

February 6, 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.

Jake Byerline made a motion to accept the minutes as written, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale. MC

Josh Blakeman made a motion to approve the bills, with a second by Jake Byerline. MC

Treasurer's report:

1. Monthly Report: Treasurer Shelly Farley presented copies of the monthly financial reports to the finance commissioners. She also gave them copies of the annual audit report.

Public Forum:

New Business:

Mayor Nunes noted none of the three people who are on the agenda were in attendance.

1. Building Permit: Dick Leonard requested a building permit for an addition to his home. The Clerk provided him with an application. There was a question about the cost to build the addition. Mayor Nunes told them if they had the money to pay for the permit tonight, they could take it, or if they would rather bring the money and application in tomorrow and he would sign the permit now. They will pick it up tomorrow.

Engineer's Report:

1. Water maps. Kevin gave printed copies of the electronic maps to Mayor Nunes. The crew will review the maps for accuracy.
2. Contract renewal: Engineer Kevin Kuhn presented copies of the annual contract between the Village and Kuhn & Trello for renewal. Kevin noted there is a 30 day cancellation option. Clerk Pat Curry asked for confirmation of the 30 days, stating she didn't want to report the wrong period of time. Attorney Steve Scott said we made a couple of changes in the contract last year which remain in this new contract. John Reilly made a motion to renew the annual contract with Kuhn & Trello, with a second by Nancy Prytherch. MC

Trustee's Report: Jake Byerline asked about when repairs may be done on the railroad crossing at Constant St. Mayor Nunes said the railroad is still telling him no repairs can be done on the railroad crossing at this time because they can't manufacture or lay asphalt in the cold weather.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Steve Scott provided copies of ordinance 2017 VOD 001 for the Ordinance books. This ordinance establishes regulations for outdoor commercial signage. The Elm Street lot has been sold. All documents have been received.

Mayor's Report:

1. Flood Wall: Nothing to report at this time, still waiting on Congressman Lahood's office.

2. Tornado Sirens: As you may recall, the tornado sirens have been sitting at Trotter's awaiting repair for some time. We took them elsewhere and they are ready to be set up. They should be up and installed soon.
3. Water System Improvement: The well treatment you recently approved is successful. The well was producing 50 gallons per minute and is now producing 250 gallons per minute after treatment. We are still working on a shut off switch for the softener. Both #1 and #2 filters need to be repaired. Pedrotti has quoted a price of \$5,200.00, plus electricians fees. Jake Byerline asked if this would get everything under control? Are we getting close or are there going to be other items brought up? Mayor Nunes replied that is tough to answer. He told Jordon to prioritize for safe water. He did bring up a couple of items that we may need to address soon, but I feel we are getting close. Jake Byerline made a motion to have Pedrotti do the work for \$5,200.00, with a second by Nancy Prytherch. MC
4. Hazard Mitigation Update: I have submitted all of the requested documents, and a quick thanks to Pat Curry and Shelly Farley who helped gather information for this. It is in the hands of the Regional Planning Commission at this point.
5. Zoning Board Appointment: A vacancy was created on the Zoning Board of Appeals when Charlie Abbott passed. I would like to propose Tony Nunes to fill that seat, with the board's approval. John Reilly made a motion to approve Tony Nunes to the Zoning board of Appeals, with a second by Nancy Prytherch. MC
6. After Prom Donation: If you recall, we are asked to donate money to the after prom each year. We have set aside \$100.00 for that purpose. Nancy Prytherch made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Tri-City after prom, with a second by John Reilly. MC
7. Library Donation: Last year, after going back and forth, we donated \$100.00 to the library for their fundraiser. I would like to request the same again this year for their recent request. John Reilly made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the library fundraiser, with a second by Josh Blakeman. MC

We have a bit of a problem. As you may know, Scott works part time elsewhere. Jack and Tyler are now also working part time elsewhere. My concern is, if we have an emergency here, will there be someone here to answer that call?

Attorney Scott: Do you have agreements with anyone to answer calls?

Mayor Nunes: The calls come directly to our guys. Someone has to be here in Dawson and on call, which is on a rotation.

Jake Byerline: A secondary part time job can't interfere with this job. If an emergency call comes through they must be able to respond.

Mayor Nunes: I believe two of the three staff will stay here long term, the other one plans to move on later. Nonetheless, I am not sure how to approach that situation and I wanted to let you guys know. Any thoughts, suggestions?

Pat Curry said I would like to make a comment, if I may.

Mayor Nunes: This is why our crew got raises. We can give them a nice raise so they don't have to work part time. Can we give them raises now? We have to be able to honor our contract with them and give them the money we promised if they get licensed. What was your comment Pat?

Pat Curry: It seems pretty simple. The guys are basically working for low wages and are on call 24/7. No matter what time the calls come in, it's seven days a week. Charlie worked on a salary, even though we figured his raises on an hourly wage scale, he wasn't paid overtime. He was water superintendent, Jack and Scott were learning from him. Now they are on call 24/7, for low wages.

Robin Ashton-Hale: I beg to differ! They don't work 24 hours a day now! Their salary is good pay.

John Reilly: Some jobs won't allow cell phones on the job, so they may not be reachable while working at their other jobs.

Jake Byerline: A secondary job can't interfere with this job. If an emergency call comes through they must be able to respond.

Pat Curry: It all comes down to money. They need to make a living wage.

Mayor Nunes: This is a public forum, we should not discuss wages. They should be discussed in an executive session. We cannot throw raises at them if we cannot then later afford to honor the raises promised to them to get water licenses. You guys have all been united in agreement on this.

Steve Scott: Are they allowed to use cell phones at their part time jobs? Or leave if a call comes in?

Mayor Nunes: I can talk to the guys and see. I've been impressed by the projects getting completed, and maybe later we can discuss small raises as a reward for that work that is getting done.

Troy Leonard entered the meeting and asked to have a water leak adjusted. He explained that he had moved out and then noticed a water leak in the basement from a broken water pipe and repaired it. He was unable to be added to the agenda on time. Mayor Nunes and Attorney Scott discussed whether a vote was legal since this topic was not listed on the agenda. This large bill is due next week. Attorney Scott said you can vote to rescind the rule for the customer to appear in person and make the adjustment next board meeting. That would relieve him from needing to appear at the next meeting. Mayor Nunes asked if we can waive the late fee penalty? Attorney Scott said you can do both at the next meeting. Treasurer Shelly Farley said the bill is due on February 15th. Mayor Nunes said I don't anticipate anyone objecting to an adjustment. Shelly will contact you.

Meeting Adjourned 7:35 p.m.