

## **Village of Dakota Board Meeting**

**Date - Monday, March 20, 2023, 6:30 PM**

**Dakota Village Hall - 112 Main St Dakota, IL**

**Board Members Attending – Alisha Lizer, Ken Vrazsity, Kaytlyn Vrazsity, Diane Clay, Jon Riley, Eric Lizer**

**Absent – Jeremy Knox**

**Treasurer – Melody Sweet**

**Clerk – Jennifer Knox**

**Public Attendees – Tom Olsen, Whitney Lawler, Arlene Jaeger, Jeff Kinney, Dennis Elmer**

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### **Approve Agenda**

- **Motion made by Eric to approve agenda, seconded by Kaytlyn, all in favor, motion carried.**

### **Liquor Control Regulations (Ordinance 3-1-1 through 3-1.1-99)**

- The liquor commission approved Ken Vrazsity to be on the liquor commission. Arlene will look for someone to fill in for Ken so we do not have 4 board members but for now it will work.
- The liquor commission approved Route 75 Bar & Grill renewal for 2023-2024 liquor license.
- Liquor commission approved Casey's General Store renewal for 2023-2024 liquor license.
- **Motion made by Jon to accept approval for Casey's General Store liquor license renewal for 2023-2024 liquor license, seconded by Eric, all in favor, motion carried.**
- **Motion made by Jon to accept approval for Route 75 Bar & Grill liquor license renewal for 2023-2024 liquor license, seconded by Kaytlyn, all in favor, motion carried.**
- Discuss Supplemental Liquor License Ordinance to allow outdoor sales of alcohol
  - Currently we cannot have more than 3 events per year; also cannot have outdoor dining and sales, both due to current ordinance.
  - Ideas from Tom and Whitney – would like to have more outdoor events such as class reunions, family movie nights on the lawn, fundraisers and other such events. Being allowed to have more events allows more flexibility.
  - Alisha talked to Steve about a supplemental liquor license. He would be able to create for the village. Alisha provided documentation showing fee options and other options/details such as times for a supplemental license.
  - Outdoor structures would need to be attached to building.
  - All plans would need to be submitted by business which could all possibly be approved so they have flexibility for the event.

- Route 75 confirmed they do have someone standing by door of event for ID's and provide wristbands
- All in agreement to have Alisha work with Steve to create a supplemental license developed.
- The case against the liquor commission and village board members has been dropped.

### **Compensation of Officer (Ordinance 1-11-5)**

- Review and approve updated written ordinance compensation of officers for replacement in ordinance book.
  - **Motion made by Eric to approve updated written ordinance compensation of officer 1-11-5 and compensation of village of employees 1-11-7.4, seconded by Jon, all in favor, motion carried.**

### **Non-Metered Sewer Rates (Ordinance 8-6-8 Subchapter 10 Section 14)**

- Review residential sewer rates. Alisha went over everything with Steve and Jill to make sure everything was correct.
  - The current rate is \$20. Increase of \$10 in May 2023, increase \$10 in Jan 2024 to bring to \$40.
  - Hoping if we increase the school's rate to bring current, we won't have to increase as much as we're being told.
  - **Motion made by Jon to change ordinance 8-6-8 subchapter 10 section 14 of the current sewer rate of \$20 a month adding a \$10 month increase in May 2023 and additional \$10 a month increase Jan 2024, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.**
  - Alisha will work on the letter to be mailed to residents.
- Currently we have two places that are considered commercial – Route 75 and Casey's
  - The volume of water and sewer used by Casey's is not comparable to what a local restaurant would use.
  - Suggestion is to develop two fee structures. Light Commercial would apply to Route 75 and Commercial which would apply to Casey's. Which allows us to develop two different prices for water and sewer.
  - We also have Light Business which is the same as residential.
  - Should we create a separate commercial and light commercial? Agree it's not fair to lump businesses together.
  - **Motion made by Eric to separate commercial fees for Light Commercial and Commercial rate for the sewer usage for ordinance 8-6-8 subchapter 10 section 14, seconded by Diane, all in favor, motion carried.**
- Rates for Light Commercial and Commercial
  - For Casey's – Alisha reviewed Forrester's Casey's rates as a comparison.

