

March 7, 2016

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

Trustees present were Jake Byerline, Josh Blakeman, Nancy Prytherch, John Reilly and Robin Ashton-Hale. Also present were Mayor Jeremy Nunes, Clerk Pat Curry, Water Superintendent Charlie Abbott, Engineer Kevin Kuhn and Treasurer Shelly Farley. Joan Davis was absent.

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

Nancy Prytherch made a motion to approve payment of the bills, with a second by John Reilly. MC

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Shelly Farley presented the treasurer's report. She also presented balance sheets for both the water fund and general funds, along with a profit and loss statement for the year to date.

New Business:

Laura Indermark appeared before the board, representing Ellen Indermark, to request a water adjustment. Discussion followed. Robin Ashton-Hale made a motion to adjust the bill, allowing additional payments of \$50.00 per month until the amount owed is caught up, waiving the penalty, with a second by Nancy Prytherch. MC Pat Curry asked if a penalty would be automatically added. Shelly said she could remove the penalty manually.

Patty Mills, Town & Country Bank branch manager in Buffalo, introduced herself to the board and discussed some programs offered by the bank. Mrs. Mills is also a Library Committee Chairman. She requested permission to have someone pass out flyers for the library in the village. Attorney Steve Scott noted a certificate of registration should be issued according to Article II-Solicitors: Ordinance VOD 7-2-3. John Reilly made a motion to issue a certificate of registration for distributing flyers, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale. MC

Engineer's Report:

Motor Fuel Road Work: Kevin Kuhn gave the board copies of a resolution for maintenance of streets and alleys by the municipality, under the Illinois Highway code. Nancy Prytherch made a motion to approve the resolution, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale. MC The original proposal was made to oil and chip all roads that weren't done last year. Due to funding, it was discussed to remove Garrett Street and Old Decatur road. Kevin said the resolution is for \$46,000.00, and the estimate for available MFT funds is \$49,200.00 for the year. Kevin said he would turn it in to IDOT for approval.

Adding Water Routes: Mayor Nunes said we discussed the Strawberry Lane and Wandering Trails extensions last year, we want to be ready to move forward with it this summer. He said he would check with Bud Mason to see if he is on top of the grant application, to get money from DCCEO. Kevin said last year we talked about a mailing to see who would want to be involved. Mayor Nunes said we put together figures last year. Kevin said, that is great if they are interested, do you want a mailer? Mayor Nunes said a mailer would be best. There are only roughly 55-58 houses. Mayor Nunes said if you want to give an estimate of cost and put letters out, I will talk with Bud. Water Superintendent Charlie Abbott said that the estimate was lower last year if the village supplied the labor. We had an EPA permit, that may need to be extended.

Old Business:

Water Tower Painting: Mayor Nunes asked if Charlie had called to check on the company who are planning to do the painting. Charlie said he had not yet but will as the weather improves.

Water System Improvements: Water Superintendent Charlie Abbott said he needed to buy a brine pump and mount at a cost of \$4,000.00. There is a 5 - 6 week delivery. John Reilly made a motion to approve purchase of a brine pump motor and mount for \$6,000.00, with a second by Nancy Prytherch. MC Charlie went on to say since he went to the seminar in Effingham, he had picked up some new ideas. A locator for \$500.00, the one we have doesn't work if you are working under power lines. That is for a future purchase. He said he wants to get Pedrotti back here to get the controls programmed, for a cost of \$3,000.00 to \$3,500.00. The Effingham seminar was interesting. There was talk about an insurance plan for water customers. The customer would pay an extra fee for insurance to cover leaks. Robin Ashton-Hale asked if Jack Prytherch went to the seminar with Charlie. He did. Charlie said he would like to get with IRWA to have a map made showing all of the water lines and connections, but that may be too costly. Perhaps the map could be put on a disk so it can be viewed on a computer. Discussion followed.

Trustee's Report:

a. **Archive documents:** (Prytherch-Davis) Nancy Prytherch said they have not done too much. One of

the tubs has nothing but zoning materials in it, and she is unsure as to what she can do with that. They need to have more storage containers brought down from the attic.

- b. Electronic Ordinance Updates (Reilly-Blakeman): John is completing the ordinances and Josh said he would post the ordinances to the website.

Attorney's Report:

- a. Employee Holiday Ordinance 11-1-24: Attorney Scott presented copies of an amendment, 2016-VOD-003, to the employees paid holiday schedule to include Martin Luther King Day. Josh Blakeman made a motion to approve adding Martin Luther King Day to the paid holiday schedule, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale. MC

Attorney Scott also gave copies of the previously approved ATV/golf cart ordinance to the board to be inserted in the village ordinance books.

