

Village of Donnellson

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Village Board Meeting Minutes

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February 10, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Dankoski.

Mayor Pro tem John Dankoski opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call Completed:

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

Meeting Minutes:

- Virginia Kenny made a motion to accept the January 13th, 2025 meeting minutes. Kenneth Brumberlow 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 Randy Stewart. All were in favor.

Monthly Bills:

- Virginia Kenny made a motion to pay the bills; it was seconded by Kenneth Brumberlow. All were in favor.

Clerk/Treasurer Questions:

- None

Mayor Concerns:

- The dumpster grant can be used for a spring clean up.
- Items from the Village Hall can go up for sale as long as it was not bought through funding.
- New Employees- Ashley Weder (Clerk/Treasurer) and Bobby Ellis (Maintenance).

Trustee Concerns:

- Randy Stewart made a motion to go into executive session.
7:13pm.

Reopen regular meeting at 7:22pm

- Virginia Kenny made a motion to vote in new trustees Patty Russo and Jessica Thompson. Virginia Kenny - I elect Jessica Thompson to be a trustee. The motion was seconded by Kenneth Brumberlow. All were in favor. Virginia Kenny – I elect Patty Russo to be a trustee. The motion was seconded by Kenneth Brumberlow. All were in favor.
- Pictures were taken of trustees and Bill Grider.
- Virginia Kenny inquired about gifts for the Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 12th from 11am – 1pm.
- Virginia Kenny made a motion to make Easter Food Baskets; it was seconded by Kenneth Brumberlow. All were in favor.
- Virginia stated there will be a gathering to fill Easter eggs on Wednesday April 9th. The money allotted for the Easter festivities will be determined in the March meeting.

Water Concerns:

- Bill Grider stated that a contractor from St. Louis worked on the Antenna/Radio system and repaired it. He took the keyboard display to see if they can repair it. The chlorine container was removed. There are rust concerns regarding the pipes and bolts that will need replaced.
- Mitch from M&G said we will hear about the IEPA funding soon.
- EJ updated the 4 year water purchase agreement. They are increasing their rate to approximately 90 cents per 1,000 gallons.

Policies and Practices:

- None

Public Comments:

- A resident suggests not raising the rental rates for the community center too high.
- A resident stated that the Masonic Lodge has a pancake and sausage breakfast on March 15th 7am – 12pm.
- A resident stated that the labor cost for gym/ building clean up is more than what the village is charging. Public opinion– make the renters responsible for clean up. Virginia Kenny makes a motion to have renters sign a contract to sweep after a gym rental and have a deposit for a party for clean up; it was seconded by Kenneth Brumberlow. All were in favor.
- Update was given from resident on property clean up. The next update will be in June 2025.

Committee Reports

Roads and Parks:

- Randy Stewart stated we should have the maintenance person check the snow plow because it might snow on Wednesday.
- Randy Stewart stated we should make an appointment to service the lawnmowers.

Building and Equipment Maintenance:

- A Roof Inspection was done. Bill stated we need to know exactly what the village wants for roof replacement and if it is over \$25,000 it will need a bid. We will need at least 3 bids to choose from.
- Randy Stewart stated we should do a 2 part bid for the flat roof and gym roof.

Water/Sewer:

- EVAPAR was out to replace the block heater.

Police:

- None

Grants:

- None

Ordinances:

- None

Internal Financial Review:

- Patty Russo joined the committee.
- 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.
- Estimates for roof repairs need bid.
- 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.
- M&G continues to work on Water Line Project and all paperwork associated.
- Update from resident on progress for clean up. Next update will be in June.

New Business

- Generate Income- Increase building rental prices, Impose Grocery tax, Increase Fees for Liquor and Gambling Licenses. Reevaluation rates will be done at the March meeting.
- Old Firehouse – Keep rent or sell. The fire department still needs to use it.
- Clean up Village Hall Building
- Dumpster- county grant. There is a \$750 grant available for dumpster clean up.
- Assign trustee to Finance Committee – Patty Russo to Internal Financial Committee.
- Assign 2 new trustees to replace resigned positions. Patty Russo and Jessica Thompson are new trustees.
- Residents are asking for Sewer Forgiveness. Forgiveness was given.

With no further business to discuss, Virginia Kenny made a motion to adjourn; Patty Russo seconded the motion, all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Recorded and submitted by:

Sheryl Reynolds, Village Clerk/Treasurer