



**Village Of Dakota Board Meeting – Dakota Village Hall 112 Main St Dakota, IL**

**Monday, January 5th, 2026**

**Called To Order 6:30 P.M.**

**Board Members Attending-** Andrew Workinger, Ken Vrazsity, Jeremy Knox, Tom Long

**President-** Jon Riley

**Clerk-** Kenzie Holste

**Treasurer –** Melody Sweet

**Public Works –** Jeff Kluck

**Public Attendees-** Arleene Jaeger, Jeff Kinney, Dennis Elmer

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**Approve Agenda –**

**Jeremy made a motion to approve the agenda for January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom, motion carried.**

**Approve Minutes**

1. Approve Minutes for 12.1.2025 Meeting

**A motion was made by Andrew to approve the 12.1.2025 meeting minutes, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Finances**

1. Approve Bills- **A motion was made by Tom to approve the current bills as of 1.5.2026, seconded by Andrew, all in favor, motion carried.**  
Minimal conversation about the NICOR and ComEd bills with the billing and usage issues that the Village has been dealing with.
2. Review Account Balances
3. Review Time Sheets

**Resident Permits and Requests**

1. 110 W South St. Shut Off- Quotes Needed – Water was shut off but more work may be required.
2. Approved Permits Prior to Meeting- None
3. Additional Permits or Resident Requests- None

**New Business – Village President Jon Riley**

1. Pumping Account Electrical Renewal May 2026- This is a contract to lock in the commercial rate the Village pays at the pump houses. **A motion was made by Andrew to lock in the 3-year rate with Dynegy, seconded by Jeremy, all in favor, motion passes.**

2. WSG Online Payments Program – **A motion was made by Jeremy to approve the \$199 fee to set up online payments for Water, Sewer, & Garbage bills, seconded by Ken, all in favor motion passes.**

Discussion was had about waiving the fees that are associated with this convenience. The board decided to waive ACH fees but leave the credit card fees for now. Jon and Andrew will test run this system before we send this out to the village members for payment. Launch date is hopefully for March WSG bills.

**A motion was made by Andrew to waive the ACH fee if opting into paperless billing, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.**

3. Pump House Warning System-Test Inc system is not ready for usage yet. Ceroni will need to update their quote that the village received a few years ago.
4. Any Additional New Items- None

### **Old Business - Village President Jon Riley**

1. Wastewater Treatment Facility Project Updates
  - IL EPA would like to evaluate and do an inspection of the project. Jon is waiting to hear back from the attorney on if the case has been closed. The water treatment plant is still not operating properly.
2. Update on Unregistered Vehicles Ordinance
  - Still at 5 addresses. Waiting on updates from 3 that have been contacted. 2 we are waiting for contact information to get ahold of the owners.
3. Discuss Solar Ordinance
  - No update at this time. Waiting for the Attorney.
4. Remote Attendance Option for Trustees
  - No Update at this time. Waiting for the Attorney.
5. Any Additional Old Business
  - None

### **Committee and Trustee Reports**

1. **Sewer and Sewer Pond – Tom Long**
  - a. Once training dates are set, Tom and Jeff will attend.
2. **Water – Andrew Workinger**
  - a. Alert system is big part of power outage update.
  - b. Scale systems are showing errors. Shane from Test Inc. was looking at new style of scales, but the Village will look to repair before replacing with new.

Village comments about rust colored water. Some of these instances occurred during hydrant flushing.

**3. Park and Community Center – Ken Vrazsity**

- a. Matt Clay took the train to repair it.
- b. Ken is still working to put together a Park Committee to help with repairs and minimal maintenance.
- c. Will be looking for grants to apply for in 2026.

Village concerns because there was not 1 Christmas light put up in the village this year. The board took full responsibility for this not being done.

Jim Bordner has offered to do all the lights on Main Street, but he asks to be allowed to have access to the building to check the maintenance of the decorations before they need to be hung.

Public comments were made about flags and other street signs.

**4. Permits and Village Property Repair and Maintenance – Vacant**

- a. Cop car storage building constantly has the heater running. Homestead will be called to see if there is an issue.

**5. Streets and Sidewalks – Jeremy Knox**

- a. Work on 2026 plan now if needed.
- b. Driveway to well 2 needs replaced.

**6. Trees, Signs and Lighting – Otis Holley**

- a. Absent
- b. Not all stumps ground yet.

**Dakota Public Works- Jeff Kluck**

**1. Any Items of Discussion for Mr. Kluck –**

- a. Chemical pump parts needed. Reagent needed as well for the fluoride.

**A motion was made by Jeremy for Jeff to spend up to \$900 on parts and supplies needed, seconded by Andrew, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Public Comments –**

Community Hall was used for Christmas and left a mess. The board will look into option of how to keep this clean and prevent this from happening.

**Adjourn – Andrew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m., seconded by Tom, all in favor, motion carried.**