**Village of Donnellson**

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Village Board Meeting Minutes

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January 13, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sheryl Reynolds.

Mayor Pro tem John Dankoski opened the meeting at 7:10 pm.

**Roll Call Completed:**

* Present: President Protem John Dankoski. Trustees: Virginia Kenny, Randy Stewart, Elvira Rowe, Barydon Mason, Kenneth Brumberlow. Clerk/Treasurer-Sheryl Reynolds, Clerk- Grace Holtz. Water Superintendent- Bill Grider, Officer- Harley Hedderman (absent).

**Meeting Minutes:**

* Virginia Kenny made a motion to accept the December 9th, 2024 meeting minutes. Elvira Rowe seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

* Virginia Kenny made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report; it was seconded by Elvira Rowe. All were in favor.

**Monthly Bills**:

* Sheryl gave updates on the bills. Virginia Kenny made a motion to pay the bills; it was seconded by Elvira Rowe. All were in favor.

**Clerk/Treasurer Questions:**

* Sheryl gave her resignation. The Clerk/Treasurer position will be posted on websites and in the newspaper. Virginia Kenny made a motion to post the position and it was seconded by Randy Stewart. All were in favor.

**Mayor Concerns:**

* Make a post for village help in The Journal for a maintenance worker for $15/hr working 8-12pm Monday-Friday.
* There will be an opening for a trustee position. Anyone interested can contact the Mayor Protem.
* Look into consolidating bank accounts.

**Trustee Concerns:**

* Elvira Rowe inquired about who cares for the “Welcome to Donnellson” signs. The village updates the signs.
* Virginia Kenny would like to restart the Easter hunt and Christmas lights contest.
* Elvira Rowe inquired about the water and sewer rates.

**Water/Sewer Concerns:**

* We are waiting on IEPA Loan award announcements.

**Policies and Practices:**

* None

**Public Comments:**

* A resident wants to know who plows the snow in town. John Dankoski and Randy Stewart plowed the snow and added shoes on the plow.
* A resident thanks the snow plow drivers who had no previous experience.
* A resident would like the village to make a more in depth maintenance file.
* Update was given from resident on property clean up.

**Committee Reports**

**Roads and Parks:**

* Randy Stewart took down Christmas decorations, plowed snow, and replaced the toggle switch on the plow.

**Building and Equipment Maintenance:**

* A used air compressor was purchased.

**Water/Sewer:**

* John Dankoski stated that Vandevanter still needs to set up computer stuff for the generator.
* Randy Stewart stated EVAPAR was out to replace the block heater.

**Police:**

* None

**Grants:**

* None

**Ordinances:**

* None

**Internal Financial Review:**

* The new team will get together with the old team.

**Old Business:**

* MFT funds for Rebuild IL will be on used street signs, sidewalk, and rock to be used for road repairs.
* Waiting on more estimates for roof repairs. We will revisit this is the spring with updated pictures.
* An update on LDRP was given and all paperwork has been completed. We are still waiting for them to reply and schedule training.
* The Mayor needs to speak with the lawyer regarding past EPA issues.
* Bids were opened in this office on Dec. 12th, 2024. Paperwork completed by M&G NOTICE OF AWARD TO BE SIGNED this evening.
* M&G continues to work on Water Line Project and all paperwork associated.

**New Business**

* Resignations were turned in from Wayne Watkins (Chief of Police) effective 1/10/2025, Gary Long (President Protem) effective 1/10/2025, Tryistan Long (Maintenance) effective 1/13/2025, and Sheryl Reynolds (Clerk/Treasurer) effective 1/24/25.
* Virginia Kenny made a motion not to purchase a CD this month. Barydon Mason seconded it. All were in favor.

With no further business to discuss, Virginia Kenny made a motion to adjourn; Elvira Rowe seconded the motion, all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Recorded and submitted by:

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Sheryl Reynolds, Village Clerk/Treasurer