- One idea she presented is for sewer we could go to \$160 in May 2023 then to \$200 in Jan 2024; water could move to \$200 in May 2023 then an increase to \$225 in Jan 2024 bringing monthly total to \$425.
- Melody said the system is set up by commercial 1, 2 and 3. Said we should list it as such in the ordinance. Agreed to have commercial 1 – residents/light business, commercial 2 – Route 75, commercial 3 – Casey’s.
- **Motion made by Jon to update ordinance 8-6-8 subchapter 10 section 14 for Casey’s commercial 3 rates for rate increase in May 2023 for sewer will be \$160 and additional increase in Jan 2024 to \$200; a water increase in May 2023 to \$200 and Jan 2024 to \$225, seconded by Eric, all in favor, motion carried.**
- For Route 75 – Alisha used an average.
- One idea she presented is to take light commercial sewer to \$120 May 2023 then \$150 in Jan 2024; water to \$150 then \$175 in Jan 2024
- **Motion made by Eric to change commercial 2 rate of ordinance 8-6-8 subchapter 10 section 14 for Route 75 commercial 2 rates for an increase to \$120 May 2023 and an increase to \$150 in Jan 2024 for sewer; for water an increase to \$150 in May 2023 and 10 \$175 in Jan 2024, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.**
- Light commercial
  - Already set residential. This is for sewer as water is already correct.
  - **Motion made by Eric to change the sewer rate for commercial 1 for ordinance 8-6-8 subchapter 10 section 14 for commercial 1 to update sewer rate to same as residential rate, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.**
- Alisha reached out to the school. Had an appointment set with Jason Grey but he cancelled. Does not have another date. She asked to be directed to a school board member.
  - Alisha used Forrester’s metered system to compare. She used size of 770.
  - They charged during the school year - \$2350 to as high as \$2900; summer average of \$300.
  - If we took \$2500 as the average times 9 months and \$300 for 3 months it totals \$1950 for sewer.
  - We’ll still need to address water for the school but Alisha doesn’t have that information. She talked to Steve Cox about section 14 and it has the rate as a multiplier of students. He said we cannot have that, and the EPA will not allow that.
  - **Motion made by Jon to change ordinance 8-6-8 subchapter 10 section 14 to remove student multiplier verbiage, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.**
  - We can look at putting a meter on the school at some point. We won’t have time to do it now because we need to show EPA we can repay the loan.

- **Motion made by Eric to change institutional school rate for the sewer for ordinance 8-6-8 subchapter 10 section 14 to the rate increase of \$1300 per month in May 2023 and increase to \$2000 per month in Jan 2024, seconded by Jon, motion carried.**
- Alisha will also let school know water rates have not been raised and still needs to increase

### **Animal Control (Ordinance 9-2-1 through 9-2-7)**

- What about fines for having chickens? Misinformation is being spread. Although previously agreed to table, residents have commented through social media.
- It's easier to have strict ordinances than no ordinance. One that has many requirements other than simply saying residents cannot have chickens.
- Have a higher application fee.
- There is a max fine of \$750.
- Specify type of material and type of chicken coop.
- Suggestion made to have a public meeting regarding chickens allowing each person 2 minutes to speak.
- Concern is there will be residents will get chicken regardless if they're told not to. Who would take care of this issue?
- Board thoughts – if there's interest, get it all done correctly; set up ordinance to ban it; doesn't want to see little shacks built and not cleaned up; create ordinance to get people to follow.
- Fines can be given out and can continue. The village cannot really do anything except taking them to court.
- Alisha can talk to Steve about the best way to create ordinance and find out what authority we have or don't have.
- Asked everyone to review the chicken paperwork previously passed out.

### **Fences and Illegal Dumping**

- Alisha asked board members to review these subjects and bring thoughts and ideas.
- Review the ordinance books; if there are things to discuss, send them to Alisha.
- We have no ordinance on illegal dumping so it needs to be created.
- Kaytlyn will look to housing restrictions.

### **Additional Items**

- April 8<sup>th</sup> needs help with hiding eggs.
- Asking members to wait until 15 minutes prior to the meeting start time.
- Will send reminder emails sooner as far as what is needed for following meeting.

## **Adjourn**

- **Motion made by Eric to adjourn, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.**