



Village Of Dakota Board Meeting – Dakota Village Hall 112 Main St Dakota Il

Monday, October 6th, 2025

Called To Order 6:30 P.M.

Board Members Attending- Thomas Long, Andrew Workinger, Ken Vrazsity, Otis Holley

President- Jon Riley

Clerk- Kenzie Holste

Treasurer – Melody Sweet

Public Works – Jeff Kluck

Public Attendees- Emery Holste, Arlene Jaeger, Chris Kruger, & Dennis Elmer

Approve Agenda –

Otis made a motion to approve the agenda for October 6th, 2025, 2nd by Ken, motion carried.

Approve Minutes

1. Approve Minutes for 9.8.2025 Meeting

A motion was made by Andrew to approve the 9.8.2025 meeting minutes, seconded by Tom, all in favor, motion carried.

Finances

2. Approve Bills – **Ken made a motion to approve the current bills, 2nd by Andrew, all in favor, motion carried.**
3. Review Account Balances- No Comments.
4. Review Time Sheets- The board discussed when and where they would like to see the town cop during his patrol hours if possible. The safety of the kids during school commute hours is the top concern. The board is also requesting a briefing on what is being enforced during traffic stops.

There were public comments added that agree with main street needing patrolled during school commute hours and potentially during Halloween hours.

Resident Permits and Requests

1. Approved Permits Prior to Meeting- None
2. Additional Permits or Resident Requests-
 - 205 W Davis Street is in need of reimbursement for a culvert that was presented at a previous meeting by the home owner.
A motion was made by Otis to approve the reimbursement of a culvert for 205 W Davis St. in the amount of \$1,433.45, seconded by Andrew, all in favor, motion passes.

New Business – Village President Jon Riley

1. Rock River Energy Ordinance- The details were discussed when Marni was at the meeting. The ordinance needs to be passed in order to get added to the ballot this spring.
A motion was made by Ken to pass the Ordinance #2025-1006 for the Rock River Energy Ordinance, seconded by Otis, all in favor, motion passes.
2. Discuss Halloween Hours- These will be Friday, October 31st from 5-7 p.m. These will be posted on the Facebook page, at the hall, and at the post office.
3. WWTP Access Road- The road needs to be extended to the meter so that Jeff is able to plow there to get a reading. This is \$12,500 from Kelsey Excavating to complete the work.
A motion was made by Otis to approve the \$12,500 road extension at the water treatment plant by Kelsey Excavating, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion passes.

During Water Treatment Plant discussion, there was a question from the public attendees about work still needing completed from the project. The board assured the public that final payment is being withheld until all work is completed.

4. Resolution for the IL Department of Transportation to Fund the Sidewalks-This is to allow the Black Hawk company to assist with paperwork completion and submission.
A motion was made by Tom to approve resolution #2025-10062 for the application for funds to replace and repair the sidewalks of the Village of Dakota, seconded by Andrew, all in favor, motion passes.
5. Discuss Updates on Park Cameras-After a walk through for installation was completed, it was advised to add additional camera location during the initial install. The board agree to do so.
A motion was made by Otis for the additional \$1,000 cost to the previous motion to JC Wi-Fi for additional cameras, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion passes.
6. Any additional new items- The cracks on main street will need to be sealed. They were fog sealed and not repaired. Jon will have Jeremy work on getting quotes for this project.

Old Business - Village President Jon Riley

1. Wastewater Treatment Facility Project Updates
 - Jon is working with the engineer to get this project cleaned up. Final payment is still being withheld until the facility is completed as it should be. Completion date was supposed to be 10/14, but an extension will be needed again.
2. Water Tower Project Updates
 - The tower is full and samples were pulled. They are running final tests and this should be completed very soon.
3. Update on Unregistered Vehicles Ordinance
 - Will be addressed at the November 3rd meeting. Public requested notice to all renters. We do not know rent status of every unit, we only know property owners,

therefore it is the responsibility of the property owner to notify the renters of the letter that was sent.

4. Discuss Solar Ordinance

- No update at this time.

5. Discuss Walkability Study

- We are submitting the application for the funds this month. Pre- Engineering work is needed for the application to the state.

A motion was made by Otis to approve the pre engineering costs from Gallagher engineering not to exceed \$4,000, seconded by Andrew, all in favor, motion carried.

Public concerns were addressed about the sidewalk on main street being continued on the south side of the road due to current sidewalk already being in place. Concerns were also addressed about vegetation that is hindering view at the intersection if the village is able to do anything about this.

6. Remote Attendance Option for Trustees

- No update at the time.

7. Discuss Fiber Internet

- This was approved during the September meeting and Jon will begin discussion this month on when the project will begin.

8. Any Additional Old Business

- None

Committee and Trustee Reports

1. Sewer and Sewer Pond – Tom Long

- a. Jeff will get Tom a key for the gate so that he is able to complete tasks as needed.

2. Water – Andrew Workinger

- a. Pump House Power Outage Plan. Andrew will work with Jeff to get these completed this month.

3. Park and Community Center – Ken Vrazsity

- a. Ken will help Jeff repair the train cars that need repaired.
b. Public comments were made concerning the maintenance needed on the park benches. Volunteer hours were offered in assistance to know that this work is getting completed.

- c. Public comments were made about the state of the park sign. A proposal was submitted for repairs.

A motion was made by Ken to approve \$720 to Creative Sign works for the repair of the park sign, seconded by Andrew, all in favor, motion carried.

4. Permits and Village Property Repair and Maintenance – Vacant

- a. None

5. Streets and Sidewalks – Jeremy Knox

- a. None

6. Trees, Signs and Lighting – Otis Holley

- a. Otis is still working on boil order signage and winter parking signage quotes.
- b. There are trees behind the water maintenance shed that Otis will work on getting quoted for removal.

Dakota Public Works- Jeff Kluck

1. Any Items of Discussion for Mr. Kluck –

- a. Jeff needs dirt to complete several maintenance jobs around the village including side walk finishes, culvert work, and rut repairs at the water tower.

A motion was made by Ken to spend up to \$1500 on dirt for village repair jobs, seconded by Otis, all in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments – Several made throughout the meeting as noted above, but also that main street looks nice now that it is completed.

Adjourn – Ken made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m., seconded by Otis, all in favor, motion carried.