

# Village of Dakota Board Meeting

Date - Monday, June 12th, 2023, 6:30 PM

Dakota Village Hall - 112 Main St Dakota, IL

Board Members Attending – Alisha Lizer, Ken Vrazsity, Kaytlyn Vrazsity, Diane Clay, Jon Riley, Eric Lizer, Jeremy Knox

Clerk – Jennifer Knox

Public Attendees – Tim Meyerhofer – Gill’s Freeport Disposal; Jim Pozzi – Republic Services; Vaughn Kuerschner – Waste Management

## Swearing In of Board

- Re-elected board members were sworn in by repeating oath by Village Clerk Jennifer Knox. Members included – Alisha Lizer, Eric Lizer, Jon Riley, Ken Vrazsity, Kaytlyn Vrazsity, Jeremy Knox.

## Approve Agenda

- Motion made by Eric to approve agenda, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.

## Approve Minutes

- Motion made by Eric to approve minutes for May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 15th, seconded by Kaytlyn, all in favor, motion carried.

## Approve Current Bill

### Village of Dakota Current Bills As of June 12, 2023

Name	Memo	Amount
<b>Accounts payable - General</b>		
46 WASTE MANAGEMENT	MAY SERVICE	5,338.11
0523 Casey's Business Master Card	APRIL 13 AND 21 FUEL	86.93
IAL... Dakota Township	15 TONS OF SALT	1,125.00
Casey's Business Master Card	APRIL 13 AND 21 FUEL	-86.93
Dakota Township	15 TONS OF SALT	-1,125.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT	MAY SERVICE	-5,338.11
104... Stephenson County Treasurer	2022 real estate tax	53.08
10523 Com Ed 1-Street Lights	4/18/23 TO 5/17/23	694.72
10623 Frontier		111.53
GL... Alisha Lizer	20 KEYS FOR FRONT AND SIDE DOOR...	60.00
23 USPS	STAMPS	2,494.80
USPS	STAMPS	-2,494.80
Alisha Lizer	20 KEYS FOR FRONT AND SIDE DOOR...	-60.00
11 WASTE MANAGEMENT	JUNE	5,338.11
DA... Computer Know How, LLC	CKH BACKUP ANNUAL	319.00
TR MACHINE INC	6/5/23 UPS SHIPMENT	6.27
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200 - Accounts payable - General		6,522.71
<b>- Accounts payable - Sewer</b>		
LYONS LAB	TESTING	200.00
11 constellation	8084750	1,304.32
11 constellation	8084755	263.24
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2000 - Accounts payable - Sewer		1,767.56
<b>- Accounts payable - water</b>		
IRWA	CCR WEBSITE HOSTING	100.00
USA BLUEBOOK	KOPKIT PVC HYPALON & CERAMIC	319.00
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USA BLUEBOOK	12GPD 150 PSI SERIES A PLUS DEGA...	931.65
USA BLUEBOOK	3000 DRUM SCALES 1000LB CAPACIT...	1,882.58
City of Rockford Water Dept	4/3/2023 samples	57.00
TR MACHINE INC	5/8/23 UPS SHIPMENT	16.50
Ceroni Piping Company	REROUTED 8" OVERFLOW DRAIN	3,200.00
Illinois EPA, Amalgamated Bank	L17-4084 BILL NUMBER 6	10,667.08
11 constellation	8084754	614.15
USA BLUEBOOK	2-OHAUS DEFENDER 3000 DRUM SCA...	3,280.90
11 constellation	8084753	842.74
USA BLUEBOOK	OHAUS DEFENDER 3000 DRUM SCALE	1,640.45
TR MACHINE INC	5/22/23 UPS SHIPMENT	73.38
IRWA	MEMBERSHIP	339.48
City of Rockford Water Dept	5/8/23 LAB SAMPLE	57.00
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2000 - Accounts payable - water		23,602.91
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		<b>31,893.18</b>

Surge Protection } \$67.49 - General  
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- **Motion made by Jon to approve bills as of June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, seconded by Jeremy, all in favor, motion carried.**

### **Resident Permits and Requests**

- Request made by Matt Larson. Permit for new fence at 107 W Davis St. Material will be vinyl or wood. Submitted request form which includes layout. Alisha explained to Matt, if they decide to do something larger or different, a new application will need to be submitted.
- **Motion made by Jeremy to approve fence permit at 107 W Davis St., seconded by Eric, all in favor, motion carried.**

