

Village of Dakota Board Meeting - Dakota Village Hall - 112 Main St Dakota, IL

Tuesday, April 30th, 2024

Called to Order 6:29 P.M.

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

Board Members Absent – Diane Clay, Kaytlyn Vrazsity

Clerk – McKenzie Holste

Public Attendees – None

Approve Agenda

- **A Motion made by Eric to approve the agenda for Tuesday, April 30th, 2024 seconded by Jon, all in favor, motion carried.**

New Business

Meet with Steve Olson to Tour Water Facilities- To start the meeting, the board took a field trip to the pump house and the water tower so that Steve Olson could walk them through the details of his job. He explained the daily readings, weekly and monthly maintenance, as well as where/why the select spare parts are on hand. The board was also able to see the scales that they had approved for purchase in use.

Approve Renewal of Route 75 bar & Grill Liquor License for 2024-2025- The liquor commission passed the liquor license for Route 75, and now the board needs to approve the recommendation.

A Motion made by Eric to approve the 2024-2025 Liquor License, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.

Approve Renewal of Casey's General Store Liquor License for 2024-2025- The liquor commission board also approved Casey's license, and the board needs to approve the recommendation.

A Motion made by Eric to approve the 2024-2025 Liquor License, seconded by Jon, all in favor, motion carried.

Discuss any other New Business- Next meeting there will be two permits to review and vote on. One for 214 W Zimmerman, but no details were given, so Alisha will let the owner know they need a description or drawing. The other is for 345 W. Schafer, and the owner is looking to add a driveway. This is a new permit after nulling his last one after changing his mind.

Old Business

Discuss Water and Sewer Operator-

There is a quote for Test INC. to do sewer only, and even though it is only sewer there is not much of a discount because they are coming to town already. With the delays at the sewer pond

project being caused by lack of urgency/importance with our current processes, the board believes having Test INC in on the project from start to finish is important. To allow for transition, the board discussed Test INC starting on May 1st, 2024, and offering our current Sewer Operator the chance to be employed through the end of May. Alisha will present this offer to him within the week. Discussion was had on having Test INC do the water operating position as well after their walk through with Steve, however due to the extra details of that position, more thought needs to go into the full-time maintenance position, and how that transition will look.

A motion made by Eric to hire Test INC. as the sewer operator at \$500 a month starting May 1st, 2024, Ken seconded, all in favor, motion passes.

Review Quote(s) and Approve Cement Renewal at South East Section of Park Property-

The board received quotes from Labree Concrete, Afolkey Farm Services, Konner Toelke, and Alber and Son for this project. Afolkey Farm Service came in with the lowest bid.

A motion made by Jon to hire Zach Jeffrey at Afolkey Farm Service to remove and haul away concrete, grade/level the area, and fill with dirt and seed for \$8000, Ken seconded, all in favor, motion passes.

Kenzie will notify the businesses about the board's decision and Alisha will let the neighboring property owner know about the work being done.

Review Quote(s) and Approve Tree Trimming and Removal on Nature Path-

The board received quotes from Backwoods Tree Removal and Chriss Tree Service. Backwoods came in with the lowest bid and has done good work for the board recently.

A motion made by Ken to award Backwoods Tree removal for the removal and trimming of trees on the nature trail for \$3000, Jeremy seconded, all in favor, motion passes.

Kenzie will notify the businesses about the board's decision. Alisha signed the quote, and it will be mailed out after the meeting.

Discuss and Develop Maintenance Position-

Discussion was had about keeping the position hourly instead of salary. Ultimately it was decided that salary may be more appealing to potential candidates for consistency in pay. The list of job duties was reviewed, and the board decided that they need to continue moving forward with this. Due to the wording of the current ordinance, there will need to be an amendment to accommodate for the different pay in full time maintenance personnel vs part time. The board believes \$40,000 is a good starting pay to see who would be interested. Due to legality, the board will need to review and pass the ordinance change at the next meeting before the job can be posted and decided on. Alisha will work with our ILML references to make sure we are in compliance while transitioning to this new form of the maintenance role. Alisha and Kenzie will work together to get the ordinance updated so that it can be reviewed at the next meeting and posted that evening if that is what the board decides.

Discuss other Old Business-Discussion was had to find property line of park and the house on the west side. As well as the township line. This is not urgent, but would be good information to have on hand while looking into future projects and plans.

Public Comments

None

Adjourn

- **At 8:01.m. A motion was made by Eric to adjourn, seconded by Jeremy, all in favor, motion carried.**