

Village of Dakota Board Meeting

Date - Monday, April 3rd, 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 – Marni Henert – Rock River Energy, Dennis Elmer, Thomas Ward, Craig Daughenbaugh

Approve Agenda

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

Approve Minutes

- Motion made by Ken to approve the minutes for Mar 6th, seconded by Diane, all were in favor, motion carried.
- Motion made by Jeremy to approve the minutes for Mar 20th, seconded by Ken, all were in favor, motion carried.

Approve Current Bills

4:36 PM

04/03/23

Accrual Basis

Village of Dakota Current Bills As of April 3, 2023

Num	Name	Memo	Amount
10.200 - Accounts payable - General			
BG2673436223	Casey's Business Master Card		292.69
009624227543	WASTE MANAGEMENT	MARCH INVOICES	5,488.55
211006GXR	IMMENSE IMPACT, LLC	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION,SET UP FEE,...	1,328.00
7647	IMMENSE IMPACT, LLC	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION,SET UP FEE,...	-1,328.00
7648	WASTE MANAGEMENT	MARCH INVOICES	-5,488.55
136889	Helm Materials	UPM Patch Mix	170.80
7649	Casey's Business Master Card		-292.69
7948	Ames Auto Marine	FIXED PLOW FOR NEW TRUCK	3,363.60
24930630060323	Com Ed 1-Street Lights		693.94
81544922180423	Frontier		106.48
032423SHAFF...	Chriss Tree Service	102 SHAFFER ST	800.00
Total 10.200 - Accounts payable - General			5,134.82
30.2000 - Accounts payable - Sewer			
L1720320523	Illinois EPA Amalgamated Bank	BILL NUMBER 37	9,812.06
64842736701	constellation	8084750	700.02
64869169201	constellation	8084755	147.33
12888	LYONS LAB		200.00
Total 30.2000 - Accounts payable - Sewer			10,859.41
40.2000 - Accounts payable - water			
75003077	City of Rockford Water Dept	SAMPLE-FEBRUARY	57.00
263	TR MACHINE INC	UPS SHIPMENT 3/6/23	14.51
147358	Mark's Chemical LLC	SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE	337.50
300734	USA BLUEBOOK	FLUORIDE REAGENT	368.43
302314	USA BLUEBOOK	RATCHETING VALVE WRENCH 4'	439.16
64869312101	constellation	8084753	459.30
64869362801	constellation	8084754	355.60
IL17701000723	ILLINOIS EPA LABORATORY		899.87
Total 40.2000 - Accounts payable - water			2,931.37
TOTAL			18,925.60

- **Motion made by Eric to approve current bills as of March 6th, 2023, seconded by Jon, all were in favor, motion carried.**

Resident Permits and Requests

- **Garage permit at 220 W Davis St – Craig Daughenbaugh**
 - 2 stall garage, rear of prop
 - Utility pole and hydrant, looking to obtain a variance.
 - To the front of garage, property line is 22 ft from edge of street, going to line up with Bordner's, property already surveyed.
 - Craig will contact JULIE, carpenter, Toelke if adding plumbing, will do most himself, looking at doing in June.
 - We can reimburse Craig for tube only
 - **Motion made by Eric to approve permit for garage at for 220 W Davis St with the variance of the size 26 feet by 74 feet and the variance for north side off the alley of 5 ft within the property line and 6 ft within the property line on the west side of the garage on the edge of Church St, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.**
- **Fence and Deck 106 E Shaffer St – Tom Ward**
 - Needs to get surveyed for property line for fence due to disputes. He will get completed and bring info.
 - Deck – 12x20 wood with rails, post holes, will contact JULIE
 - **Motion made by Jon to approve building permit to build 12x20 deck at 106 E Shaffer St, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.**

New Business

- **Guest Marni Henert – Rock River Energy**
 - Previously worked with village (since 2012)
 - They can bid on behalf of the town for best rates. Would need referendum.
 - If residents don't want to be included, they would need to opt out.
 - Dakota township currently has and only if they are in unincorporated area.
 - Dakota is only municipality in Stephenson County that doesn't participate.
 - They would to do an ordinance so it could be put on the ballot. First opportunity would be next Spring. Complete by November to be on Spring ballot.
 - If fails, can always be added again. If passes, there are steps to take before they do bidding.
 - Would need to hold public hearings after passing, she would be available to answer questions.
 - Would need to let ComEd know. They would let us know the documents needed.
 - Public notice would be needed in paper.
 - ComEd would supply data to them to put on bids.
 - Everyone gets a letter by law to inform of program.
 - Anyone with solar or other provider would not auto join. They would need to opt in.
 - This program should cost nothing for the village to have.
 - Pumping accounts could not participate of yearly kilowatt usage.
 - Marni will leave ordinance to review from other communities.
- **Wastewater Treatment Plan Updates**
 - No updates
- **Scales for Pump Houses**

