

VILLAGE OF DAWSON
JANUARY 6, 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, Robin Ashton-Hale, and Nancy Prytherch . Also present were Mayor Dee Smith, Treasurer Jo D. Prytherch, Clerk Lynda Files, and Engineer Kevin Kunz. Attorney Steve Scott, Trustees Josh Nibbe and Jake Byerline were absent.

MINUTES: Robin made a motion to approve the December minutes and Jeremy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BILLS: Nancy made a motion to approve December bills and Teri seconded the motion. The Board passed the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jody went through the December budget report with the Board.

PUBLIC FORUM: Angie and Rick Judge appeared before the Board requesting a building permit to construct a utility shed for the pool on their property. They presented the size, etc. Teri Anderson made a motion to approve and Jeremy Bounds seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion. The Judges also brought up the issue of more street lighting needed in front of their business on Main Street. Also, the light in front of their home sometimes works, sometimes not. That is needed for safety with the curve in the road at that location. Mayor Smith will talk to Ameren engineer and see what it would cost for the added lighting and report the pole that is malfunctioning. She also asked for suggestions on how to handle the water sign-up for their renters. It was agreed the Village Office would provide her with a few applications for the water service that she would give her new tenants. It was also discussed that a house on Ledlie has lots of junk in front yard particularly an old refrigerator that the door is still attached on. This is against the law for safety reasons. The mayor will stop by and talk to the owner of the house about resolving this.

Gary Manson also appeared to request an adjustment to his water bill for a large leak he had in his trailer in the trailer park. He showed the Board pictures of the damage and what was done to repair it. Robin made a motion to issue an adjustment and Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: There was a discussion held regarding the vacant house and property at 605 Ledlie. There has been some interest in parties wanting to buy the house and refurbish it as it is in need of repair. The Village has come to a dead end in trying to locate who owns the house. The last it can be established, it is owned by a company in California but numerous calls to the company have been unanswered. The Village will send a letter to them. The home is also in arrears for a \$125 water bill.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Kevin Kunz reported not much new going on with the water plant. Just in process of waiting for all the paperwork, etc. He was told he should hear from EPA by the first of March.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

TRUSTEE'S REPORTS: One of the trustee's brought up a page on Facebook from a Dawson resident that was quite irate over the cost of water in Dawson. It was discussed and brought up that most other surrounding areas are a higher rate than Dawson. The page stated we had just had an increase in price recently but the water rate has not been increased for several years.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Even though Attorney Scott was absent, he prepared an Ordinance Number 2020-VOD-001 to proceed with obtaining the Tarr's approx. two acres for the Village's new water plant. This could be done now that we have obtained an appraised value of the property. The ordinance was brought before the Trustees and Jeremy made a motion to accept the Ordinance and Nancy seconded the motion. The motion passed. A letter will be mailed to Mr. and Mrs. Tarr with an offer of the appraised amount.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Smith did a follow up on Waste Mgt. picking up the recycle bins. It appears it has been taken care of and garbage and recycle are being picked up separately now.

The Mayor asked for approval of the purchase of a new Flouride Measurer for the Water Plant. It is a necessary tool for the water plant to function properly and reports to the State of Illinois. Nancy made a motion to approve the purchase and Teri seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further issues, the Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Nancy made the motion to adjourn and Robin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

DATE: _____

Lynda Files, Clerk