

SPECIAL SESSION

October 17, 2009

A special joint meeting was held between the Dunlap Business Association and the Dunlap Village Board of trustees at 8:00 a.m. at the Dunlap Fire Station. Village President Jack Fennell was present. Trustees present—Lori Parkhill and Colleen Slane. Also present were Village Clerk Fraser Engerman and Village Treasurer Dwight Johnson.

Jack Fennell opened the meeting by stating the village wants to work with the Dunlap Business association as the village eyes growth. Dunlap Business Association member John Parks stated he hoped this will be the beginning of a great relationship.

Roger Larson from the Peoria County Extension Office asked what are the strengths of Dunlap? Some of the answers included--diversity, schools, the library, the fire department, the fiscal soundness of the village, great parks and a great quality of life.

Roger asked attendees if growth from Peoria threatens the village. All indicated it does and could prevent the village from keeping its identity.

Attendees were asked what are the weaknesses of the village? Answers included—lack of infrastructure, lack of identity and branding for the village. Jack Fennell indicated the village does not have a plan for growth.

Roger Larson asked about opportunities for the village. Big opportunities are available for growth. Dunlap Fire District Chief John Doering wants the various municipal entities to work together instead of against each other.

It was agreed another meeting is needed to continue the discussion on improving Dunlap for all. Another meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. on November 21, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Dated November 11, 2009

Fraser Engerman, Village Clerk