- Steve said 2 scales are needed. 4 total. \$2000 each
- Need to be installed by electrician.
- **Motion made by Eric to approve 4 scales for two pump houses for electrical upgrade not to exceed \$11,000 May 2023, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.**
- **Service Letter to Residents**
 - Steve provided to residents.
 - **Motion made by Eric to approve printing of water service letter to residents up to \$130, seconded by Jeremy, all in favor, motion carried.**
- **Village Hall Repairs**
 - Alisha talked to Matt and Jill. Will probably cost at least \$25k to fix. Ken said to just fix the floor is \$17k.
 - Matt will let her know inspection cost and if it's an emergency. If so, we may be able to get a variance. Jill said grants available. If unsafe, we need to something soon.
 - If we choose new building, we could use community center.
- **Supplemental License – Outdoor Sales**
 - Alisha reviewed Freeport's with Steve. The fee would be \$150 covers 3 events.
 - Ordinance 04032023 – Amending Codified Ordinance of the Village of Dakota Regarding Liquor Licenses Amends Title 3, Chapter 1 Liquor Control Regulations
 - **Motion made by Eric to accept an Amending Codified Ordinance of the Village of Dakota Regarding Liquor Licenses Amends Title 3, Chapter 1 Liquor Control Regulations Sections 3-1-3 and 3-1-4 Adding Supplemental Outdoor Sales Ordinance Number 04032023, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried**
 - **Roll Call Vote – Kaytlyn – Yes; Jeremy – Yes; Diane – Yes; Ken – Yes; Jon – Yes; Eric – Yes**
- **Home Spirit Sign**
 - Develop a plan – sign that would move resident to resident showing off decorations, landscaping, flowers
 - Board could vote on winner; will go around to view houses
 - Kaytlyn in charge of sign, will look at pricing for next meeting, will put logo on sign
- **Sewer Water Rates**
 - The wording for ordinance numbers for rate increase was worded incorrectly and needs to be updated.
 - Motion made by Eric to approve sewer rate changes 7-3-2, seconded by Jeremy, all in favor, motion carried.
 - Motion made by Eric to approve sewer rate changes 8-7-10-14, seconded by Kaytlyn, all in favor, motion carried.
 - Motion made by Eric to approve sewer rate changes 2-17-14, seconded by Jeremy, all in favor, motion carried.
 - Will update to cross reference ordinances in different areas
- **Letters to Residents, Businesses and School for Rate Increased**
 - All have been mailed
 - School acknowledged they received.
- **New Website**
 - Alisha working getting domain from current provider released to the new one.
 - She will send message to check out new site

- We will eventually phase out FB for the most part to encourage people to new site
- **Items for Village Officer (Brad)**
 - \$700 is still good for the budget for the year for uniform and whatever is needed.
 - Brad would like to have pay increase - \$30 per hour.
 - Alisha can add to next agenda for motion.
 - New coat with Dakota patches would be nice. Showing town logo. Will try to find prices
 - Brad will continue to use his computer
 - He is working on getting car repairs scheduled.
- **Village Hall Door Lock Codes**
 - Everyone should not need code according to IML regulations.
 - Hall is still used for water testing so Steve will have access
 - Alisha, Melody, Jen, Brian, Steve, Rob, Brad, Jason will have access code
 - Will also get key in case battery dies
 - Will switch side door & back door locks
- **Boarding Houses**
 - Currently in ordinance book we have zoning for residential, multi-family; if you took house from single to two family, board would need to approve. Boarding house wasn't mentioned.
 - Need to develop something for boarding houses that states should come to the board for approval; need specifics such as size, etc
 - Water & sewer rates would need to increase
 - Compensation would need to be included – are you compensated or no?
 - Currently allowed 5 unrelated people in the house; related unlimited.
 - All agree to get better defined. Alisha will talk to Steve.
 - Does not involve AirBNB
- **Additional New Business**
 - Jeremy mentioned Beth Henning from the county would be willing to come to a meeting to provide information as to things that can and can't be done – unkept lawns, etc.
 - One house that was torn down, a new building will be completed, doing permits
 - Diane will check on address for permit issued last year for kitchen addition. House is in bad shape.

