

VILLAGE OF DAWSON
REVISED NOVEMBER 9, 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: Terri Anderson, Robin Ashton-Hale, Nancy Prytherch and Jeremy Bounds and Josh Nibbe. Jake Byerline was absent. Also present were Mayor Dee Smith, Attorney Steve Scott, Treasurer Jo D. Prytherch and Clerk Lynda Files. Also attending was Tyler Abbott.

MINUTES: Robin made a motion to approve the September minutes and Jeremy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BILLS: Nancy made a motion to approve the bills and Josh seconded the motion. Motion carried. Since there was no meeting in October, the October bills were also submitted. Jeremy made the motion to approve and Nancy seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jo D. Prytherch went over the treasurer's report. Most balances are fine. Operations and Maintenance balance on low side due to unexpected repairs that was necessary to the water plant to correct the well problems which were severely corroded and limiting the flow of water.

PUBLIC FORUM: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Kevin Kunz could not appear but sent the Mayor a detailed memo explaining where the Water Treatment Plant is at in process of moving forward. Everything is progressing, it just takes time. Our requested loan is moving forward and Kevin is checking on getting programs to help with this. Kevin reported we are in line to get the loan closed next March which means we can start getting bids. Once we talk about how to proceed with a new rate we can start to finish up the loan application.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

TRUSTEE'S REPORTS: Teri reported she had received a complaint on a dog on Main Street. The resident said he is mean and also doing his business in other people's yards. The Mayor will look into this and talk with the owner of the dog.

Robin said she had received complaints about the hardness of the Dawson water. The Mayor said he is aware of this but nothing can be done until the new water treatment plant is built.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Scott discussed a letter the Village had received requesting information on work that was performed by Williams Roofing. They repaired a roofing problem at the water plant. The letter questioned if we complied with Illinois wage laws which involve prevailing wages, etc. Attorney Scott reported we need to revise the Freedom of Information Act which involves prevailing wage information. Atty. Scott will proceed in doing this after Board approval. Robin made a motion to accept this and Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Since Village not requiring residents to appear in person because of COVID, Mayor Smith presented a request from Nicole Stevens for a water leak adjustment. She has had the leak repaired. Teri made a

motion and Robin seconded the motion for an adjustment. Also, Robert Bitschenauer had a large problem with leaking pipes which caused an extremely high water bill which he requested an adjustment on. It has been repaired. Nancy made a motion to adjust the bill and Jeremy seconded the motion.

On a water leak repair the Village encountered on Mechanicsburg Road a couple of weeks ago, Mayor Dee approved hiring Josh Nibbe and his crew to do the boring/excavation work. The Board voted on this approval. Teri made motion to accept and Nancy seconded the motion. He asked Attorney Scott if this could be done since Josh is a Board member. Attorney Scott's explained: "Be it resolved that the Mayor is authorized to employ Josh Nibbe or company in which he has an interest in ownership, to perform Boring/excavation work for the Village of Dawson and the Village of Dawson Water System, provided no contract job shall exceed the amount of \$2,000.00, and the award of the contract job will not cause contracts awarded to Josh Nibbe or company in which he has an ownership interest to exceed \$4,000.00 in any fiscal year." Teri made a motion to approve this and Nancy seconded the motion. The Board approved with 4 yes votes and 1 abstain (Josh Nibbe). Motion passed. Josh Nibbe explained that his business provides soil boring and excavation services and materials.

Mayor Dee passed out the Village of Dawson insurance bill from Risk Management Association in the amount of \$22,977.00 or \$22,747.23 if the Village pays early and entire premium amount. This would be a savings of 1%. The Board and Mayor discussed and decided to pay entire bill for the savings incentive. The Board was asked to approve it. Robin made a motion to approve and Josh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor also asked for approval of the Board to have the annual Christmas Lighting contest. He would find two people possible from Decatur to do the judging. The prizes will remain the same as last year - \$100 for first place; \$75 for second and \$50 for third. Jeremy made motion to accept and Teri seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Mayor went over list of dates for the Village of Dawson Board Meeting dates for 2021. Board agreed dates were okay. They will be posted on bulletin board outside Village Office soon.

The TruGreen Contract for their service is expiring and the Mayor requested approval to renew the contract. Robin made a motion to accept the contract and Josh seconded the motion.

The Mayor also said it is time for the yearly annual salary review for Village employees. He has taken care of this and informed the Board of the amounts and asked if they approved. Josh made a motion to accept the increases and Jeremy seconded the motion. Motion carried. The mayor also mentioned our newest employee Casey Wood will be requesting to be added to the health insurance program.

Thereafter, the Mayor said it was in order to consider raising the Village Clerk's salary due to the amount of work performed. Other Village Trustees brought up the matter of the Mayor's salary. Upon motion made by Robin and seconded by Nancy, the Board unanimously resolved to increase the Mayor's salary to \$450.00 per regular or special meetings and the Village Clerk's salary to \$400.00 per regular or special meeting to be effective when the new officials begin their terms on May 10, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT: There was no further business so Mayor Smith called for adjournment. Nancy made the motion to adjourn and Robin seconded it. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

DATE: _____

Lynda Files, Clerk

