

Village of Dakota Ordinance Meeting

Date - Monday, April 17th, 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, Jeremy Knox

Treasurer – Melody Sweet

Clerk – Jennifer Knox

Public Attendees – Tom Wand, Jeff Kinney

Approve Agenda

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

Permit Request

- 106 Schaffer – Tom Wand
 - Privacy fence; needs to be minimum of 2 feet from property line.
 - **Motion made by Eric to approve building permit for privacy fence at 106 Schaffer St with restriction of 2 ft off the side lot line; seconded by Jeremy, all in favor, motion carried.**

New Items

- Multiple properties with fences lacking permits and not following zoning code.
 - Property on 419 Main St by bus garage, brown house, using multiple materials/items, rental property, did not get permission.
 - As fence ordinance stands, we could say they violated by not getting a permit and notify landlord there wasn't a permit issued.
 - Previously there were updates being done to fence ordinance but not completed.
 - Once complete, Alisha will give it to Steve Cox to review.
 - Alisha asked that letter be mailed to landlord regarding fence and no permit.
- Village Hall Repair or Rebuilding
 - Alisha explained the possibility of the hall being in an emergency situation. If an emergency, we could forgo bids, engineering fees, etc. She reached out to Steve Cox. (As well as Matt Hansen and Jill) He is trying to get a building inspector to determine if by code if salvageable or unsalvageable based on the value of the building.
 - Also need to determine if current building fits our needs. It is quite cramped.

- If we went with the engineering idea, we could get a grant through Jill to offset some of the cost.
- We could also go with building nice, metal, simple facility.
- Idea: What about building by the water tower since it is our property?
- If we build, we may need to use the community center which would shut that down to community for awhile.
- Need to check with IML to check on what is correct as far as being secured area.
- New building could provide office for clerk, treasurer, separate meeting area.
- Ken noted it may be more difficult and costly to fix hall.
- Electrical issues, poor air quality, weak flooring
- Can also check other possible town properties to build
- All agree to reach out to Steve to move forward with inspection of hall.
- Dakota Park Improvement Planning
 - Alisha talked to Dan Pepin, he does grant writing that may help with park path, parking lot area, etc.
 - Reaching out to Dan to attend next ordinance meeting.

Old Items

- Everyone updated ordinance books with ordinances 7-2-17-14, 7-3-2 and 8-7-10-14
- Ordinance 04032023 Supplemental License Outdoor Sales still needs to be added to ordinance books
- Compensation ordinance 1-11-4 added to books

Ordinance Items

- 9-2-7 Animal Control Penalty Update
 - Currently penalty of not less than \$5 nor more than \$100 is outdated
 - \$750 is the max amount allowed
 - The penalty more so comes into play for animals that repeatedly get out
 - Could do warning but ordinances are set up this way; would need to do all of them
 - Around the table each provided thoughts on min/max
 - Kaytlyn - \$125/\$750
 - Diane - \$100/\$750
 - Jeremy - \$100/\$750
 - Eric - \$200/\$750
 - Ken - \$150/\$750
 - Jon - \$200/\$750

- **Motion made by Eric to update 9-2-7 Penalties stating any person violating any provisions of this chapter shall be fined not less than \$150 nor more than \$750 for each offense; and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs on continues; seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.**
- 5-14-1 through 5-14-4 Swimming Pools
 - Reviewing the fence portion of the ordinance. Want to make sure the dimensions are good.
 - Also discussed restricting type of fence allowed such not allowing snow or chicken wire fence
 - All agree adding the word permanent should be added to this section of ordinances where fencing is listed
 - **Motion made by Ken to approve update to 5-14-3 Compliance shall be that all in-ground swimming pools shall require a permanent fence, all above ground pools shall have either removable or retractable ladders sufficient to prevent accidental access by young children. Swimming pools where access is from a deck or a platform shall have a gate or door sufficient to prevent accidental access by young children. When swimming pools are unattached, ladders shall be removed or placed in their retracted position, gates and doors (where required) shall be closed; seconded by Jon, all in favor, motion carried.**
 - **Motion made Ken to approve update to 5-14-4 to read Permanent Fences – Swimming pools requiring fences or pools where a fence is used to restrict accidental access shall be completely enclosed by the fence. The wall of a dwelling house or accessory building may be used in lieu of a fence to form a part of the enclosure surrounding a swimming pool. The fence shall be not less than four (4) feet in height and shall have no openings, holes, or gaps larger than four (4) inches wide except for doors and gates; seconded by Jon, all in favor, motion carried.**
- 5-4-4-A3 Accessory Building and Uses
 - Wording should be changed to read village board and not building inspector
 - All in agreement to update water depth to 24" and not 18"
 - **Motion made by Eric to approve update to 5-4-4-A3 to read swimming pools, provided that they are located only in the buildable portion of the lot or in a required rear yard and are not closer than ten feet (10') to any lot line and meet other applicable Village ordinances. A permit must be obtained from the Village Board for any swimming pool with a water depth of twenty-four inches (24") or more and/or a diameter of twelve feet (12') or more. All in ground**

swimming pools must be fenced in; seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.

- 7-3-2 Fees
 - Move section showing pool filling fee to be listed under Water section, not Sewer
 - Around the table each provided thoughts on annual fee amount
 - Jon \$30
 - Ken \$30
 - Eric \$30
 - Jeremy \$25
 - Diane \$30
 - Kaytlyn \$25
 - **Motion made by Eric to update 7-3-2 swimming annual fees to read Residents will be charged \$30 annual fee for filling and maintaining swimming pools with a water depth of twenty-four inches (24") or more and/or a diameter of twelve feet (12') or more; seconded by Jeremy, all in favor, motion carried.**
- 5-4-5 Fences
 - Board previously started list. Ordinance is currently vague and needs to make sure done correctly before sending to attorney.
 - Need to discuss fences not on property line.
 - What about a fence inside of another fence within setback lines but does not interfere with residents?
 - According to Steve, Freeport currently doesn't control fences with setback lines.
 - Would wrought iron fences or garden fences need permits?
 - A fence in the front yard should probably require a permit.
 - Jon provided an example from Stockton's ordinance regarding fencing requirements.
 - Alisha read the previous list ideas started for fences.
 - Uniform height and uniform material should be included in ordinance.
 - Definitions of types of fences should be included in ordinance.
 - Alisha is going to send list to Steve to review and get ordinance put together.
 - For now, we can send the list to anyone that asks for fence information
- 5-4-2-I Boarding Houses
 - Alisha talked to Steve and he is going to develop special use permit
 - Boarding Houses will be removed from current classification so they are a special use; water, sewer will go in line; this will be a new ordinance
- Any additional ordinance items for discussion
 - Moving discussions for further ordinance reviews to next ordinance meeting

- Asked that everyone review 1-1-1 through 1-12-2
- Boarding houses and fences ordinance should be ready for the next meeting
- Suggested discussion for illegal dumping be added to agenda

Public Comments

- None

Adjourn

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