Old Business

- One quote from Waste Management. Still needs Gil's and Republic.
- Chicken Ordinance
 - Steve read through and we are one only towns that specifically states no chickens. He said we need to get the fine amount decided.
 - \$750 max allowed by law
 - All agree to stay with no chickens
- Need to develop Yard Waste Removal
 - Alisha talked to Brian and Luke. They would pick up and take to sewer pond. Twice a month. 2nd and 4th M-W weather dependent. Grass/leaves in a bags. Small branches.
- Snowplow Repairs
 - Snowplow hitting ground. Shoes are back on and should be good to go.
- Budget Planning
 - Alisha didn't bring items

- Submission of items for April 17th ordinance meeting
 - All agree there is enough to have a meeting
 - Fences, illegal dumping, noise ordinance

Sewer and Sewer Pond – Eric

- Replaced tires on generator; ran to make sure it runs good
- Wants to hook up to one of the lift station and pump but not sure if that has hook up
- Switching handle locks on the buildings
- Rob said we have not been over nitrogen level which means sewer pond is working
- One of aerator pump kicked out. He reset and restarted. He will continue

Water – Jon

- Received quote from Spencer at Ceroni to reroute overflow - \$3200 on the high end. He will get formal quote.
- Broken piece at water tower. Brian threw away not knowing what it was. Alisha got it and put on work bench.
- GPS – Kelsey wants to work Brad Clark. Possible cost \$10k. Rural Water possibly does this service.
- Water tower barricades – water mains around tower area. Need to put some type of barricades.
- Need to leave enough room for a skid loader to get through
- For water shut off at school, Kelsey said he will work with school when he has time.
- If it ends up being under the sidewalk, it will be school's responsibility.
- Pump houses and water emergency system – Steve Olsen talked to Alisha and company that does water tower system is supposed to get back on rates. Can also talk to Spencer Meinert on rates. Might not need to be engineered project.

Park and Community Center – Kaytlyn

- Meeting Tuesday April 4th on filling eggs. Softball team can possibly help.
- Easter in Park April 8th. Need assistance with set up.
- Park clean up idea – for those that show up can put names in for Casey's gift card. 4/22 at 9am.
- Painting inside of community center. Kaytlyn has paint samples.
- Eric has sealer that can be put over torn paper.
- Checklist has been started.
- Park grants – Alisha is working with Jill's husband. Kaytlyn put in for 3 grants.
- Suggested doing something for in front of community center to help look better.

Permits and Village Property – Ken

- Building on Davis (pump house) needs frames and doors painted. Beginning to show rust
- Can Brian and Luke do small jobs or should we hire out? Ken can also do some.
- Cleaning out gutters on pump house (from above), fallen siding, patch driveway
- By Toelke – doors sanded and painted.
- Storage building at hall – needs new furnace, primed and painted, dusk to dawn light, inspect gutters, electrical wiring. The building isn't insulated. Should it be?
- Community center – painting, replacing lighting, fans, gutters, doors, windows. Alisha said she's not sure how much we want to put in due to building could not be ours at some point.

- Batteries for door locks should be on schedule like every month in the winter.
- New cameras

Streets – Jeremy

- Sealing roads is ok for now.
- Potholes to fill.
- Painting crosswalks – will get quotes.
- Street sweeper – talked to Rob. It's in Davis and they will bring over when done. Will teach Brian how to use. Will notify residents to move vehicles. Pay for fuel.
- Sidewalks – quotes for curbs by Main St/Boo's block.
- Rebuild America fund – can possibly use to help with cost on Main St. Helm will come look at. Ken provided card for concrete guy.
- Will reach out to Alber's for quotes.
- Widening Zimmerman St.
- Area by Kaytlyn's
- Atz's driveway area
- House on Center towards 75
- Area by Jon's

Trees – Diane

- Tree roots – She tried Landworks but no response. Called Andrew's lawn care. Can we plant in same spot? – No. Move 1-2 feet. Talked to Ann's - Slow growing pine. White pines – they grow 6 inches a year. Around \$400-\$500 installation. Alisha talked to the family on the memorial tree. Going forward no more memorial trees.
- Stop signs – Ken updated and said he's checked on signs. 47 posts needed. Maybe do 10 at a time. Need to decide which are worst and go from there. Will need to look up size requirements. \$1800/\$1830/\$1880. \$140 piece metal breakaways; \$35 wood. Will talk to Brian and installing.
- Add a no parking sign at the end of Zimmerman St by school.
- Make list of aging trees

Adjourn

- **Motion made by Jon to adjourn, seconded by Jeremy, all were in favor, motion carried.**

Village Clerk – Jennifer Knox

Time Ended – 9:42PM