

Village of Donnellson

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Village Board Meeting Minutes

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April 12, 2021

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Darrell Jett.

President Pro-tem Pamella Short opened the meeting at 10:03am.

Roll Call Completed by Clerk/Treasurer Sheryl Reynolds:

Present: President Pro-tem Pamella Short. Trustees- Darrell Jett, Fran Jett, Gary Long (by phone), Ken Buckingham, and Trustee Elect Tyler Tarran. Clerk/Treasurer Sheryl Reynolds, Water/Sewer Clerk Diane Dankoski. Absent: Trustee Nelda Adkisson, Chief of Police Wayne Watkins, and Meter Reader Mark Reynolds.

Meeting Minutes:

- Ken Buckingham made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2021 meeting. Darrell Jett seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Gary Long made a motion to accept the minutes of the special budget meeting held on April 7, 2021. Ken Buckingham seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- Darrell Jett made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Fran Jett. All were in favor.

Monthly Bills:

- The monthly bills were read by Clerk/Treasurer Sheryl Reynolds. A motion to pay the bills was made by Darrell Jett and seconded by Gary Long. All were in favor.

Clerk/Treasurer Questions:

- Sheryl Reynolds explained a request by Bill Grider, Water Superintendent, to change the water testing lab from PDC to Tech Lab. Gary Long made a motion to change our water testing lab from PDC to Tech Lab. It was seconded by Darrell Jett. All were in favor.
- Sheryl Reynolds gave the floor to Darrell Jett, who presented MJM's position of ownership of the antenna pole at the pumphouse. Darrell Jett made a motion to install a new pole and move the antenna. It was seconded by Gary Long. All were in favor.

Trustee Concerns:

- Gary Long made a motion to replace 2 doors at the north end of the gym with donated materials, only paying labor; and to cut down the diseased tree at the building's front with costs of labor and ½ of stump removal rental. After discussion, Ken Buckingham seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Water/Sewer Concerns:

- Sheryl Reynolds explained a recent letter from the EPA stating that our quarterly readings were still high with a notice having gone out to our customers. She reported that Greenville is working on the issues. Darrell Jett recommended calling in Rural Water for assistance.

Policies and Practices: None

Public Comments: None

Roads and Parks:

- Darrell Jett reported a problem culvert at State & Jefferson. It will be replaced. He will also order cold patch for the holes in the roads when available.

Police:

- Ken Buckingham inquired how many hours were worked last month. Sheryl Reynolds reported 2 ½ hours.

Ordinances:

- In relation to Ordinance 2021-01, Darrell Jett made a motion to start a “Solar Fund” savings account for \$10,000.00 at the First National Bank of Litchfield. It was seconded by Fran Jett. After discussion the motion passed in a roll call vote with all ayes. (Darrell-Aye. Gary-Aye. Fran-Aye. Ken-Aye. Nelda-Absent)
- Gary Long made a motion to accept Appropriation Ordinance 2021-01, with corrections noted and the new solar fund. The motion was seconded by Darrell Jett. The motion passed in a roll call vote with all ayes. (Darrell-Aye. Gary-Aye. Fran-Aye. Ken-Aye. Nelda-Absent)

Grants:

- Diane Dankoski gave updates concerning the generator grant. After discussion, Darrell Jett made a motion to spend \$12,850 for the village portion and pursue to grant. It was seconded by Gary Long. All were in favor.

Internal Financial Review:

- The financial review for March has been completed satisfactorily.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Sheryl Reynolds explained that the Motor Fuel Tax accounts had been approved by IDOT and some interest will be refunded.
- Darrell Jett made a motion to coordinate town wide yard sales with Sorento on May 1st and 2nd, and to order a clean up dumpster for the village for May 3rd. It was seconded by Ken Buckingham. All were in favor.
- Pam Short discussed a request from Grisham Township to rent space for file storage and meetings. After discussion, Darrell Jett made a motion to rent the building to Grisham Township for their meetings and file storage at a rate of \$100.00 per month with a contract in writing. The motion was seconded by Ken Buckingham and passed with all ayes.
- Pam Short noted that phone numbers need to be updated to ensure all customers receive the public alert announcements.
- Sheryl Reynolds requested approval to generate transfers among accounts using an online banking format. Gary Long made a motion to begin online banking for transfers only. It was seconded by Darrell Jett and the motion passed with all ayes.
- Darrell Jett made a motion to bypass the purchase of a CD this month. The motion was seconded by Fran Jett and passed with all ayes.

With no further business to discuss, Darrell Jett made a motion to adjourn; Gary Long seconded the motion, all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:15am.

Recorded and submitted by:

Sheryl Reynolds, Village Clerk/Treasurer