



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

**Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

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

**Board Members Attending-**Ken Vrazsity, Jeremy Knox, Thomas Long, Otis Holley

**President-** Jon Riley

**Clerk-** N/A

**Treasurer –** Melody Sweet

**Public Works –** Jeff Kluck

**Public Attendees-** Jeff Kinney, Kelli Stott, Dan Stott

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**Approve Agenda** -Jeremy made a motion to approve the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom, motion carried.

**Approve Minutes** – Jeremy made a motion to approve the February 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken, motion carried.

#### **Finances**

1. Approve Bills – **Ken made a motion to approve the current bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeremy, motion carried.**
2. Review Account Balances- Account balances were reviewed; no discussion was had.
3. Review Time Sheets- Employee time sheets were reviewed; no discussion was had.

**Resident Permits and Requests-** No residents had any permits or requests.

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

1. Discuss for Approval, the Appointment of Otis Holley as Village Trustee. Jon Appointed Otis Holley for the Village Trustee Position. **Tom made a motion to approve the appointment of Otis Holley for Village Trustee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken, motion carried.**
2. Swearing in of Village Trustee. Jon Riley officially swore in Otis Holley on 3-3-2025.
3. Discuss Zoning at 140 W. Main St. – Owners of 140 W. Main St asked the board to change the zoning on their property. They said they have tried to run a business on the lower-level east half of the property but have not had good success. They would like to be able to put a resident in this half of the property like it was when they purchased it. They would then look to move the business portion to the lower-level west side of the building. Jeremy mentioned talking to the Village attorney about the zoning change process and the board agreed to be open to changing the zoning. Jon will review the request and discuss the process with the Village attorney to bring information to the next board meeting. The owners asked if there could be a temporary approval that could be agreed upon like it was

before. Jon said he was going to check with the Village attorney to see what the options are.

4. Discussion and approval of Pay Application #6 in the amount of \$101,700 for construction Services from Kelsey Excavating. **Motion made by Jeremy to approve Pay Application #6 in the amount of \$101,700 for construction Services from Kelsey Excavating, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken, motion carried.**
5. Wastewater Treatment Facility Project Updates – Kelsey Excavating provided a schedule for the completion of the project and Jon shared the information with the board. Project to be completed by the end of April 2025.
6. Discussion for Approval to Pay Gallagher Engineering Invoice in the amount of \$1,100 for Engineering Services. – **Motion made by Jeremy to pay the Gallagher Engineering Invoice in the amount of \$1,100 for Engineering Services, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken, motion carried.**
7. Discuss Dakota Paving Project bid results. – Jon shared the 2 bids for the Main Street project. The village received a bid from Helm Civil for a total of \$101,928.40 and a bid from Martin & Company Excavating for a total of \$74,061.34.
8. Discuss for approval in Awarding Contractor for Dakota Paving project barring no bid protest within the next 10 calendar days. **Motion made by Jeremy to hire Martin & Company for the Dakota Paving Project barring no bid protest within the next 10 calendar days for up to \$82,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken, motion carried.**
9. Update on Unregistered Vehicles Ordinance – Jon has attempted to contact the Village Attorney but has not been able to get any information, he will continue to try to get information.
10. Discuss Solar Ordinance – Jon has not had an update yet with the Village Attorney. Jeremy was interested in the Village of Davis Solar Ordinance and wanted to know if we could just copy this ordinance, change the name to Dakota and pass it that way. Jon will check with IML to see if that could be done. Otis Holley mentioned another attorney in Freeport that may be able to help and said he would reach out to see if he deals with municipalities.
11. Discuss 2025 Appropriations – The board reviewed the 2025-2026 budget and has it mostly established. The board plans to finalize the budget and appropriations at the next meeting.
12. Discuss Christmas Light Removal at the Park. – Ken took most of the lights down but needs a key to access the storage room at the park. He will get with Jeff to get a spare key made to get the lights into storage. Ken had mentioned that a lot of the lights did not work and would need to be replaced prior to next year.
13. Discuss Liquor Committee – Jeremy Knox, Jeff Kluck & Otis Holley were all open to joining the Liquor Committee.
14. Discuss Ordinance pertaining to burning within the Village. – The board discussed and plans to review other town ordinances and bring more information to the next meeting. Jon will talk to the Village officer to see what can be enforced with current ordinances.
15. Discuss Community Center Rental Requirements. – The community center is being used more for out-of-town residents and in town residents are becoming unable to rent the hall. Jon asked if the board would like to limit it to people in the village limits or live in the Dakota School District area. The board said it is a good idea if there are people coming from too far away. Jon said he would contact Tom Bicksler about the idea and see what his thoughts were.
16. Discuss Comed tree trimming notification. – Comed will be trimming trees in the area soon and provided a map of the trimming route.

17. Discuss Dakota Police car repairs. - Jon was notified that the Village Police car was leaking oil by the Village Officer and that the car was parked and not used to complete his shift. Jeff identified the issue, ordered oil cooler lines and repaired the car.
18. Any additional new items. – Ken asked what hydrants the Village is planning to replace. There are no hydrants currently being quoted for replacement. Jeff said he would get a list together of hydrants that need to be replaced. Otis asked about a vacuum truck. The board said one was previously quoted but they did not proceed with one due to the current large projects in process and the funding necessary for the vacuum truck being a large amount.

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

1. Any Additional Old Business – No old business was discussed.

#### **Committee and Trustee Reports**

1. Any Items of Discussion by Village Board Trustees – No discussion was had.

#### **Dakota Public Works- Jeff Kluck**

1. Any Items of Discussion for Mr. Kluck – Jeff said he did not have anything further to discuss.

**Public Comments** – There were no public comments.

**Adjourn** - Jeremy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Otis, motion carried.