

Village of Dakota Board Meeting

Date - Monday, August 7, 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

Clerk – Jennifer Knox-Absent

Treasurer – Melody Sweet

Public Attendees – Denny Elmer, Andrew Abraham, Jeff Kinney – The Volunteer, Bob Grinnell

Approve Agenda

- Alteration to agenda
 - Added item – # 8 Resident Waterline Break
 - Added item – # 9 October Meeting (should be under new business)
- **Motion made by Jon to approve August 7th, 2023, agenda as altered, seconded by Jeremy, all in favor, motion carried.**

Approve Minutes

- **Motion made by Eric to approve minutes for July 10th, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.**

Approve Current Bills

- **Motion made by Eric to approve bills as of August 7, 2023, seconded by Jeremy, all in favor, motion carried.**

Resident Permits and Requests

- **Variance for Driveway at 345 Shaffer St**
 - Asking to go 2 feet from the property line, Alisha did ask neighbor and neighbor is okay with this. After the approach looks like around the last 11ft of the driveway toward the garage. Any damages occurred on 345 Shaffer St side will need to pay for damages. Also, to have resident make sure it is level to the road and if not, any damages would need to be repaired by homeowner.
 - **Motion made by Eric to approve the variance for the driveway at 345 Shaffer St, Seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.**
 - **Motion made by Eric to approve the permit at 345 Shaffer St with the additional requests on permit by board, seconded by Kaytlyn, all in favor, motion carried.**
- **Permit for Driveway at 340 Shaffer St**
 - Looking to replace 25 ft of blacktop driveway with cement. No variance.

- Any issues where mouth and street meet will be homeowner responsibility.
- **Motion made by Eric to approve permit for 340 Shaffer Driveway, seconded by Kaytlyn, all in favor, motion carried.**
- **Driveway Permit Clarification**
 - We don't have driveways in the ordinance book. We can ask for permits for work but outside of variances it gets tricky. Attorney Steve Cox said that 3 from board, Alisha, Ken and Jeremy, would look at the driveway separately ahead of time and decide if the permit is okay. Can move ahead with the permit and allow resident to move forward instead of waiting for board meeting. If there is any variance needed needs to be handled at the board meeting.
- **312 E Davis St Sewer Issues**
 - Resident Robert Grinnell had sewer issues on July 16, 2023. Toelke checked, manhole cover was wet. There was a backup due to wipes, tree roots and etc. Alisha reached out to Fink, a Roto Rooter type company. Caused damage in his basement. Alisha asked that he provide info to village after turning into his insurance company. Company recommended we jet out line from Davis St to where Zimmerman St used to be due to not being to get to manhole cover. Did jet out and was able to move the sewer along. Resident at 312 E Davis St is asking what can we do for long term? Alisha did explain and mentioned by the company who took care of this suggest to keep jetting the line. Andrew Abraham suggested to line the sewer line. It is a strong material. Will look into this and see what this cost.

New Business

- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Updates**
 - Jill said everything is moving along and on schedule.
- **August House of the Month Award**
 - It was decided Don Borman (220 N Division) is the winner for the month of August.
- **Ordinance Book Meeting:**
 - Ordinance Book Update Meeting scheduled August 21, 2023
 - Jen Please order 3 ring binder punch a little wider to handle more pages
- **Sewer Drain Camera and Jetting:**
 - Sewer drain camera and root removal for sewer line on Davis St to Zimmerman St
 - Fink could not give a dollar amount. Minimum is \$1,000.
 - **Motion made by Eric to approve Fink's Drain service to root the line out between Davis and Zimmerman St. not to exceed \$5000.00, seconded by Jeremy, all in favor, motion carried.**
- **Dakota Township and Dakota Community Hall**
 - Alisha did talk to Dakota Township to see if they would sell the Dakota Community Hall.

