



Village Of Dakota Board Meeting – Dakota Village Hall 112 Main St Dakota IL

Monday, August 4th, 2025

Called To Order 6:30 P.M.

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

President- Jon Riley

Clerk- Kenzie Holste

Treasurer – Melody Sweet

Public Works – Jeff Kluck, ABSENT

Public Attendees- Marni Henert, Jeff Kinney, & Jordan Vrazsity

Approve Agenda –

Changes Made to the Agenda:

Old Business #8 Discuss Fiber Internet

#9 Any Additional Old Business

Jeremy made a motion to approve the revised agenda, 2nd by Ken, motion carried.

Approve Minutes

1. Approve Minutes for 7.7.2025 WSTP Meeting & 7.7.2025 Meeting

A motion was made by Tom to approve the 7.7.2025 Water Sewer Treatment Plant minutes and the meeting meetings, seconded by Jeremy, all in favor, motion carried.

Finances

2. Approve Bills – **Jeremy made a motion to approve the current bills, 2nd by Andrew, all in favor, motion carried.**
3. Review Account Balances- No Comments.
4. Review Time Sheets- There were several FOIA requests this month on the time sheets that were discussed as to what information people were looking for.

Resident Permits and Requests

1. Zoning at 140 W. Main St.
 - After meeting with the attorney, it was advised that a zoning board is needed made up of 7 members. Special use ordinance would then need to go through full board. Jon has already updated the Stott family and will begin working to put together a zoning board.
2. Water Shut Off Issue- Mr. Goeke Update
 - HELM received all of the information and will be getting this taken care of as of now.

3. Address Mayor Permit Approval Outside of Meetings
 - Previously permit applications with no variances were approved by the mayor outside of the meetings to avoid delay in projects. The board would like to see all commercial and business permits going forward.

A motion was made by Jeremy for residential only permits to be granted by the Village President if under \$10,000 and no variance is needed, all business and commercial permits must be approved by the board, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.

4. Additional Permits or Resident Requests
 - The board would like to see a list of the already approved permits on the agenda so that they are aware of who has submitted a request and who has not.

New Business - Village President Jon Riley

1. Marni Henert ComEd Electrical Aggregation Program
 - Marni is with Rock River Energy Services. They have not worked with Dakota since 2012, however they help commercial and industrial accounts find lower energy rates. They are offering the residents of Dakota the different energy cost options through and Opt Out program. The board would need to get a referendum on the next ballot in order to start this process. They would then come back with a bid in which the board would either approve or decline at that point. This would be an ordinance to adopt and need to be reported to the county clerk before November 15th. It takes a while to implement, so a rough timeline with all proper approval would be next August/September.
 - The board is going to review the ordinance to get the referendum added to the ballot and discuss at the next meeting.
2. Waste Water Treatment Plant Change Order
 - There is no price change due to the completion date changes, but the road is being extended in order to get to the meter easier for reading. The completion date is being moved from July 5th to October 14th.

A motion was made by Jeremy to approve Change Order #1 for the WWSP, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.

3. Grocery Retailers Tax Ordinance
 - Effective October 1st, the 1% Grocery Items tax would be dropped unless this ordinance is passed. The board has received copies and will review for decisioning at the September meeting.
4. Cop Car Repair Quote
 - The AC compressor needs to be repaired, which is above the previously approved expense limit.

A motion was made by Jeremy to increase the previous service repair limit to a total of \$2,000, 2nd by Andrew, all in favor, motion carried.

5. Transfer \$6,700 from General to Sewer Checking to balance out a previous transaction
 - This was a transaction the auditor needs to be able to balance and complete the audit.

A motion made by Ken to transfer \$6,700 from General to Sewer Checking to balance out a previous transaction, 2nd by Jeremy, all in favor, motion carried.

6. Any Additional New Items

Old Business - Village President Jon Riley

1. Wastewater Treatment Facility Project Updates
 - The board reviewed the punch list items. There are 31 total and as of the meeting 13 were handled. They will review the list again before final payment is disbursed.
 - The board is going to explore options and quotes for a structure to place over the pumps to limit wear and tear.
2. Water Tower Project Updates
 - They are currently working on sand blasting with no timeline update at this time.
3. Main Street Project Updates
 - The will be continuing and finishing the project next week so ensure it is completed before school begins.
4. Update on Unregistered Vehicles Ordinance
 - There has been several complaints. The board would like to stick with the current ordinance and look to change it at a later date. There will be a letter going out to all current residents this month before actions are taken.
5. Discuss Solar Ordinance
 - No update at this time.
6. Discuss Walkability Study- Meeting July 11th @ 1 p.m.
 - Jeff Kluck and Jon attended the meeting. They are very nitpicky with the details of sidewalks. The company is working on putting together a town wide plan and proposal for the board and exploring options for grant funding.
7. Remote Attendance Option for Trustees
 - No update at the time.
8. Discuss Fiber Internet
 - The Village has been approached by several different companies who are running lines along 75. Jon will have any company interested submit their permit request for next meeting for the board to review options and decide who to approve.

9. Any Additional Old Business

- Jon will reach out to Jeff for an update on the Train at the Park.

Committee and Trustee Reports

1. Any Items of Discussion by Village Board Trustees – The board discussed splitting up the responsibilities into committees again. Jon will assign based on new board members and then will make adjustments at the next meeting if needed.

Dakota Public Works- Jeff Kluck

1. Any Items of Discussion for Mr. Kluck –
 - a. The board would like to find a solution to keeping the park bathrooms open for use and they will begin looking into camera options to limit the vandalism instead of closing the bathrooms for the village members.
 - b. Facebook posts about Village changes need to come from the village page not Jeff's personal page.

Public Comments – None

Adjourn - Jeremy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m., 2nd by Tom motion carried.