

VILLAGE OF DAWSON

February 1, 2021 MINUTES

Before the Board Meeting was convened the Fire Chief, Tiffany Matthews, appeared to show and talk about the new defibrillator that the Village of Dawson and the Dawson Fire Department had co-purchased. She explained the reports it would give the EMTs when on emergency calls treating patients. It was agreed it was an excellent tool for the Fire Department to have.

After Tiffany's demonstration, The Dawson Village Board Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dee Smith at 7:15 and followed by the pledge of Allegiance.

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

MINUTES: Jake made a motion to approve the January 4, 2021 minutes. Jeremy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BILLS: Jeremy made the motion to approve the bills for January and Robin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jody presented the January treasurer's report and went through the Profit & Loss report, General and Water Balance Sheets, Motor Fuel Balance Sheet and the New Water Plant Report with the Board.

PUBLIC FORUM: There were three water leak adjustments on the agenda. The Mayor submitted them because of CO-VID, the Village not requiring residents to appear in person. First one he submitted was a repaired leak for Allan Lee. Terri made a motion to approve the adjustment and Nancy seconded. Motion was approved. The second adjustment was for Janet Blankenship. It also has been repaired. Nancy made motion to adjust the bill and Jeremy seconded the motion. Motion carried. The third request was from Jonathan Smothers, who had a large leak repaired. Nancy made motion to adjust his bill and Robin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

ENGINEER'S REPORT: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

TRUSTEE'S REPORTS: Terri questioned the repair of Pump #5 which has not been done yet due to ground being too wet for equipment to get to it.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Scott presented the ordinance to the Board regarding the revised salary of the Village Treasurer/Water Clerk. The increase had been previously approved, however, an ordinance was needed. It was Ordinance No. 2021-VOD-002. Jake made motion to approve the ordinance and Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The topic of the all-terrain vehicles was submitted for more discussion. The Mayor is still getting calls of concern over Village kids driving them. Some drive responsibly others not. The Mayor has checked with some of the neighboring towns and they have no set rules regarding their use but they do not seem to get the complaint calls

that we do. Attorney Scott went over some of the rules of other locations. He has checked with IML for some rulings. Jake brought up rules he had brought up on his cell phone. State statutes says it's illegal to drive ATV's on any roadway in Illinois. However, other information shows a municipality could pretty much make their own rules and by-laws on Village streets. The Mayor and Attorney Scott will further research what actual State of Illinois laws say. Issue will be revisited at next month's board meeting after checking with Illinois laws.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Topic of water bill increase was addressed by Mayor Smith. The Board passed a rate increase on the water bills at this Board Meeting. Board needs to pass a resolution for the rate increase for the processing of the loan applied for to build the new water plant as required by the EPA. The increase will not take place until a later date. Tyler Abbott, Water Superintendent, has been working with the engineers to determine what the increase will be. He is working on a pamphlet, along with the Mayor, which will explain the increase along with other information. These pamphlets will be delivered to all residents that are on the Dawson Water System when they are finished. This information will also be posted on the Dawson Web Site when available.

A discussion was held regarding the Village's practice of allowing water bill adjustments for customers that report a water leak. When they request an adjustment they must appear before the board at the monthly meeting and make the request. (This practice at the present time is being waived because of the CO-VID. The mayor makes the request to the board in the resident's behalf). If approved, the water clerk figures their average bill and the difference of the higher bill. Up to fifty percent of that figure is the adjustment. The idea of changing this procedure has been discussed however, Mayor Smith reported this will remain the same for the present time.

There is no increase in the "tap on" fee of \$1,500. However, the cost of doing a bore on any portion of road would be in addition to that fee.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, Mayor Dee proposed to adjourn. Nancy made motion to adjourn and Robin seconded the motion. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

DATE: _____

Lynda Files, Clerk