



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

**Monday, May 5th, 2025**

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

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

**President-** Jon Riley

**Clerk-** Kenzie Holste

**Treasurer –** Melody Sweet

**Public Works –** Jeff Kluck

**Public Attendees-** Jordan Vrazsity, Jeff Kinney

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

**Approve Minutes**

1. Approve Minutes for 4-7-25 meeting. **Jeremy made a motion to approve the minutes for the 4-7-25 meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom, motion carried.**

**Finances**

1. Approve Bills – **Jeremy made a motion to approve the current bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken, 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**

1. 2 Permits were received. Ken asked about water shut off at 310 W Main St. It is located at the front of the property not part of the fenced area. Ken and Jon will look at the property where they want to replace an existing fence with a chain link.
2. 110 E Shaffer St. is looking to add a new chain link fence. Jon and Ken will look at the property.

**New Business - Village President Jon Riley**

1. Swear in Village Clerk – **Jon swore in the new Village Clerk, McKenzie Holste.**
2. Swear in Village Trustee- **Jon swore in Andrew Workinger, Jeremy Knox, and Tom Long.**
3. Discuss for approval re-certification of radar equipment in the village cop car. – Radar sales and services municipal electronics company has the equipment needed for the village cop car. **A motion made by Tom to purchase the re-certification of radar equipment for \$45, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken, motion carried.**
4. Discuss for approval the purchase of uniforms for the village officer. - Tabled for next meeting.

5. Discussion and approval of IEPA PWSL 17-4260 Request # 10 in the amount of \$773,171.43 including Kelsey Pay Application # 8 and Willett Hofmann & Associates Invoice #38270. – **A motion was made by Jeremy to approve the IEPA PWSL 17-4260 Request #10 in the amount of \$773,171.43 including Kelsey Pay Application #8 and Willett Hofmann & Associates Invoice #38270, seconded by Ken, motion carried.**
6. Discuss walkability study. - A company is working to evaluate Dakota for potential grant money to improve the walkability of streets and concrete where students walk.
7. Discuss for approval Putnam County Painting quote for water tower repair. E2229 \$264,325.00- **A motion was made by Jeremy to approve the Putnam County painting quote of \$264,325.00 for water tower repair, seconded by Ken, motion carried.**
8. Discuss for approval striping of Main St.- This would be a double solid stripe through main street. **A motion was made by Ken to approve Martin Company painting the lines on main street paving for \$5,000, seconded by Andrew, motion carried.**
9. Discuss Rock River Energy increase notification. - Jon will be getting additional information on the 3-year contract in efforts to save the residents money.
10. Any Additional New Items-  
Ken presented caps for the benches at the park to prevent from bees and wasps entering the area. Jeff would handle getting these supplies and installation. **A motion was made by Jeremy to approve an expense up to \$60 for caps to add to the parch benches, seconded by Ken, motion carried.**

The park American flag needs to be replaced. Jeff will purchase and replace the 5' by 8' nylon with nylon stitch flag. **A motion was made by Ken for Jeff to purchase and replace the park flag for no more than \$50, seconded by Jeremy, motion carried.**

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

1. Discuss Zoning at 140 W. Main St.- Tom got ahold of Stephenson County, however since Dakota is incorporated, they do not have the information on file. The board will reach out to FEHR Grahn to get a copy of the most recent zoning map for Dakota.
2. Wastewater Treatment Facility Project Updates- The completion date was originally scheduled for 5/6/2025. This deadline would not be met, and an extension was filed to the EPA. Jon has not heard any correspondence back at this point.
3. Update on Unregistered Vehicles Ordinance- Ken will work on getting Jon a list of unregistered vehicles.
4. Discuss Ordinance pertaining to burning within the Village. - The board was encouraged by the county to have residence call a county sheriff to handle burning. The county has an ordinance against burning trash, and all fire on the streets is against the law.
5. Discuss Community Center Rental Requirements. – Jon along with the treasurer and clerk's help will look into the option to charge for use of the Community Center, especially for non-residence bookings.
6. Discuss Solar Ordinance- After discussion on different viewpoints of solar systems, it was decided to start constructing a solar ordinance similar to the current building ordinance and permit requirements.

7. Any Additional Old Business

Addition grass seeding is needed around the new side walks that were installed last year. Jeff will begin working on this project.

When pay rates were increased at the last meeting, Water Operator 2 and Sewer Operator 2 were not included in the motion. **A motion was made by Tom to increase the pay rate from \$20 to \$20.80 for Water Operator 2 and Sewer Operator 2, seconded by Andrew, motion carried.**

Due to this change, a backdate for the pay increase would be needed to cover April hours. **A motion made by Jeremy to approve the backpay for Water Operator 2 and Sewer Operator 2 rate increase from April 7<sup>th</sup> through tonight's approval, seconded by Ken, motion carried.**

The Village received a quote from Jordan Sasser, a CPA out of Forrester, IL who would audit the village for the 2024 Fiscal Year and the AFR reporting. **A motion was made by Ken to approve the quote from Jordan Sasser CPA for the 2024 Fiscal Year Audit and AFR in the amount of \$7,500, seconded by Jeremy, motion carried.**

Each year there is a motion made for the treasurer to pay the monthly bills prior to approval at meetings to ensure deadlines are not missed. **A motion was made by Jeremy to approve the treasurer to pay monthly bills in order to meet due dates, seconded by Tom, motion carried.**

Silo Update- None at this time.

**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 – None.

**Public Comments** – None.

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