

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

**Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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

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

Diane Clay

Board Members Absent – None

Clerk – McKenzie Holste

Public Attendees – Steve Olson

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### **Approve Agenda**

Additional Item- New business 5) Permit 6) Lack of Permit

- **A Motion made by Eric to approve the agenda for Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, seconded by Diane, all in favor, motion carried.**

### **New Business**

Guest Steve Olson to Discuss Water Operator- Steve discussed how he had looked into the company in the past, and the biggest concern was the fact that the company only does ‘light maintenance.’ He is in town several hours a weekend doing maintenance to make sure that the system is running correctly. Since he is local, he could be to the system in a timely matter if there were any issues.

Currently, Steve communicates to Alisha any issues or work on the system, but the board feels in the dark on the status of the system and reporting. If the board decides to continue with Steve, they would like to have a better line of communication so that they are all in the loop. Steve is working on developing an app that would allow for real time reports to be pulled at the touch of a button so that the board can see that at any time.

With the app, Jon clarified with Steve that he would remain the water operator even if the board decided not to also purchase the use off the app. Steve stated that the two are separate and that he would operate without the app, however it would go back to pen and paper which takes more time than what the app offers.

Discuss Water/ Sewer Operator Options- After now hearing from both water operator options, the board discussed the options. No official decisions were made. The board had a list of additional questions for both options in regards to clarifying some of their answers. The business would be the cheaper options, however Steve presents a local option.

Approve Purchase of Lock for Sewer Pond Gate- Eric looked into a pad lock and the cable to lock the sewer gate for construction. He requested the board spend the \$50 to go to Menards and purchase the lock, cable, and keys.

**A Motion made by Eric to approve the purchase of a lock, cable, and keys for the sewer gate not to exceed \$50, seconded by Jeremey, all in favor, motion carried.**

Set April Board Schedule- All board members were already planning on April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>, so those will be the dates for April's board meetings.

Permit Request for Drainage Tube, Driveway and Cement Patio at 345 Schaffer St.- The owner at 345 Schaffer St. turned in two permit requests. The first request is to add a driveway and drainage tube. The board discussed the options for purchasing/reimbursing the expense of the drainage tube. After researching some drainage tube prices, the board came to a decision.

**A Motion made by Eric to reimburse the cost of a drainage tube up to \$200 and approve the addition of a driveway at 345 Schaffer St., seconded by Jeremey, all in favor, motion carried.**

The second permit request was for a cement patio. The homeowner provided a sketch of the placement of the patio.

**A Motion made by Jon to approve the addition of a cement patio at 345 Schaffer st., seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.**

Lack of Permit at 310 Main St.- The residents are replacing their current porch. We did not have a permit for this, so Alisha stopped by to request one. The resident did not realize that she needed one to redo a current porch. She completed the paperwork and sent a check as well.

**A Motion made by Jon to approve the permit request for 310 Main St. Porch Reconstruction, seconded by Eric, all in favor, motion carried.**

### **Old Business**

None

### **Ordinances**

Develop Charge for Water Usage by Non-Property Owner- This has only been a question twice in the past year. Businesses working in the area sometimes need water in their tanker trucks for construction sites. The town does not currently have a rate, therefore Alisha had to turn away the request to fill up in Dakota. Discussion was had about how we would go about this. How we would know how much the business uses, and how much should be charged per gallon. The board is going to look into what towns in the area do and bring the information back to the next ordinance meeting.

Develop Illegal Dumping Ordinance- Alisha brought a few examples from throughout Illinois. One was Freeport's Ordinance, and it was very legal sounding and hard to understand. The other two sounded much easier to understand. The board is going to review the three and bring any other recommendations so that a final draft can be created next month at the ordinance meeting.

Develop Engine Braking Ordinance- Alisha also brought examples of this ordinance to the meeting, and Lanark's was the one the board felt most related to Dakota's needs. They will

review the three presented as well as bring any other recommendations to create a final draft at next month's ordinance meeting.

Discuss Possible Future Ordinance Updates or Development- The question about a noise ordinance was presented, however that is very hard to enforce without the equipment to measure for sound. The only other ordinance that the board feels needs to be looked into is winter/snow emergency parking. This would allow the plows to clean the roads better and keep the side roads more open. The board is going to look into what surrounding towns do for their snow parking and bring it to the next ordinance meeting.

**Public Comments**

None

**Adjourn**

- **At 8:12 p.m. A motion was made by Eric to adjourn, seconded by Jeremy, all in favor, motion carried.**