



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

Monday, April 6th, 2026

Called To Order 6:30 P.M.

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

President- Jon Riley

Clerk- Kenzie Holste

Treasurer – Melody Sweet

Public Works – Jeff Kluck

Public Attendees- Jordan Vrazsity, Mercedesz Joyner, Deondri Manalli, Aaron Showen

Approve Agenda –

New Business after Surf Internet- Add speaker from Greater Freeport Partnership

A motion was made by Otis to approve the amended agenda for 03.02.2026, seconded by Jeremy, all in favor, motion carried.

Approve Minutes

1. Approve Minutes for 03.02.2026 Meeting

A motion was made by Jeremy to approve the 03.02.2026 meeting minutes, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.

Finances

1. Approve Bills- **A motion was made by Tom to approve the bills as of 03.02.26, seconded by Otis, all in favor, motion carried.**
2. Review Account Balances- No Comments
3. Review Time Sheets- No Comments

Resident Permits and Requests

1. Approved Permits Prior to Meeting- None
2. Additional Permits or Resident Requests-None

New Business – Village President Jon Riley

1. Surf Internet
 - a. Deondri and Aaron from SURF internet were at the meeting to walk the board through the process of getting SURF into the Village of Dakota. They explained that they will handle the marketing which will include mailers and door hangers. Deondri will work

with Kenzie to share details for updates on social media. This total process will take roughly 3 months to finish and residents will be able to connect as their portion of town comes online. They can actively track this via SURF's website. SURF takes care of all restorations of their construction sites.

- i. A public comment was asked about the customer's role in selecting where it is connected on the home for those that choose SURF. Residents will need to be home for the installation process and that can be discussed in the consultation.

A motion was made by Otis to permit SURF internet to proceed with the installation process, seconded by Andrew, all in favor, motion carried.

2. Greater Freeport Partnership

- a. Mercedes Joyner- the Membership Director for the Greater Freeport Partnership was present at the meeting to present the board with the 2025 recap information and introduce herself as a resource.

3. Pump House Motor Failure

- a. The board was aware this would need to be replaced, however after Jon met with Shaun, there were several different factors to this replacement including cleaning, new pipes, and the labor installation fees that are not covered under the warranty of the pump. The board discussed the necessity of this and determined they would like to move forward with the cleaning during installation.

A motion was made by Ken to have Cahoy Pump install the new pump house motor and proceed with the cleaning, not to exceed \$15,000, seconded by Otis, all in favor, motion carried.

4. Water Tower Litigation

- a. The board is in the process of proceeding with a water tower litigation due to the repairs that needed to take place after paying for maintenance. In order for Szeto Law to be able to look over the Village files to determine if they suggest moving forward, the board needs to complete a roll call vote. The results are as follows.

Roll Call Vote to allow Szeto Law to review the Water Tower Litigation Files for further legal action.

Yay_5_ Jeremy, Otis, Andrew, Ken, Tom

Nay_0_

Abstained_0_

Jon, Kenzie, & Melody will work with Szeto Law to get them all of the documents and files the Village has on this project.

5. Accept Liquor License Approval for License Renewals

- a. The liquor license committee met prior to the board meeting to approve the Liquor Licenses for the Village of Dakota. The board will take a roll call vote to accept the approvals for each business.

Roll Call Vote to accept the approval of Casey's Liquor License

Yay__4_ Jeremy, Otis, Andrew, Ken

Nay__0_

Abstained__1___ Tom

Roll Call Vote to accept the approval of Route 75 Bar & Grill's Liquor License

Yay__4_ Jeremy, Otis, Andrew, Ken

Nay__0_

Abstained__1___ Tom

6. 2026-2027 Appropriations Discussion
 - a. The board reviewed the current 2026-2027 appropriations and had a variety of discussions on upcoming projects and things to get accomplished for the year. Melody will make the requested adjustments and they will finalize the budget at the next board meeting.
7. Easter Egg Hunt Recap
 - a. Next year no chocolate because of melting.
 - b. 80 kids roughly with 1800 eggs stuffed
 - c. Ken brought PA and that worked well
8. Online Payments Update & Letter Review
 - a. Board reviewed the letter that will be in the May invoice envelope for residents and they are ready to move forward.
9. Any Additional Old Business- None

Old Business - Village President Jon Riley

1. Wastewater Treatment Facility Project Updates
 - Jon received an updated punch list. Generator is at the top of the list.
2. Update on Unregistered Vehicles Ordinance
 - No update at this time.
3. Discuss Solar Ordinance
 - No update at this time.
4. Remote Attendance Option for Trustees
 - This would go in the handbook that we are suggested to create and are working on for employees and trustees. It would also include vacation time for employees. Attorney is working on drafting this up and the board will need to accept it once reviewed.

5. Any Additional Old Business
 - None

Committee and Trustee Reports

1. **Sewer and Sewer Pond – Tom Long**
 - a. Nothing to discuss at this time.
2. **Water – Andrew Workinger**
 - a. Discussed water topics in new business.
3. **Park and Community Center – Ken Vrazsity**
 - a. Looking into grants for updating equipment.
 - b. Ken requested that Jeff work to remove the bear from the park as it is a hazard.
 - c. Farmer’s Market Discussion on Facebook
 - i. The board believes this is a good idea to move forward with. Get marketing done and a small fee for vendors to cover costs and use towards park upgrades. Kenzie will head this project and work with Jeff as well. **A motion was made by Otis to spend up to \$150 on Farmer’s Market Signage, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion passes.**
4. **Permits and Village Property Repair and Maintenance – Vacant**
 - a. None
5. **Streets and Sidewalks – Jeremy Knox**
 - a. Jeremy will get quotes from Shaun for potential repairs needed.
6. **Trees, Signs and Lighting – Otis Holley**
 - a. Boil order signs are being ordered. These were previously approved.
 - b. Otis will follow up on tree trimming and stump grinding and move forward with additional work not to exceed the previously approved dollar amount.

Dakota Public Works- Jeff Kluck

1. Any Items of Discussion for Mr. Kluck – Jeff has some areas around the village he would like to repair from blow damage or just general winter damage and will need dirt, gravel, and grass seed. **A motion was made by Jeremy to spend up to \$5,000 on material needed for village repairs, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion passes.**

Public Comments –

There was a semi parked and running in a driveway overnight and the question was asked if there was anything that could be done about this. The board agreed that we do not have a noise ordinance and there was nothing they could do about this.

A comment was also made to forward the Surf Internet marketing contact to the school for their marketing and funding opportunities.

Adjourn – Andrew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m., seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.