

# Village of Donnellson

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## Village Board Meeting Minutes

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May 7, 2021

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gary Long.

President Pro-tem Pamella Short opened the meeting at 9:02am.

Darrell Jett made a motion to suspend the regular agenda in order to administer new oaths of office. It was seconded by Gary Long and passed with all ayes.

Clerk/Treasurer Sheryl Reynolds led the oath of office for President Pamella Short, Trustee Ken Buckingham, Trustee Tyler Tarran and Trustee Marjorie Tate.

After the swearing in, President Short returned to the regular agenda.

### **Roll Call Completed by Clerk Diane Dankoski:**

**Present:** President Pamella Short. Trustees- Darrell Jett, Fran Jett, Gary Long, Ken Buckingham, Tyler Tarran and Marjorie Tate. Clerk/Treasurer Sheryl Reynolds, Water/Sewer Clerk Diane Dankoski. **Absent:** Chief of Police Wayne Watkins, and Meter Reader Mark Reynolds.

### **Meeting Minutes:**

- Ken Buckingham made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2021 meeting. Gary Long seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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**Treasurer's Report:**

- Clerk/Treasurer Sheryl Reynolds shared an additional report, dated May 5, 2021, indicating the e-banking transfers for April, *made in May*, due to start-up glitches.
- Gary Long made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Darrell Jett. All were in favor.

**Monthly Bills:**

- The monthly bills were read by Clerk/Treasurer Sheryl Reynolds, including an additional \$10,000 sewer loan payment made May 1, 2021. A motion to pay the bills was made by Ken Buckingham and seconded by Gary Long. All were in favor.

**Clerk/Treasurer Questions:** None

**Trustee Concerns:** None

**Water/Sewer Concerns:**

- Sheryl Reynolds notified the board that a representative from IRWA would be coming for a meeting to help with water issues.

**Policies and Practices:** None

**Public Comments:** None

**Roads and Parks:**

- Darrell Jett reported that the culvert at Jefferson & State will be replaced.

**Police:** None

**Ordinances:** None

**Grants:** None

### **Internal Financial Review:**

- The financial review for April has not been completed yet.

### **Old Business:**

- Clerk Diane Dankoski updated the board regarding the generator grant. President Short opened the floor for discussion. Following discussion, Gary Long made a motion to suspend the generator grant process; it was seconded by Darrell Jett. In a roll call vote, the motion passed (6 ayes, 0 nays).

### **New Business:**

- President Short stated that wages must be \$15.00 per hour by 2025. Darrell Jett made a motion to raise wages \$1.00 per hour per year to meet that goal, with a policy review each year. It was seconded by Fran Jett and passed with all ayes.
- Darrell Jett explained the possibility of working with an engineering company to complete maintenance on the water tower. IEPA is offering a new grant and loan opportunity. Gary Long made a motion to table the issue until their representative meets with the board. It was seconded by Darrell Jett and passed with all ayes.
- Bids were passed around and discussion regarding spraying for mosquitoes in the village. Darrell Jett made a motion to order 3 applications for this year. It was seconded by Fran Jett and passed with all ayes.
- Fran Jett made a motion to bypass the purchase of a CD this month. It was seconded by Ken Buckingham and passed with all ayes.
- President Short welcomed both new trustees.

With no further business to discuss, Gary Long made a motion to adjourn; Darrell Jett seconded the motion, all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:56 am.

Recorded and submitted by:

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Sheryl Reynolds, Village Clerk/Treasurer