

Village of Dakota Board Meeting - Dakota Village Hall - 112 Main St Dakota, IL

Monday, November 6th, 2023

Called to Order 6:30 P.M.

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

Board Members Absent – None

Clerk – McKenzie Holste

Treasurer – Melody Sweet

Public Attendees – Jeff Kinney

Approve Agenda

- A Motion made by Jon to approve the agenda for Monday November 6th, 2023, seconded by Eric, all in favor, motion carried.

Appoint Village of Dakota Clerk- McKenzie Holste

- A Motion made by Jon made motion to accept McKenzie Holste as the new Village Clerk of Dakota, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.
- McKenzie Holste recited the oath and was officially sworn into duty as the Village Clerk of Dakota.

Approve Minutes

- A motion was made by Eric to approve the minutes for Monday October 9th, 2023, seconded by Jon, all in favor, motion carried.
- A motion was made by Jeremy to approve the minutes for Monday October 16th, 2023, seconded by Diane, all in favor, motion carried.

Approve Bills

- A Motion made by Eric to approve the bills for Monday November 6th, 2023, seconded by Jon, all in favor, motion carried.

Review Financial Reports

of All Accounts- Viewed to the right.

Review Time Sheets- No discussion.

Resident Permits & Requests- No permits or requests at this time.

Village of Dakota Current Bills As of November 6, 2023

Num	Name	Memo	Amount
10.200 · Accounts payable - General			
WD41712	A. C. McCartney Farm Equip. Co.	HYDRAULIC HOSES AND ENDS	770.48
26734361023	Casey's Business Master Card		179.26
2942	The Volunteer	ads for clerk and admin position	100.00
MEMORIAL1023	Hank Schoenhard Memorial	MEMORIAL	100.00
7708	Casey's Business Master Card		-179.26
7709	Hank Schoenhard Memorial	MEMORIAL	-100.00
9330	Neighborhood Office Solutions	TONER FOR BOTH PRINTERS	404.00
24930630061023	Com Ed 1-Street Lights	9/15/23 THROUGH 10/16/23	671.64
7710	Com Ed 1-Street Lights	9/15/23 THROUGH 10/16/23	-671.64
SEPTCLERK	Alisha Lizer	BOARD APPROVED ALISHA TEMP CL...	500.00
7711	Alisha Lizer	BOARD APPROVED ALISHA TEMP CL...	-500.00
81544922181123	Frontier		111.40
39599	Computer Know How, LLC	one drive issue and qb	55.00
22548997T087	Gill's Freeport Disposal	NOVEMBER SERVICE	4,853.50
Total 10.200 · Accounts payable - General			6,294.38
30.2000 · Accounts payable - Sewer			
66655415401	constellation	8084750	622.42
34537	WILLETT HOFMANN	PROJECT NIMBER 1030D23	7,600.00
13520	LYONS LAB		167.00
Total 30.2000 · Accounts payable - Sewer			8,389.42
40.2000 · Accounts payable - water			
148330	USA BLUEBOOK	HACH DPD SAMPLE PK 100	132.14
298	TR MACHINE INC	UPS SHIPMENT 10/26/23	74.84
119485	Fehr-Graham & Associates	PROJECT 23-1447 LEAD SERVICE LIN...	6,000.00
15005	Mark's Chemical LLC	55 GAL SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE SOL...	275.00
Total 40.2000 · Accounts payable - water			6,481.98
TOTAL			21,165.78

New Business

Guest Nicole Haas with the Greater Freeport Partnership- Introduction to Greater Freeport Partnership. Brought with her the 3rd quarter report that highlights the projects they have completed. In addition to anything that the village offers, the GFP is helping provide resources to help build and expand the business in the Freeport area. Campaigns by the GFP are targeting to tourism and travel to the surrounding areas. Stephenson county surpassed \$50M in tourism revenue in 2022, showing that even for a rural county, they are taking the initiative to bring outsiders in to spend their money. The GFP wants to expand and include the Dakota area into their places to visit, and Niccole was here to share with us how we can work together to promote small businesses, parks, etc. in the Dakota area through there resources.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Updates- None

Tax Levy 2024-2025- Discussion based off appropriations made earlier this year allowing the Tax Levy to reach a maximum of 4.99%.

A Motion made by Eric to approve the Tax Levy at the maximum of 4.99%, seconded by Jon.

Roll Call Vote: Jon- Yae, Ken- Yae, Eric- Yae, Jeremy- Yae, Diane- Yae, Kaytlyn- Yae

312 E. Davis Reimbursement Request- This was a village drain that caused the backup issue at 312 E. Davis. A bill was turned into the Village for reimbursement. Copy of paid invoice being sent to resident.

A Motion made by Job to pay \$3,055.02 directly to Service Master Restoration for the 312 E. Davis St. restore, seconded by Eric, all in favor, motion passes.

Discuss Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers- Short discussion on the fact that beginning January 1st 2024, all part time employees earn 1 hour of vacation time for every 40 hours worked. This is something we will need to honor as all of our Village employees are part time. No action is needed at this time, but an ordinance will need to be made.

Discuss Prizes for Light Up Dakota Winners- Discussion was had about the prize amounts for Light Up Dakota. Alisha will be talking with Tom Olson about the potential inclusion of Route 75 gift cards into the prize totals. Baskets ultimately did not go over well last year.

