Aye”, Basinski, Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Finance/Ordinance Committee Chairperson Taylor discussed status of the new fence going in on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street at the Street department expansion, concerns with delayed bill delivery due to slow mail and option to lessen the impact, status of the Purple Heart proclamation and program at 4:00 PM at the July 4<sup>th</sup> event, consideration of Miken and CompuType server and contract projects.

Trustee Taylor motioned, and Trustee Keys seconded for the Board to approve the server purchase and support contract from CompuType for the main Village office server and support. 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 had nothing to report.

Gas/Parks Committee Chairperson Phillips discussed the new tractor coming in and is nice and up and running, and July 4<sup>th</sup> picnic this week.

Public Safety Committee Chairperson Keys, and Chief Plew discussed still working on the FOP contract, switching to Omnigo from IWIN service for leads and license plate services that should give the Village some financial savings, figuring out how to continue the SRO program with the school district, discussion of increasing part-time pay to \$25/hr, and FOP contract negotiation invoice from Mike Wagner.

Trustee Keys motioned, and Trustee Taylor seconded for the Board to approve Ordinance 24-06 to increase the part-time police payrate to \$25/hr. Trustees voting “Aye”, Basinski, Dell, Foster, Taylor, Phillips and Keys. Trustees voting “Nay”, none. After an affirmative vote, the motion carried.

Street Committee Chairperson Dell discussed the fee for Ameren use of Adams Rd. and discussions on billing and contracts, hauling agreement, negotiations for creating an agreement for road repairs as an alternate, the repair of the Street department building, patching and work orders to prepare for street oiling, and Kuna building dedication.

Trustee Dell motioned, and Trustee Phillips seconded for the Board to approve Total Roofing to do repairs to the Street building roof for \$6,237.12. 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 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 9:20 P.M.

***Mark Nadler, Clerk***