

VILLAGE OF DAWSON

JUNE 7, 2021 MINUTES

Prior to starting the meeting, Clerk Lynda Files swore in Josh Nibbe, the elected Trustee in the April 6, 2021 election.

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: Teri Anderson, Josh Nibbe and Nancy Prytherch, Jake Byerline, Jeremy Bounds and Robin Ashton-Hale. Also present were Mayor Dee Smith, Attorney Steve Scott, Treasurer Jo D. Prytherch, Clerk Lynda Files and Engineer Kevin Kunz. Robin Malloy, Auditor from Pehlman & Dold, P.C. also attended.

The Village's auditor, Robin Malloy appeared and spoke to the Board regarding the completed 2020 year-end Village audit. She reported nothing was found out of line in the audit. Overall, all funds made money and there were no over budgeted items. She passed out copies of the audit to the Board. Audit is complete and has been sent to the Comptroller's Office. She went over the accounts and asked if any questions from the Trustees.

MINUTES: Robin Ashton-Hale made a motion to approve May's minutes and Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Jody Prytherch distributed copies of her reports to everyone and went over each account, answering any questions.

PUBLIC FORUM: NONE

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Kevin Kunz reported EPA came out with a list where their grants, etc. are going and the Village requests for loans and/or grants was on that list for the construction of the new water plant. He reported we would get \$400,000 in debt forgiveness. He said everything is moving along with our request for funds and other processing. He can't start getting bids until EPA approves loans. He is told requests are sitting on desk at EPA waiting for signatures. He did report that lab reports on the samples from the pond water is showing a ph problem. Tyler Abbott and our engineer are working on this to solve the problem.

Kevin said there are 3 or 4 grants thru IDOT, for the upcoming street resurfacing, in the works. He reported that in President Biden's Rescue Plan, that are funds assigned to each state for municipalities. They have not distributed yet and we do not know how much will be available. Kevin is working on this.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

TRUSTEE'S REPORTS: Teri inquired whether Waste Management followed through on providing a container for used batteries (regular batteries used in electronics, flashlights, etc) for recycling. The Mayor said he would call them to check on this. She also reported her daughter, Hanna, had to do a project for a college class comparing a small water system's reporting to a big city's reporting. She chose Village of Dawson and Nashville, Tennessee. She was surprised to see our system was better than Nashville.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Discussion was held regarding exactly what the USDA needs regarding getting grants we have applied for some of our water system repairs. There has been some confusion between what they were telling our attorney and the mayor. What the attorney has been told is quite extensive. They were both going to contact the person assigned to them the day after the board meeting for clarification.

Atty. Scott also reported it will be necessary for the Village to get background checks, etc, for applicants for liquor licenses, from the Illinois State Police not just local police stations. This would have to be done prior to issuance of the license.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Apartment building water rates was discussed again. The Mayor's feeling is it should be increased the same as all other water customers. He feels their minimum rate should be double and any 1,000 gallon overage would be \$8.50. The Board agreed to those increases. Motion was made for Attorney Scott to change the ordinance regarding this. Nancy made the motion and Josh seconded the motion.

The Mayor received a letter from a customer on Mechanicsburg Road objecting to fluoride being added to our water and requesting information. The Village does not have the right to make the decision to add or not add fluoride. He was sent Dawson's Fluoride Safety Data Sheet but other than that he was to be told to contact an attorney regarding petitions, etc. The Village has to add fluoride by law. The Illinois Environmental Protection Act deals with this.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the Mayor called for a motion to adjourn. Nancy made a motion and Robin seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

DATE: _____

Lynda Files, Clerk