A Motion was made by Eric for prize winnings up to \$100 for 1s place, \$75 for 2nd place, and \$50 for third place, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion passes.

Discuss Cookies with Santa Budget- Discussion on last years budget of \$200 being close to met, and looking at \$250 for this year. Kaytlyn presented a neat craft idea for this year.

A Motion was made by Eric for a Cookies with Santa budget up to \$250, seconded by Jeremy, all in favor, motion passes.

Discuss Cookies with Santa Decorating- Discussion was had about the time of day and preparation needed for decorating cookies with Santa. Friday, December 8th will be set up and prep at 6 P.M.

Saturday December 9th, from 1-3 PM will be cookies with Santa.

Kenzie will mark off the Village Hall for Friday and Saturday the 8th and 9th so that it is not in use during this time.

Confirm Date for December Rescheduling Board Meeting-

December meeting is rescheduled to Wednesday, December 6th, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Discuss Possible Second Meeting of November- Discussion that we will not have a second meeting. Hold second meetings until discussing again at the January meeting.

Other Items- No Chicken discussion this month.

Walmart approved the Village Tax exemption. Jon and Alisha are working on getting laptops ordered.

Old Business

Relief Funds- Make decision to spend the \$64,000 by January or we risk potentially losing the grant money. Roughly \$30,000 of it is currently already being used for the Lead Service Lines projects. Discussion was had about potentially a generator for the water tower pump.

Alisha will talk to Bordner Electric for the possible options and what is all needed for a generator.

Televising Sewer Drains- Alisha talked to Todd, who would like to come in and take care of the town. He would complete the imagery in search of potential issues that could arise. Jeremy proposed see how far they got for \$8,000? Ask Steve Olson if this could be included in the Relief Funds. Eric discusses playing it by ear. Preventative maintenance is good, but \$8,000 is expensive for imagery and he may only get two streets completed. Trees can be gone and the roots still cause issues. When discussed for the 312 Davis St. Issue, it was recommended every 10 years to have town maintenance. This item will stay on the agenda until Spring due to the fact it is too late in the year to complete the project if it is decided upon.

Storage Shed Shelf Installation Needed- Eric has shelves put together. Need to put boxes into totes for the shelves. Jon and Ken volunteered. Melody will be taking paper out of the boxes and put them into the totes so that more papers fits.

Filing Cabinet and Desk- Watching Facebook Marketplace and helping coordinate picking it up. Ken has a truck with a lift that would make moving easier.

Park Grant Discussion- On hold until springtime. Looking into adding a 'Wish List' to a bulletin board that we do not yet have hung in the hall.

Other- Add Rebuild IL MFT Funds to Old Business for next month. \$35,347.40 worth of grant money that must be preapproved by an engineer.

Alisha will contact Shawn Gallagher. Streets, sidewalks, etc. Must be used by 2025.

Board Member Committee Reports

Sewer – Occasionally Eric must clean Sewer Grates, while he is injured, we will need a back up to the backups. Jeremy or Jon will be in contact if it needs to be done. Eric will check first, then shoot a text message out to the board members.

Bordner's added a second pulley and we have not found them tripped out since at the pumps.

Burn pile at the sewer pond got pushed to a central location.

Gills could have a lock, but we don't need residents out there in the winter. This would take some work to the gate.

Water – Emergency alert system- where to get a quote from?

Alisha will reach out to Rob Knop about the water emergency reporting system. A lot more affordable option. Jon talked to Spencer Ceroni. He discussed the generator with him as well. If we buy the pump, we need to look into the labor cost of getting it installed.

Pipe Replacement- Jon is going to talk to Mark Kelsey about the replacement on the water tower.

Park & Community Center – Painting of Park Bathroom not completed till spring.

Placing sign on the door at the community hall so that it is opened correctly.

Village Property – Heard nothing back from Quinn Construction. New bidder coming out tomorrow.

Gutters on the hall can't be installed unless the guide wire is moved. ComEd or Bordner would need to move it

to somewhere else. Alisha will contact Dave Bordner about the guidewire on the facade of the Village Hall. Painting of Pump house doors will be continuing in the spring.

Streets and Sidewalks – Quote for where Kelsey tore the road up. If we get it approved, it can be fixed before winter. Right now, the plow will have an issue with it.

A Motion by Jeremy made to approve Helm CIVIL's quote for not more than \$1700 for Zimmerman street repair, seconded by Jon, all in favor, motion passes.

Other end of Zimmerman needs to be finished and fixed. Jeremy will be in contact with the company to finish their work.

Discussion on laying 3 inches of black top on Mainstreet with use of some of the grant money that needs to be used. There was discussion on the fact that seal coating should be done every other year if not, every two years minimum.

Trees & Signs – Planning to get trees trimmed and removals completed before winter. Notice posted on Facebook once we know the start date.

We need to consider stump removal. After tree removals, Diane will call Stump Buster Louie Bunker. Ken is going to ask Gacob Lenox who is removing the trees to quote the stumps as well. Look into price of doing it all at once versus two separate jobs.

Adjourn

- **At 8:13 A motion was made by Eric to adjourn, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.**