

Village of Donnellson

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Village Board Meeting Minutes

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November 18, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gary Long.

Mayor Pro tem Gary Long opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call Completed:

- **Present:** President Protem Gary Long. Trustees: John Dankoski, Virginia Kenny, Randy Stewart, Elvira Rowe, Barydon Mason, Kenneth Brumberlow. Clerk/Treasurer-Sheryl Reynolds, Clerk- Grace Holtz. Water Superintendent- Bill Grider, Chief of Police- Wayne Watkins (absent) Officer- Harley Hedderman (absent).
- Mitch from M&G Engineers spoke about the \$1.5 million grant. Bid opening will start December 12th @ 10 A.M. The DCEO grant is completed for additional funding and they reapplied for the IEPA loan. The \$14,675 Railroad Permit Agreement will be included in the contract for bidding.

Meeting Minutes:

- Virginia Kenny made a motion to accept the Oct 21st, 2024 meeting minutes. Elvira Rowe seconded the motion. All were in favor. Virginia Kenny made a motion to accept the Executive meeting minutes. Elvira Rowe seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- Randy Stewart made a motion to accept the treasurer's report; it was seconded by Virginia Kenny. 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 spoke about a suggestion for a dehumidifier for the kitchen. Virginia Kenny made a motion to look into the cost for a dehumidifier; it was seconded by Randy Stewart. All were in favor.
- Sheryl looked into previous meeting minutes regarding the village paying for her training and the board had agreed. Virginia Kenny made a motion to reimburse Sheryl for her training; it was seconded by Kenneth Brumberlow.
- Virginia Kenny made a motion to look into per diem to reimburse Sheryl for mileage; it was seconded by Kenneth Brumberlow. All were in favor.

Trustee Concerns:

- Barydon Mason would like to see the village police work more hours.
- Randy Stewart would like to assign/volunteer board members for each committee, fix the backhoe, and make sure the batteries are charged for winter in the plow trucks/ equipment. Virginia Kenny made a motion to fill the committees with board members; it was seconded by John Dankoski. All were in favor.

Water/Sewer Concerns:

- None

Policies and Practices:

- None

Public Comments:

- Diane Dankoski stated that no one can limit the trustee's time to speak. Diane stated that the clerk/treasurer has a lot to do and making Thanksgiving baskets is not her responsibility; board members should be taking those responsibilities. Several members of the public volunteered to help with Thanksgiving baskets.

Committee Reports

Roads and Parks:

- Randy Stewart, Barydon Mason, Bill Grider, and Gary Long joined this committee.
- Randy Stewart stated that he will call about a quote for sidewalks.

Building and Equipment Maintenance:

- Randy Stewart, Gary Long, and John Dankoski joined this committee.

Water/Sewer:

- John Dankoski and Kenneth Brumberlow joined this committee.

Police:

- Virginia Kenny made a motion to accept the new taser; it was seconded by Barydon Mason.

Grants: None

Ordinances: None

Internal Financial Review:

- Virginia Kenny and Elvira Rowe joined this committee.

Old Business:

- An update was given on street signs from the August 2024 meeting. We need to go through the MFT funds for Rebuild IL.
- Randy will call about an estimate for the sidewalk
- We are waiting on more estimates for roof repairs.
- Update on LDRP – All paperwork was completed and we are still waiting on them to reply and schedule training.

New Business

- Virginia Kenny made a motion to accept ORD NO 2024-02 Ord. for the Levy and assessment of Taxes for the Village of Donnellson, Illinois for Fiscal Year beginning May, 01 2024 and ending April 30, 2025 . It was seconded by John Dankoski. All were in favor.
- John Dankoski made a motion to accept ORD NO 2024-03 Ord. authorizing the Village of Donnellson, a municipal corporation, Montgomery/Bond County, Illinois, to borrow fund from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency – Public Water Supply Loan Program. It was seconded by Virginia Kenny. A vote was held: 6 yays, 0 nays.
- M&G will continue to work on prepping Water Line project. All Bids must be in before Dec 12th—Bids will be opened in our office December 12th at 10AM per M&G. Following opening Bids-Board MUST decide what to do. Vote to be taken.
- Culverts will be looked into for 101 E. Carson and 103 E. Hampton St.
- Look at easements on the East end of North St.
- We need to prepare dump truck and plow truck for snow and put up decorations.
- Gary has not been able to get in contact with our lawyer regarding past EPA issues.
- Virginia Kenny made a motion not to purchase a CD this month. Randy Stewart seconded it. All were in favor.

With no further business to discuss, Virginia Kenny made a motion to adjourn; Kenneth Brumberlow seconded the motion, all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Recorded and submitted by:

Sheryl Reynolds, Village Clerk/Treasurer