

Village of Donnellson

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Village Board Meeting Minutes

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March 17, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Virginia Kenny.

Mayor Protem Virginia Kenny opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call Completed:

- Present: Trustees: Virginia Kenny, Randy Stewart, Barydon Mason, Kenneth Brumberlow, Jessica Thompson, Patty Russo. Clerk/Treasurer – Ashley Weder, Clerk- Grace Holtz (Absent). Water Superintendent- Bill Grider (Absent), Officer- Harley Hedderman (Absent).

Expel John Dankoski as Mayor and trustee.

- Patty Russo made a motion to expel John Dankoski as mayor and trustee; it was seconded by Kenneth Brumberlow. Roll call: Virginia Kenny, Randy Stewart, Patty Russo, Barydon Mason, Kenneth Brumberlow, Jessica Thompson. All were in favor.

The meeting was closed at 7:05 to go into executive session.

The meeting was reopened at 7:10pm.

Virginia Kenny took an oath to become Mayor Protem of the Village of Donnellson.

Clerk/Treasurer Questions:

- Ashley stated that Nails Power Equipment called regarding work that needs done to maintenance the villages mowers. It will cost \$436 on the mower for a starter. The mower also needs a battery and labor will cost as well. The bill for the zero turn is \$645.69. Randy Stewart makes a motion to pay to get the mowers fixed; it was seconded by Kenneth Brumberlow. All were in favor.

Mayor Concerns:

- None

Trustee Concerns:

- Randy Stewart stated the board held a meeting with the village attorney Tom Devore. There was discussion at the last meeting about switching lawyers. Randy Stewart made a motion to keep Tom Devore as the village attorney; it was seconded by Patty Russo. All were in favor.

Water Concerns:

- None

Policies and Practices:

- None

Public Comments:

- The owner of Shug's Smokeshack just outside of town is hiring.
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Committee Reports

Roads and Parks:

- Randy Stewart stated a village resident is going to put in culverts and will be doing the labor and is buying the rock.

Building and Equipment Maintenance:

- Grants are being looked into for roof replacement.

Water/Sewer:

- None

Police:

- None

Grants:

- None

Ordinances:

- None

Internal Financial Review:

- Virginia Kenny stated that the committee will get together the week of March 17th and finalize January's Financial review.

Old Business:

- An update on LDRP was given and all paperwork has been completed. We are still waiting for them to reply and schedule training.
- M&G continues to work on Water Line Project and all paperwork associated.
- Discuss how to generate income for the village by increasing building rental or imposing grocery tax. Kenneth Brumberlow made a motion to keep the building rental the same; the motion was seconded by Jessica Thompson. All were in favor.
- Randy Stewart made a motion to impose the 1% grocery tax for the Village of Donnellson. The motion was seconded by Patty Russo. All were in favor.
- Randy Stewart called around to see what other municipalities are charging for their liquor licenses. Randy Stewart made a motion to raise the liquor license to \$600; the motion was seconded by Kenneth Brumberlow. All were in favor.

New Business

- Randy compared gambling machine prices in the area. Kenneth Brumberlow made a motion to leave the gambling machine prices as is in the village; it was seconded by Patty Russo. All were in favor.
- Kenneth Brumberlow stated that we should have a camera system in office and that we need to have them fixed. We will look into paying for a subscription.
- The IML training for the clerks will be done during work hours. The trustees will schedule to get theirs done as well.
- Discuss the food pantry at a later date.
- The Quickbooks subscription is increasing to \$999. Patty Russo made a motion to pay the subscription. It was seconded by Randy Stewart. All in favor.
- It was voted to terminate the MCEDC Membership.
- Kenneth Brumberlow made a motion to go back on the termination vote and to look into what the MCEDC Membership includes. It was seconded by Patty Russo. All were in favor.
- There have been many donations for the Easter Eggstravaganza. The event will be broadcasted under community events on the WMSI and WGEL radio stations. There are raffle tickets for a ham, turkey, a gift card from Paris frozen foods, and a bounce house rental.
- Randy made a motion not to purchase a CD; the motion was seconded by Kenneth Brumberlow.

Kenneth Brumberlow made a motion to adjourn; Patty Russo seconded the motion, all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Recorded and submitted by:

Ashley Weder, Village Clerk/Treasurer