

Village of Donnellson

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Village Board Meeting Minutes

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November 13, 2023

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gary Long.

President Darrell Jett opened the meeting at 7:02 pm.

Roll Call Completed:

Present: President: Darrell Jett. Trustees: Fran Jett, Gary Long, Ken Buckingham, John Dankoski, Virginia Kenny. Clerk/Treasurer-Sheryl Reynolds, Clerk-Diane Dankoski. Water Superintendent Bill Grider.

Absent: Chief of Police-Wayne Watkins.

Meeting Minutes:

- Fran Jett made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 10, 2023 meeting. Gary Long seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- Gary Long made a motion to accept the treasurer's report; it was seconded by Ken Buckingham. All were in favor.

Monthly Bills:

- Ken Buckingham made a motion to pay the bills; it was seconded by Gary Long. All were in favor.

Clerk/Treasurer Questions: None

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Trustee Concerns:

- John Dankoski acknowledged Clerk/Treasurer Sheryl Reynold's efforts to earn certification by taking classes and expressed a concern about pay.

Water/Sewer Concerns: None

Policies and Practices: None

Public Comments: None

Roads and Parks: None

Police: None

Grants:

- Diane Dankoski reported the progress on the DCEO Grant for the Water Main Project. The Environmental Review is awaiting approval from the state office.

Ordinances:

- Clerk/Treasurer Sheryl Reynolds presented Ordinance 2023-04, explaining the tax levy proposal that included both counties. Fran Jett made a motion to accept Ordinance 2023-04, An ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Village of Donnellson, Illinois for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024. The motion was seconded by John Dankoski and passed unanimously in a roll call vote. (Fran Jett, aye; Gary Long, aye; Virginia Kenny, aye; John Dankoski, aye; Ken Buckingham, aye).

Internal Financial Review:

- The financial review for October was completed satisfactorily.

Old Business:

- The contract with EJ regarding the meter replacement has not been readdressed since early September. President Jett made a suggestion to contact Utility Pipe Works (who installed the meters) to get the numbers needed.
- It was reported that the flu shot clinic went well, with at least a dozen visits.
- The recommended fire extinguishers were purchased and hung.
- President Jett praised the workers, Jason and Tryistan Long, who completed the stage furnace exhaust pipe project and are continuing on the back bathroom wall and ceiling repair.
- Clerks Reynolds and Dankoski briefed the board about the grant workshop they attended.
- President Jett reported that he had not received any call backs regarding the roof repair.
- Fran Jett made a motion to sell the kitchen stove at the next Langham Auction. It was seconded by Ken Buckingham and passed unanimously.

New Business

- Gary Long made a motion to bypass the purchase of a CD this month. It was seconded by John Dankoski, all were in favor.
- Tom DeVore was unable to attend. Ken Buckingham questioned Water Superintendent Grider, who explained that Greenville had voted to cancel our water contract. President Jett reported that the Corrosion Control Desktop Study had been submitted to the IEPA.
- Clerk/Treasurer explained the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. After some discussion, President Jett requested time for all to consider and will discuss this matter in December.
- The auditor will present the FY 23 Financial Review at the December meeting.
- President Jett explained the poor performance of the copy machine and printer. Gary Long made a motion to purchase 1 new device to both copy and print. It was seconded by Virginia Kenny and all were in favor.

With no further business to discuss, Ken Buckingham made a motion to adjourn; Gary Long seconded the motion, all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Recorded and submitted by:

Sheryl Reynolds, Village Clerk/Treasurer