

March 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 Joan Davis, Jake Byerline, Josh Blakeman, Nancy Prytherch, John Reilly and Robin Ashton-Hale. Also present were Mayor Jeremy Nunes, Clerk Pat Curry, and Treasurer Shelly Farley, Attorney Steve Scott and Water Plant Superintendent Jordan Lyons.

Minutes: Joan Davis made a motion to accept the minutes as typed, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale. MC

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

Treasurer's report:

Monthly Report: Treasurer Shelly Farley presented copies of the monthly financial reports to the finance commissioners. She asked if there were any questions or comments.

New Business:

1. Trent Byers– Zoning Variance: Trent would like to erect 3 homes on the lot located at 301 Ledlie Street. He asked for a variance to allow him to cut the existing parcel into 3 lots measuring 75' x 66' Street. Attorney Scott, after confirming that the parcel was zoned as a Residential 1, said Village ordinance requires 7,200 square feet for a dwelling, the ordinance requires 80%. Even with a variance 5,750 square feet is required. Trent opted to make two lots, which will not require a variance.
2. Robert Miller-Portable Shed Extension- Mr. Miller presented a photograph of a shed on his property. The shed is currently on skids and is not a permanent structure. He would like to add on to the shed. Attorney Scott said no permits are necessary for the addition.
3. Kathy Sagle-Tri City Donation: Kathy told the board the current scoreboards are 20 years old. It takes three people to change the scores. One of the boards has a malfunction. Tri City is trying to raise \$20,000.00 to replace the scoreboards. An account has been set up at Illini Bank. Any donations will be tax deferred. They hope to have them up and running by August which means they must order them in May. Kathy said they are trying to get everyone in the community involved, not just the parents. Mayor Nunes asked if they had reached out to Pepsi. Kathy replied not yet, you are the first we have contacted. Buffalo and Mechanicsburg are next. We have to reach out to Pepsi as they are our providers. They provided the score boards originally in exchange for a 20 year contract with the school, which just expired. We don't know if they want to do that again, or if the school wants a contract. I have a whole list of contacts. ? Joan Davis said I would like to suggest we discuss this and make a decision at the next meeting. Mayor Nunes asked if there were any other questions or comments. Hearing none, the discussion will resume at the next meeting.

Old Business: Mayor Nunes called for a motion to waive the rule requiring a person to attend a meeting in order to request a water bill adjustment for Troy Leonard, who had appeared at the February meeting. Nancy Prytherch made a motion to waive the rule, with a second by John Reilly. MC Treasurer/water clerk Shelly Farley read the amount of usage that Troy Leonard's bill had been adjusted with the new amount due.

Mayor Nunes said that we need a motion to adjust the bill. Nancy Prytherch made a motion to adjust Troy Leonard's bill, with a second by John Reilly. MC

Trustee's Report: Mayor Nunes asked John Reilly if he had done the webpage update on the last Ordinance. John said he said he had not. He asked Attorney Steve Scott if he would send the signage ordinance in word version so he could post it in the ordinances. He will do so.

Joan Davis noted the sirens could be heard at the East end of town now. They are very loud.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Steve Scott said the request for a background check has been completed for Dana Heppel. There is no record of any sort of violation. Mayor Nunes said we got them all squared away pretty quickly and the restaurant is now open.

Water Plant Superintendent Jordan Lyons said, about the softeners, I finally got an answer from a company that advised me the valves labeled irrigation can legally be used for potable water too. He quoted a price of \$12,265.00 plus freight, plus gaskets and hardware. We can use the same valves. This funding was previously approved by the board.

On Well #4, I have not seen it in action yet, it is producing too much water and is overflowing. We need a variable drive at a cost of \$4,000.00. Dee Smith asked if Charlie had been in the process of putting in four (4) drives but the funding was dropped? Mayor Nunes said as far as I know we were not approved for a grant, but I know Charlie had been applying for one. I talked to Jack a while back who is doing some research. Mayor Nunes said I would suggest approving the Mayor to authorize the spending, pending the findings on our grant application. I'll look into the grant funding but the board would need to

approve that purchase tonight. Jake Byerline made a motion to approve funding for the variable drive, with a second by Nancy Prytherch. MC

Mayor's Report:

1. Flood wall: Congressman Lahood's office has been unable to locate any grants that we qualify for. I will look at other options. This is likely going to continue into the next administration.
2. Tornado Sirens: As Trustee Joan Davis remarked, all three sirens are now fully functioning. I am impressed by all the projects our crew has been completing.
3. Hazard Mitigation: I have completed all submissions.
4. Mayor Pro Tem: Mayor Nunes said Steve, I have a question for you. Historically, the most senior trustee was chosen to be acting mayor pro-tem in the event that the Mayor was unable to serve. In other towns a trustee is assigned to be Mayor pro-tem and is able to take action even if the Mayor is not reachable. Early on in my tenure you said we could not do that. Attorney Steve Scott said you can have a Mayor Pro Tem appointed only in your absence. Attorney Scott quoted from the Village of Dawson Ordinances: "Administration 1-2-55 (B) Filling Vacancies. The Mayor shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Village Board, all officers of the Village whose appointment will not otherwise be provided for by law; and whenever a vacancy shall occur in any office, which by law or ordinance the Mayor is empowered and required to fill, the Mayor shall, at the next regular meeting of the Village Board, communicate to it the name of the appointee to such office and pending the concurrence of the Village Board in such appointment, the Mayor may designate some suitable person to discharge the functions of such office." I had previously spoken to John Reilly and he has agreed to be the pro-tem mayor when I am away on vacation. I can still be reached by phone and email. Attorney Scott said in an emergency, Jordan Lyons can make decisions for the water plant as supervisor, the Mayor can later over rule the decision. The village does not have a maintenance supervisor since Dee retired. The board has the authority to select a mayor pro-tem. Mayor Nunes said let's set a time period of between March 15 and April 15, 2017, so as to not disclose to the public the exact dates I am out of town. Joan Davis made a motion to appoint John Reilly as Mayor Pro-Tem if Mayor Nunes is not reachable between March 15 and April 15, 2017, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale. Joan Davis: Yes; Jake Byerline: Yes; Josh Blakeman: Yes; Nancy Prytherch: Yes; John Reilly: Recused; Robin Ashton-Hale: Yes. MC
5. Water System Improvements: Mayor Nunes said that Prairie State could install a switch box to transfer power from a generator to maintain power at our water plant. Riverton is willing to loan us their generator, but we need to have the appropriate setup for it to work. Mayor Nunes said we still need to purchase a generator at some point, and the switch box will need to be installed for that anyways. We finally have the funding in place to get this set up, and its critical that our water plant be able to operate if it loses power. Nancy Prytherch made a motion to approve funding of up to \$15,000 for the switch box, with a second by John Reilly. MC

Mayor Nunes announced the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 15, 2017. He appointed Nancy Prytherch as "party organizer". The board can approve the funding at the April board meeting, which will be on Wednesday, April 5th due to the election on April 4th.

Meeting Adjourned. 7:45 p.m.