### **New Business**

- **Garbage Service Contracts Renewal**
  - Companies in attendance – Republic, Gill’s and Waste Management. Representative from each. Opportunity given to all for questions and comments.
  - Roll call vote – Jon – Gill’s; Ken – Gill’s; Eric – Gill’s; Jeremy – Gill’s; Diane – Gill’s; Kaytlyn – Gill’s
  - Vaughn from Waste Management asked if submitted rates could be read aloud. Alisha did so.
  - **Motion made by Eric to approve Gill’s contract garbage rates for October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 for 5 year contract, seconded by Jon, all in favor, motion carried.**
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Updates**
  - Alisha received a letter from Jill. Per the IEPA, Village of Dakota has received 30% forgiveness grant money towards project - \$2,641,000. (30% of this amount is forgivable) In order to get this, we need to do loans and not pay out of pocket.
  - Dakota scored high enough to be 2<sup>nd</sup> on the list. Also received \$600k from IEPA for a compliance grant. 100% forgivable grant.
  - By completing the project and bringing to compliance, village will receive 1% fixed interest. Could be vary slightly.
  - Currently with the way all the numbers are listed, the village would only need to take a loan for a little over \$1 million.
  - The current time frame shows advertising for bids 10/2023, bids will open 12/2023 and construction slated for 3/2024. End date of 11/2024.
  - None of this changes the rate change already submitted for residents/businesses. Although the IEPA can make a change.
  - Alisha is working with Steve Cox regarding violations. Recent letter shows we are being charged by the State of IL and attorney general to follow through with lawsuit. Steve thinks fine should be \$1k to \$5k.
  - Alisha had Melody increase professional services to account for fines and attorney.
- **2023-2024 Appropriations**
  - Previously reviewed. Alisha did ask for professional services to be increased.
  - Alisha let the board know with only pulling in \$400k and \$659k going out, it’s ok if something waits until next year.

- **Motion made by Eric to approve appropriations for fiscal year 2023-2024, seconded by Jeremy, all in favor, motion carried.**
- Roll call vote – Jon – yay; Ken – yay; Eric – yay; Jeremy – yay; Diane – yay; Kaytlyn - yay
- **211 E Zimmerman Negligence**
  - Property has been mowed
  - Alisha talked to owner about raccoons, etc. She let him know it's in serious negligence and if continues, we will take legal action. Explained the issue is beyond not mowing. Owners will come to take a look at property.
  - Steve advised every time grass hits 8in, we mow, issue a fine and charge for mowing. Also begin a lien on the property. If mower gets damaged, charges will be part of legal action.
  - Alisha let owners know there will be no further courtesy calls/texts
  - Not consider abandoned because he pays taxes
  - Addtl property issue – Follow up on house on Center St next to Alisha with abandoned pool. Supposed to put up snow fence but has not completed. Owner disputing it's not a "pool" since it's not functioning. Ordinance should be updated regarding abandoned pool
- **June House of the Month Award**
  - Home on Main St/Brown towards school, yellow/mustard colored
- **2023-2024 Committee**
  - Alisha needs to look further into Zoning Committee
  - Two people on each committee; we'll leave as is for now until she reviews further.
- **Village Hall Inspection**
  - Alisha talked to Shawn Gallagher. He's worked with different municipalities.
  - If we can deal with issues and keep cost under certain amount, we can maybe do it without engineering.
  - Alisha meeting with him to inspect hall and he can suggest ideas.
- **Village Hall Electrical issues**
  - Border thought issues were with ComEd. Dave met with them and found 17 power failures after looking at smart meter. They replaced what needed to be replaced. Will receive bill from Bordner's for assistance.

## **Old Business**

- **Ordinance Meeting June 19<sup>th</sup>**
  - If we continue, what are we going to work on
  - Steve said we need to be careful when making changes; make sure they are done correctly, 30 day notice. Everything so far has been fine.
  - Look at most relevant items and work on those – permits, zoning, pools
  - No 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting for June
  - Alisha everyone to look at what they want to develop for pools.
- **Yard Waste Clarification**
  - Wording on flyer (online) will be clarified so it's clear for residents.