- Township wanted to discuss at their next meeting. Alisha mentioned since Township is a voting body, the property would need to be done as a bid and possibly the village would not get.
- **Future Discussion Prairie Path Water**
 - Future discussions will be done on Prairie Path Water, they are a company that owns water and sewer properties within village properties. They handle billing all residents, EPA requirements and they do all the upkeep but they also control the amount the residents would pay and funds would never be an income to the village. They buy Water and Sewer plants and land. Many communities are going to this because of EPA requirements. The meeting will take place on Wednesday August 16th and Alisha will talk to them and bring the information back to the next meeting. Asking the board to give her any questions they may have by Tuesday August 15, 2023.
- **Land Applied Sledge**
 - Need to dredge the pond as part of process to improve sewer pond. Matt from Willett Hoffman called Alisha and asked her to get contact information for farmers around the area so that we can possibly spread sludge. Alisha asked the board for help and to get contact name and numbers. Diane will help get contact information.
- **Zimmerman St Water Line Break**
 - Zimmerman water line break, not a water main but to a resident's house, Kelsey Excavating was out to fix.
- **October Meeting**
 - Alisha will be on vacation so the meeting may need to be moved. Board will decide at the September meeting if they will move or not.
- **Additional New Business**
 - It was asked if there are cameras at the park or water tower. Someone was concerned about a van with daughter walking from school.

Old Business - Village President Alisha Lizer

- **Discuss Ordinance 3-2-1 through 3-2-6 "Peddler, Solicitors, and Temporary Vendors**
 - Steve is working with IML. However, he was sick so no update.
- **Decorative Rocks for Water Tower**
 - Alisha thought she needed more for the budget for the rocks but it's \$400 so she's good.
- **Electrical Aggregation**
 - Marni is looking for a follow-up regarding the electrical aggregation. Four members said no, two said yes. Will not move forward with this.
- **Swimming Pool Ordinance**
 - One of the height regulations did not get changed in the ordinance book. Will talk about this at the next ordinance meeting.

- For abandoned swimming pools, proof is not on village to prove it is a swimming pool or abandoned pool. Proof is on residence to show they are following ordinance. It's also a nuisance due to bugs and rodents and could fall under nuisance ordinance. Board needs to think about this situation and bring to the ordinance meeting August 21, 2023.
- **Stop Sign Update**
 - Jon said signs are order and waiting for them to be delivered.
- **Sidewalk Sharing:**
 - Steve attorney is out, and Alisha will talk to him when he returns.
- **EPA Sewer Pond**
 - Alisha is having a virtual meeting on August 22nd. Hoping agreement will be met.
- **Any Additional Old Business**
 - None

Board Members Committee Reports

- **Sewer and Sewer Pond - Eric Lizer**
 - Some aerators are working again. He counted 8 in the 1st half of pool and 4 in the main section of the 1st pool.
 - Alisha asked Rob (sewer operator) to come up with a daily check list and a monthly checklist. She explained motors have not been touched for quite some time. Rob worked with Chad, and they developed a system.
- **Water - Jon Riley**
 - Still waiting on quote from Andrew Landscaping
 - Still looking for a couple of new bids for possible broken pipe on water tower
- **Park and Community Center - Kaytlyn Vrazsity**
 - Painting at the Community Center has started. Need to go over it one more time. Looking for hooks of some type to hang décor instead of type.
 - Alisha mentioned possibly using sound boards. Her and Kaytlyn will look into.
 - Kaytlyn asked if we could spray the weeds at the park. It depends on the chemicals we use.
 - Kaytlyn said the water fountain is not good. The entire thing needs to be replaced. Since the park improvements aren't being done at this time, we can look into replacing. Will bring prices to the board.
- **Permits and Village Property Repair and Maintenance - Ken Vrazsity**
 - Ken received quote of \$315 to repair flag from Freeport Flag
 - **Motion made by Eric to approve \$315.00 to get flag at the park repaired, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.**
 - Ken will check with Dale on painting the doors.
 - Nature path update – Carl Chriss will have completed by the start of school.
 - Painting of the bathrooms at the park, he has paint, needs to get the materials.

- **Streets and Sidewalks - Jeremy Knox**
 - Will look into repairing Zimmerman St
 - Talked to Helwig. They will paint crosswalk a week or two before school. Will also do the no parking areas.
- **Trees, Signs and Lighting - Diane Clay**
 - Ken – Will get quote for tree trimming - Main St, 2 in the Alley and trimming up over hanging the road.
 - Once the trees are done, Diane would like to know where we at with the budget.
 - Any Additional Items of Discussion for Ms. Clay or Trees, Signs and Lighting Items
 - Kaytlyn asked about the Welcome to Dakota sign at the school and was wondering if it is ours? Diane will see if it is sitting on village property and if it needs some updating.
- **Public Comments**
 - Denny Elmer asked about a little pickup truck that seems to be racing through town.
 - Alisha stated to call the non-emergency number and information would be given to Dakota Police for when in town to watch for this.

Adjourn

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

Village Clerk – Melody Sweet (filled in for Jennifer)

Time Ended – 7:58PM