

# Village of Donnellson

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## Village Board Meeting Minutes

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December 9, 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).

### Meeting Minutes:

- Virginia Kenny made a motion to accept the Nov 18th, 2024 meeting minutes. John Dankoski seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Virginia Kenny made a motion to accept the treasurer's report; it was seconded by Elvira Rowe. 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 stated that all trustees should be at the Donnellson Community Center Thursday at 10am for the Water Main Project bidding.

### **Trustee Concerns:**

- Virginia Kenny inquired about the number of Christmas baskets that need to be made.
- Elvira Rowe does not believe an ordinance was served correctly and inquired on protocol.
- Virginia Kenny had previously looked into mileage per diem for Sheryl. It is 67 cents per mile for mileage reimbursement. The topic will be on January's agenda.
- Kenny Brumberlow looked at the pump house and thinks the situation needs addressed as soon as possible.

### **Water/Sewer Concerns:**

- None

### **Policies and Practices:**

- None

### **Public Comments:**

- Diane Dankoski thanked the trustees for their willingness to help make the Thanksgiving baskets.
- Resident requested the road next to his house be fixed. There is a large pothole due to trash truck.
- Resident stated that he received ordinance violations for his vehicles and for trash/yard debris. He would like more time to take care of his ordinance violations because of health issues. The board said they would give him more time if he showed good faith this month in cleaning up. Virginia Kenny made a motion to reevaluate in 30 days. Kenneth Brumberlow seconded the motion.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Roads and Parks:**

- Randy Stewart started the backhoe and connected the battery chargers.
- John Dankoski, Bary Mason, and Randy Stewart viewed the culvert issues and decided that the village will not pay for either culvert. They also viewed East North Street and decided the village cannot reduce its size. John Dankoski made a motion that we do not pay for the culverts or reduce the width of East North Street. Virginia Kenny Seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### **Building and Equipment Maintenance:**

- John Dankoski stated the village shed has a tree growing into the building. A bid to take the tree down was given from Shawn Elam for \$200. Randy Stewart made a motion to accept the \$200 bid to take the tree down. Virginia Kenny seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Randy Stewart made a motion to change 2 hydraulic lines a month in the backhoe and to have Jimmy Austin do the work. Virginia Kenny seconded the motion.

### **Water/Sewer:**

- John Dankoski stated that the phone in the sewer plant calls the old mayors phone and the person of contact needs to be changed. Virginia Kenny made a motion to have John's phone number be the point of contact. Randy Stewart seconded the motion.
- John Dankoski stated the sewer pump generator has not been working since the power surge.

**Police:** None

**Grants:** None

**Ordinances:** None

### **Internal Financial Review:**

- The new team will get together with the old team.

**Old Business:**

- The dump truck and plow are ready for the winter.
- Randy Stewart received a quote from Slatton's Excavating Inc. for \$4,200 to install new sidewalk from existing sidewalk going north to exit ramp at Dollar General building approximately 40 feet. The sidewalk will be broom finish with ADA mat at the end of the sidewalk at apron.
- Waiting on more estimates for roof repairs
- All paperwork was completed for LDRP. We are still waiting for them to reply and schedule training.
- John Dankoski received a quote for repairs to the pump house from Loellke Plumbing. There will be discussion with M&G Engineers on how to proceed with the project.

**New Business**

- M&G will continue to work on prepping Water Line project. All bids must be in before December 12<sup>th</sup>—bids will be opened in our office December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 10AM per M&G. Following opening of bids- Board MUST decide what to do. Vote to be taken.
- 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. Barydon Mason seconded it. All were in favor.

With no further business to discuss, Virginia Kenny made a motion to adjourn; Elvira Rowe seconded the motion, all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Recorded and submitted by:

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Sheryl Reynolds, Village Clerk/Treasurer