## **Board Member Committee Reports**

- **Sewer and Sewer Pond – Eric Lizer**

- Pump one issue so Alisha called Bordner; also exhaust fan not running, he will order new belts; lawn mower not getting cleaned. Chad currently mowing.
- Alisha will talk to Chad and Brian regarding mowing and mower.
- **Water – Jon Riley**
  - Water tower relief valve done.
  - Looking for landscape person for grading around water shutoffs so not sticking up. What about fake rocks to cover them? Jon will check cost.
  - Kaytlyn suggested Antos Excavating for landscaping.
  - Broken pipe – Talked to Spencer. Not sure if boom truck is big enough. Also not sure if power or phone lines will be in the way. Spencer looking into it.
  - Ken added – 6 doors for pump houses – he knows someone (Obert Construction) that can do for around \$900.
  - Motion made to approve painting of 6 doors of pump house buildings, not to exceed \$1,000, seconded by Jeremy, all in favor, motion carried.
- **Park/Community Center – Kaytlyn Vrazsity**
  - Nature path – trees are very concerning. Ken will talk to someone he knows with boom truck.
  - People are dumping garbage in recycle can. Need a sign put up saying “aluminum cans only”. Kaytlyn will get sign and new latch.
  - Flag is tattered – Ken will get in touch with someone.
- **Permits/Village Property Repair and Maintenance – Ken Vrazsity**
  - Bordner asked why we’re heating the building in back because there’s no longer diesel vehicle in there. No need to replace the heater right now.
  - Painting community center – ask for volunteers on FB. Meeting – June 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm at community hall
- **Streets and Sidewalks – Jeremy Knox**
  - Sidewalk repair - by pump house, old elementary – needs to be replaced.
  - Talked to Hellwig, waiting on quote.
  - Alisha talked to ComEd about poles by Wenger’s and (Jason) Knox’s; they might replace.
  - Jeremy has called a number of places regarding concrete work
  - Focus on finishing Davis St
  - Quotes for painting curb/crosswalk at post office/Main St – cannot put crosswalk because not ADA compliance. No need to paint curb by store.
  - Also had Hellwig look at painting other areas to prevent bucket truck parking, end of driveways, tubing, alleys, ditch by water tower since they also do excavating.
  - Rob is scheduled to bring back street sweeper after Davis gets it. However, it might not work due to how the streets are in the village.
  - Street repairs – one pot hole needs to be fixed. He’ll talk to Brian. He’s tried Helm again. Waiting on Stenstrom. Might need to wait for fall when not busy.
  - Sharing program – Ken said George Hoefle has a section that needs to be replaced. Resident would need to bring to the board to discuss 50/50. However, the sharing program needs to be discussed as to how it works since it’s never been done. Would need to be advertised and board would need to be approved. Alisha will talk to Steve. Alisha asked everyone to look into sidewalk sharing programs in other communities. Suggestions have been made to put sidewalks to the curb.
  - Glass by old school – Kaytlyn asked if it’s been cleaned up. No one was sure.

- **Trees, Signs, Lighting – Diane Clay**

- Need ten stop signs, posts (steel with breakaway were expensive)
- Look at what needs to be updated first
- Should be 5 ft from bottom of sign
- Carl Chriss trimmed trees and also removed trees at park and took to sewer pond. Need to have policy stating pieces need to be manageable if taken to sewer pond and not in mulch. Alisha reached out to Carl to go back and cut up.
- Eric asked about clean up at pond – Hank needed to turn in letter to union. Need to follow up with him for response. Needs to understand work will be classified as general labor.
- Eric asked about cement pad at park – needs to be weeded. Alisha will send message asking. Also weeds in front of community center.
- Diane mentioned at Dave Bordner’s house there’s a walnut tree growing in steps. Alisha said we can remove.
- Alisha – alley behind their house, there’s a massive walnut tree growing that needs to be removed. Back half is rotted. They will mark and Dian will call Carl Chriss.

**Public Comments – Non**

**Adjourn**

- **Motion made by Ken to adjourn, seconded by Eric, all were in favor, motion carried.**

**Village Clerk – Jennifer Knox**

**Time Ended – 8:43PM**