

## **January 3, 2017**

Mayor Jeremy Nunes convened the regularly scheduled meeting of the Dawson Village Board with the Pledge of Allegiance, at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Trustees present were Jake Byerline, Josh Blakeman, Nancy Prytherch, John Reilly and Robin Ashton-Hale. Joan Davis was not present. Also present were Mayor Jeremy Nunes, Clerk Pat Curry, and Treasurer Shelly Farley, Attorney Steve Scott, Engineer Kevin Kuhn and Water Plant Superintendent Jordan Lyons.

**Minutes:** Jake Byerline made a motion to accept the minutes as written, with a second by Nancy Prytherch. MC

**Bills:** Nancy Prytherch made a motion to pay the bills, with a second by Josh Blakeman. MC

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Shelly Farley distributed monthly financial reports to the finance commissioners and asked if there were any questions. There were none. She told the board the budget report is ready to be picked up at the auditors. She will have copies at the next meeting.

### **Engineer's Report:**

**Water Map:** Kevin said he would take the hard copies back to his office to begin developing an electronic map.

**Flood Wall:** Kevin said that he spoke with the Mayor earlier today and notified him that after researching the suggested grants, they do not believe that Dawson qualifies. Mayor Nunes said he has already spoken to the Congressman's office about other options and is awaiting response.

**Trustee's Report:** Nothing to report.

### **Attorney's Report:**

**Elm Street Lot Sale:** Attorney Scott said he had called the potential buyers but had not had a return call yet.

**Sign Restriction Ordinance:** Attorney Scott presented the board with a revised sign ordinance, 2017-VOD-001. He said the revised ordinance reflected the changes the board had requested at the last meeting. After reading through the ordinance, John Reilly asked how the village electronic sign was hooked up. Mayor Nunes replied the village has an actual meter for the sign. Attorney Scott noted that the village is also not a commercial business. Mayor Nunes said the sign is also used by firefighters and the Dawson Community Club to advertise events. Temporary banners to promote fireworks, fundraisers, etc, would not be affected by the ordinance. Jake Byerline made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-VOD-001, with a second by Nancy Prytherch. MC

### **Mayor's Report:**

**Tornado Siren:** The siren is still at Trotter's. I have instructed our crew to find a new location to complete the job. We have waited far too long for this to be completed.

**Senior dinner:** Mayor Nunes thanked Nancy Prytherch for all of her work. He also thanked the board, stating that to his knowledge it was the first time all 6 trustees and the mayor participated.

**Christmas Contest Winners:** Mayor Nunes announced the following winners in the Christmas Spirit Lighting Contest, as ranked by the out of town, unbiased judges:

\$50.00 1st Place Winner: Gary Manson, 319 Autumn Drive.

\$30.00 2nd Place Winner: Jake Byerline, 505 Ledlie St.

\$20.00 3rd Place Winner: Michael Stewart, 433 Walnut Street.

**Water System Improvements:** We recently came into discussion regarding the laptop at the water plant. Apparently it personally belonged to Charlie Abbott. I didn't have time to find out what exactly we need, but we need to purchase our own laptop and return Charlie's to his family. Water Plant Superintendent Jordan Lyons said it doesn't have to be a special type of computer. He believes the village could purchase one for around \$500.00, which is what Mechanicsburg recently did. John Reilly made a motion to purchase a laptop comput-

er for up to \$500.00, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale. MC Jordan went on to advise the board that both softeners at the plant are down. He discovered the filters that had been in use were actually for irrigations and not for potable water. The valves on the softeners are a diaphragm type, he would like to see them replaced with butterfly valves as he thinks they are more efficient. There are replacement kits available for the actuator valves. The softeners will need to be replaced before long. Mayor Nunes asked, as far as softeners go, do you have a ball park cost? Jordan did not. Attorney Scott asked Engineer Kevin Kuhn if he knew the cost. The board can then authorize a price range. After some discussion, Kevin and Jordan said the cost was likely \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00.

Mayor Nunes then asked can you replace one now and do more later. Jordan said yes, do one and get one softener up and running. Dee Smith said we bought a valve recently and the new one may not be an irrigation valve. After some review it was determined that the valve recently purchased was also an irrigation valve. Mayor Nunes said we recently raised water rates to cover repairs that we knew would be forthcoming. I would suggest doing half now to get started, so lets do a motion authorizing up to \$15,000.00 Nancy Prytherch made a motion authorizing the purchase of a valve up to \$15,000.00, with a second by Jake Byerline. MC

Mayor Nunes said we recently were notified that the county let another property be sold with a lien on it. Attorney Scott said you can do a release for the lien. He will send the release forms to be signed.

Mayor Nunes said there is a vacancy on the zoning board, due to Charlie's passing. He will look into filling that vacancy at the next meeting

Hazard Mitigation: I was recently notified by the county that the village currently does not meet the criteria required so we are not eligible for assistance. Jake Byerline said that he thought someone was working on that. Mayor Nunes said yes, someone here had been working on that, but the county told me that the work was not completed. I will be working this month to get this squared away.

Meeting Adjourned 7:39 p.m.