

VILLAGE OF DAWSON
FEBRUARY 3, 2020 MINUTES

The Dawson Village Board meeting was called to order by Mayor Dee Smith at 7:00 p.m. and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees present were: Jeremy Bounds, Teri Anderson, Jake Byerline, Robin Ashton-Hale, Nancy Prytherch. Also present were Mayor Dee Smith, Attorney Steve Scott, Treasurer Jo D. Prytherch and Clerk Lynda Files. Josh Nibbe was absent.

MINUTES: Nancy made a motion to approve the January minutes and Robin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BILLS: Nancy made a motion to approve the January bills and Jake seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jody Prytherch presented the January budget to the Board and went through it page by page answering any questions the Board presented.

PUBLIC FORUM: Rick and Angie Judge appeared regarding a second leak. Terri made a motion to approve an adjustment and Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Judges also discussed what the procedure of the Village was when they read a meter and saw there was a leak. They thought the water should immediately be shut off but that is not the normal procedure. They try to notify the owner of the property and get their approval to shut off the water. There are times when the resident does not want the water shut off. The Village employees use their own judgment and if leak is "gushing" they would go ahead and shut off water. The mayor explained there is no hard rules on this and the Village workers do what they feel should be done.

Brian Reilly appeared to report a water leak due to a broken line at his residence. He has had it repaired. Robin made a motion to apply an adjustment to his bill and Jeremy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Katie Platt appeared regarding several leaks at her residence which have all been repaired. Jeremy made a motion to approve an adjustment and Jake seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

ENGINEER'S REPORT: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

TRUSTEE'S REPORTS: Terri Anderson noted there was a low hanging wire (about 7 feet off the ground). She had mentioned this to the Mayor and he has called Ameren to have it raised. He checked out the rest of the Village for anymore but that seemed to be the only one.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Scott did not have anything new to present this month. He said he did take care of the Ordinance regarding the Joe Tarr property. The Village passed and signed the Ordinance at the January meeting in his absence. Attorney Scott said we should go into Executive Session later to discuss this property purchase.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor did report that some remodeling is being done in the Village garage. Some obsolete equipment has been discarded and new shelving has been built along with some painting. The modifications will make it much more efficient for storing and retrieving of items.

The Mayor brought up the need to replace some of the white banquet tables. Many of them have cracked and broke off on the corners. After talking with the Fire Department and The Dawson Community Club it was agreed that each of the units would purchase 4 tables each for a total of 12 new tables. Since they all use the tables for their functions that would work out well and be easier on each of their budgets. Robin made a motion to approve this purchase and Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor also submitted that the Dawson Fire Department was in need of a new defibrillator which costs approximately \$30,000. Because of the large monetary amount needed and the dire need of this equipment, the Village would like to waive \$3,000 a year on the Dawson Fire Department's rent for five years. Attorney Scott will draw up the necessary papers to do this. It would take effect March 1, 2020. Jake Byerline made a motion to approve this and Robin Ashton-Hale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tyler Abbott appeared and reported on the water plant. Several "fixes" have been made recently and Tyler explained these to the Board. He did report there is a rubber roof leaking. The workers will patch this. Tyler also reported there is a needed pump that needs to be replaced. It is not working. The cost of the pump will be between \$500 and \$1,000. The Board agreed to purchase it. Motion to do so was made by Nancy Prytherch and seconded by Terri Anderson. Motion carried. .

Mayor Smith reported that himself and both office employees will attend a seminar provided by the Illinois Municipal League regarding the recent legalization of Adult-Use Cannabis in May. This is being done so we will be prepared to answer any questions that will arise.

Plans were discussed regarding the Zip Code meets Date for the community of Dawson. Agreed a celebration will be held at the Post Office on June 25, 2020 to celebrate this with some festivities and refreshments. Discussion included the logo to be used for the stamp which the Post Office will use for the month following the date.

Mayor Smith asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the Joe Tarr property. Motion made by Robin and seconded by Terri to close meeting for the Executive Session. Motion carried.

Regular Board Meeting was reopened at 8:10 p.m.

Tyler reported that the mapping software we have is about to expire. There is a program available that would show all the village valves, meters, pits, etc. The cost is \$20 a month. There also is a GPS available which he has gathered information on that is available but the cost is approximately \$1,500. He said Rochester uses this and he is going to check into that more extensively to see if any part of it could be borrowed from Rochester. He will be checking into this and reporting back to the Board at the next meeting. The Mayor asked for a motion to sign up for the software that cost \$20 a month. Robin Ashton-Hale made the motion to accept and Jeremy Bounds seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the Mayor asked for motion to adjourn. Jake Byerline made the motion and Nancy Prytherch seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

DATE: _____

Lynda Files, Village Clerk

