

Village of Donnellson

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Village Board Meeting Minutes

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December 11, 2023

Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Dankoski.

President Darrell Jett opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call Completed:

Present: President: Darrell Jett (by phone). Trustees: Fran Jett (by phone), Gary Long (by phone), John Dankoski. Clerk/Treasurer-Sheryl Reynolds, Clerk-Diane Dankoski. Water Superintendent Bill Grider.

Absent: Trustees Ken Buckingham, Virginia Kenny, Chief of Police-Wayne Watkins.

President Jett made an agenda change, moving Public Comments next.

Public Comments:

- Resident Jeannina Langel requested permission of the board to begin discussions within the community about starting a local food pantry. Gary Long made a motion to place this topic on the January 2024 agenda and allow her to begin fact finding. It was seconded by John Dankoski. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

- Gary Long made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2023 meeting. John Dankoski seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- John Dankoski made a motion to accept the treasurer's report; it was seconded by Fran Jett. All were in favor.

Monthly Bills:

- John Dankoski made a motion to pay the bills; it was seconded by Fran Jett. All were in favor.

Clerk/Treasurer Questions: None

Trustee Concerns:

- Gary Long reported that the kitchen stove had been removed and will go up for auction at Langham's on December 26, 2023.

Water/Sewer Concerns:

- The results are pending regarding the Lead Service Line Inventory Grant.
- Results are also pending regarding the IEPA Loan to be used for engineer's fees for the water main construction.
- The village is waiting for approval from the IEPA to permanently connect to EJ Water Cooperative (currently on Emergency Connection with EJ).

Policies and Practices:

- As a result of discussion in November, John Dankoski made a motion to accept the Paid Leave for All Workers Act (PLAWA), as written, effective January 1, 2024. It was seconded by Fran Jett. The policy was approved in a roll call vote. F.Jett, yes; G.Long, yes; J.Dankoski, yes.

Public Comments: Moved up in the agenda.

Roads and Parks:

- President Jett thanked Tryistan Long, Jim Hoxsey and John Dankoski for installing the Christmas lights along Washington St.

Police: None

Grants:

- Diane Dankoski announced that the final submission of ARPA funds reporting had been completed.
- Additionally, she discussed the ReBuild Illinois Funds from the MFT account. The state has cleared the monies for use. President Jett suggested waiting on those plans due to the water main construction slated for summer 2024.

Ordinances: None

Internal Financial Review:

- The financial review for November was completed satisfactorily.

Old Business:

- The contract with EJ regarding the meter replacement has not been readdressed since early September. Utility Pipe has not responded to the request for information.
- Additional estimates for roof repair have not been received.

New Business

- John Dankoski made a motion to bypass the purchase of a CD this month. It was seconded by Fran Jett, all were in favor.
- The auditor will be present at the January 8, 2024 meeting to explain the annual financial statement.
- Christmas light judging will be December 21, 2023.

With no further business to discuss, John Dankoski made a motion to adjourn; Gary Long seconded the motion, all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Recorded and submitted by:

Sheryl Reynolds, Village Clerk/Treasurer