Mayor Nunes raised the subject of the mobile home on the corner of Ledlie & Main streets. It is just sitting there, with no skirting and there are two porches laying out in the yard. There are also still chickens at that location. Attorney Scott quoted Ordinances regarding Mobile Homes Article V 23-2-1 and 40-5-1 Anchors and Skirting. The chickens would be addressed under the ordinance for nuisances. He asked if we had not sent a letter to the owner about the chickens before. Mayor Nunes said we had, the chickens had apparently been removed and now there are chickens there again. Attorney Scott advised sending a registered letter for all three issues, then we can begin pursuing fines.

Mayor's Report:

- a. Recycle Bins: Mayor Nunes said he talked with Waste Management about the larger recycle bins, but has heard nothing yet.
- b. All Town Clean-Up: The tentative date is April 2nd for curbside pick-up.
- c. Comprehensive Plan: Jeff Fulgenzi was appointed to a new position by the Governor and is leaving. Norm Simms will be running the whole thing. They are working on it, but part of the delay is has been with the Tri-City section of the plan, as but Jill Larsen has been unresponsive to requests for information.
- d. Security Cameras: Mayor Nunes said he did not have any official estimates for the cameras, but the price is about \$1,000.00 for a 4 or 5 camera setup. There would be \$100.00 difference in the price to make them remote view from the office.
- e. Community Club Donation: Mayor Nunes said Clerk Pat Curry had done a telephone poll of trustees asking for approval for a \$50.00 donation to the Dawson Community Club toward their Ham & Bean Dinner. Pat Curry explained she had reached 3 trustees by phone and had spoken to 2 others in person. All of the trustees contacted approved. Mayor Nunes requested a motion to approve the donation, just to keep it legal according to the Open Meetings Act. John Reilly made a motion to donate \$50.00 to DCC for their Ham & Bean Dinner, with a second by Nancy Prytherch. MC
- f. SUSART Donation: Mayor Nunes told the board we are not going to get any disaster relief funding, via County or State funds. The only chance now is if the President, under no obligation to do so, declares the whole state to be a disaster. SUSART provided lighting at no charge and also worked along side the other volunteers. He would like to donate \$100.00 to them as a thank you. Then they may think of helping us again in the future. Nancy Prytherch made a motion to donate \$100.00 to SUSART, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale. MC. Charlie asked if anyone had checked on insurance coverage? He said we do have flood insurance. Mayor Nunes said he was told that we did not qualify. Pat Curry agreed to follow up.
- g. Easter Egg Hunt: The annual Easter Egg Hunt is set for Saturday, March 26th, from 11:00 am till noon. Mayor Nunes assigned Robin Ashton-Hale to take the lead on that. Discussion followed. Those who are participating will meet at the park at 9:30 a.m. to help get set up.
- h. Village Donation Received: Mayor Nunes said the village has received \$10,000.00 from the estate of Ed and Virginia James. He already put a thank you ad in the Tri City Register. They did not indicate a specific use for the money. He added that Joan Davis said since Ed's nickname was 'Red' she would like to plant a Redbud tree or Red Oak tree with a plaque or stone at the park. Mayor Nunes said we should move forward with that. Do we need a motion for a tree and a plaque? Robin Ashton-Hale made a motion to purchase a redbud tree and plaque in memoriam of Ed & Virginia James, with a second by Nancy Prytherch. MC
- i. Tornado Siren: Mayor Nunes said we have a couple of options on spending the remaining funds, such as a storm siren. We have an intergovernmental agreement to put one at the sewer lift station. Spaulding donated a siren. If we put this one at the lift station, are we going to purchase a new one for the park? Charlie said my idea would be to put the one from Spaulding up at the lift station and see what happens. Mayor Nunes said the siren from Spaulding works, we have been in contact with BDM that we may put it up soon. We are still trying for insurance for the lightning strike on the old siren at the park. Charlie Abbott said he would like to see the village purchase an electronic sign. The mayor said he agreed and would get the prices on an electronic sign, but felt the town's safety was priority. He has already budgeted for an electronic sign.
- j. Fire Department ESDA Funding: The Fire Department ordered a new truck, which would need ice rescue suits and a large tree saw for ESDA use at a total cost of about \$2,400.00. They would like

the village to help with that. Charlie Abbott said he thought they received a \$10,000.00 donation from the James estate, too. Discussion was tabled to further look into this.

k. IML Conference: Mayor Nunes said no one has attended an IML Conference since I have been mayor. I would like to attend this year, and any board member or staff is welcome to attend as well. The conference will be held September 22-24 in Chicago at the Hilton Towers. He will have costs soon.

The Illinois Energy Now grant has been approved pending whether the funds are still available when the state budget is approved.

Mayor Nunes told the board he had updated the employees on new policies as discussed last meeting.

8:30 pm meeting adjourned