

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

**Thursday, March 21st, 2024**

**Called to Order 6:32 P.M.**

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

Board Members Absent – Diane Clay

Clerk – McKenzie Holste

Public Attendees – Christopher Perra, Daniel Stott

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### **Approve Agenda**

Additional Item- New business 3) Immediate Tree Removal for Nature Path

- **A Motion made by Eric to approve the agenda for Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 seconded by Jeremy, all in favor, motion carried.**

### **New Business**

Loraine Plaster- She turned in her resignation, so the village will be going back to just a treasurer and a clerk and sorting things out from there.

Guest Chris Perra of Test Inc to Discuss Water and Sewer Operator- Chris runs a family run business that was originally started by his late father. It is not a one man show, if he is gone or can't make it, there is a team of licensed operators that they will make sure someone shows up when they say they will be here to get things covered. If needed he can pull multiple people to a job. Test Inc. uses apps to track the water plant readings and submit the data. They also have paper documentation so that they have dual documentation.

Questions from the board:

How many times a week would Chris be in town? They like to be in town once a week to make sure everything is going well. They are mandated for once a month, but as a company, they are dedicated to once a week.

What types of checks are they doing? Reviewing the meter reading. Spotting things that would be out of place, and why is it different if so. Until they are comfortable with the readings that are submitted by our operator, he will take his own readings and tests to make sure we are up to code.

What happens in case of emergency?

There is a group of operators in the area that would be able to help, otherwise Chris would be able to walk our maintenance personnel through the necessary procedures until he can get here to fix it.

Chris was able to walk the board through the legality and details behind some of the processes that could have taken place during the beginning stages of the sewer pond project. This showed his knowledge and experience in the field. Chris brought up monitoring the school so that the village is able to justify where the majority of the water is used. He also brought up the fact that there should be a generator dedicated to each lift station.

The board address the need for communication between the operator and the board and Chris ensured the quarterly reports and being accessible for information anytime the board needs.

The board will continue to handle their annual physical report, however Chris's company will send a reminder and be a resource if needed. There was also discussion about their being a maintenance log at all locations so that it is on hand if needed. The app that Chris' company comes with also has a spot for Memo's to be kept track of, and the board will have access to that.

Set Dates for Golf Cart and UTV Registration- This will be held from 5-6:30 before our April meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month. Alisha will post to Facebook so that the citizens are aware.

Immediate Tree Removal for Nature Path- Ken will call to get quotes and Jon can meet someone out there if he needs to. With the snow in the forecast, this may be delayed a few days.

### **Old Business**

140 W Main St. Zoning- The current resident in question is on a month-to-month lease. The state of Illinois allows the top half of commercial buildings to be livable spaces, therefore the only issue is the illegal apartment in the lower level. The owner is requesting that half stays commercial, and then the other half is zoned residential.

All present board members decided to keep the building commercially zoned. To work with the resident and the owner, Jon, Kaytlyn, and Jeremy all voted to allow 6 months until the resident needs to be moved out. This date will be October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Alisha will have our attorney create a letter for the building owner and the resident.

Unfortunately, this is not to harm the owner who was expecting a three-apartment building when he bought it. This is ultimately to benefit the town and try to bring in some business.

The building owner did ask if the businesses that come in need to get permits. It depends on the type of business brought in.

### **Ordinances**

Water Sewer Garbage Delinquent Bills- Ordinance Chapter 7, Chapter 2, Subchapter 11, Section 3- Due to repeat offenders of turning in their bill late, the board decided to increase the late fee to \$15 from \$5 if their bill is not paid in full by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month instead of the last day of the month. All other shut off and turn on fees remained the same. **A Motion made by Eric to approve Ordinance Title 7, Chapter 2, Subchapter 18, Section 3 to state All water bills are due and payable on the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of each month. A penalty of fifteen (15.00) dollars shall be added to all bills not paid by the tenth day of the month. On the second delinquent month and a first late notice shall be sent to the customer by U.S. Mail. If payment is not**

received by the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of the third month a third penalty of fifteen (15.00) dollars shall be added to the bill and final notice shall be sent by U.S. Mail.

**If the charges for such services, including penalties, are not paid in full on or before the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of the month after said customer receives the letter, water service shall be shut off with a disconnection fee of Fifty (50.00) dollars. Such services shall be discontinued without further notice and shall not be reinstated until all past due claims are settled and a reconnection fee of Fifty (50.00) dollars is paid in full., seconded by Jeremy, all in favor, motion carried.**

The ordinance will be updated and posted in April.

Develop Illegal Dumping Ordinance- The board will look into options and bring examples to follow to the next meeting.

Develop Engine Braking Ordinance- The board will look into options and bring examples to follow to the next meeting.

Discuss Possible Future Ordinance Updates or Development- The board will brainstorm any other necessary ordinances for the next meeting.

### **Public Comments**

None

### **Adjourn**

- **At 8:31 p.m. A motion was made by Jeremy to adjourn, seconded by Eric, all in favor, motion carried.**