

April 4, 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 Joan Davis, 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.

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

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

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Shelly Farley presented a profit and loss statement. She said she had done some research on a new computer, the current office computer is running very slow and needs updates.

New Business:

Mike Singleton appeared before the board to request two liquor licenses. He told the board that he is changing the Blue Moon. He plans to use part of the existing building as Gusto's Pizza which would be open from 4-10 pm and the front area as the Blue Room Grill. Attorney Scott will send the applications to the County.

Dwight Denzer requested a water leak adjustment for leak that has been repaired. Joan Davis made a motion to approve the adjustment, with a second by Nancy Prytherch. MC

Steve Kline appeared before the board with a TIF District presentation. He described, in detail, how a TIF District works and the benefits available to the village. Attorney Scott asked the basic charge for establishing a TIF. Mr. Kline replied it depended on the size of the TIF district, ie: how many parcels are in the district. The fee could be \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00. plus engineering costs, in regard to drainage, publications, mailings, notice by certified mail. Additionally an administrative fee of \$3,500.00 per year for each of the 23 years of the TIF district. Mayor Nunes asked if more than one TIF district is created, can you use the funds from one district for another? Mr. Kline said if they are contiguous. It is more efficient to establish one TIF district. The size of the town doesn't really matter. The smallest town with a TIF district has 159 residents. Charlie asked if a community center be eligible? Mr. Kline said typically, yes. Discussion followed with some questions and answers.

Engineer's Report:

Motor Fuel Roadwork: Engineer Kevin Kuhn said once IDOT approves the paperwork, we can start that. Floodwall: Charlie said we have an EPA evaluation soon. We are in a flood zone, we can apply for an earthen berm. A wall would not allow us to move, if we can. We have 2 softeners that need to be replaced in 5 to 10 years and I would like to build on higher ground, we can put the filters there, and try to get a grant for a new building. Kevin Kuhn said the grant is for mitigating flooding, would Bud Mason be willing to write the grant? Does Dawson have the money to pay 75% of the grant? Mayor Nunes said we would still need a cost estimate written up. To keep the ball rolling lets continue to focus on the wall, as it would be far less costly. We would need an engineering report showing the need for a flood wall. Kevin Kuhn said he would have Trello talk to Bud to ask what he needs to write a grant.

Adding Water Routes: We are pursuing the Strawberry Lane permit, but don't have one for Wandering Trails. Mayor Nunes said the whole point of going for a grant at Strawberry Lane is to get as close as possible to Wandering Trails. If the grant for Strawberry Lane is approved, then we can run water through Wandering Trails. If Wandering Trails residents are not willing to split the cost, there is no reason to go on, because the village payment on a grant for the few houses on Strawberry Lane would be around \$80,000. Kevin Kuhn said the cost to the village for both Strawberry Lane and Wandering Trails would be about \$400,000.00 for Wandering Trails residents to split. Kevin will continue to work on the grant process. Mayor Nunes said he wants to continue by gauging interest of Wandering Trails residents in splitting the cost, since many have been contacting him to move forward. He will have a letter sent out.

Old Business:

Charlie Abbott -Water Tower Painting: The men were here Thursday to inspect the inside of the tower, it needs to be painted. Charlie showed photos of the interior of the tower to the board. John Reilly asked if it could be sand blasted and then recoat it? Charlie said the people who do the sand blasting don't blast very well and then the coating doesn't stick. Charlie Abbott said the updated quote is \$96,000.00 for both outside and inside. It was noted that the village board previously approved painting the outside only. The village can waive competitive bids for the inside of the tower with a 2/3 vote of the trustees. Nancy Prytherch made a motion to waive the competitive bid and paint the inside, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale. MC

Charlie said there was a power outage on Friday, a pole had blown down. The wires shorted out to the tower. He would like to install a mechanical low voltage VFD starter for approximately \$650.00. Joan

Davis made a motion to approve the purchase of a mechanical low voltage VFD starter, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale. MC

Charlie went on to say the township road commissioner would like the village to run our water lines down Kinder lane. 500 to 600 feet with a hydrant at the end, the cost would be \$10,000, maybe. The reason for the request is that he cannot cut ditches or anything with our lines in their present position. No action was taken.

Charlie said there is a seminar in Havana he wants to attend and he would like to take both Jack Prytherch and Scott Hale with him. The cost would be \$60.00 per person. Mayor Nunes said that he agreed they should all go.

Trustee's Report:

Prytherch/Davis: All years of documents that are allowed to be destroyed have been sorted. Mayor Nunes will have the final bins shredded. He thanked Nancy and Joan for their efforts on the project.

John Reilly: Have caught up on updating the electronic ordinances.

Josh Blakeman: All of the ordinances on the website are up to date except the golf cart ordinance which will be posted soon.

Attorney's Report:

101 Ledlie-chickens and junk stored-actions to take: Attorney Steve Scott asked what steps had been taken. Clerk Pat Curry said she had mailed another certified letter to Mr. Jerome but he had not picked it up. Attorney Scott said he could also send a letter if the board wished. Mayor Nunes said to send the letter because we've continued to deal with this problem and need to fix it.

Attorney Scott asked if the board would like for him to modify VOD 21-2-3 (B) to match the state ordinance. Josh Blakeman made a motion to approve modifying VOD 21-2-3 (B) with a second by Jake Byerline. MC

Mayor's Report:

Year in Review: Mayor Nunes handed out copies of the projects completed and in progress for the year.

Recycle Bins: Mayor Nunes said he had contacted WM representative Dave Schaab. He feels they are not holding up their end of the contract. The roll up from clean up day April 2nd, had not been removed by noon on Saturday, in fact it was still in place on Monday morning, April 4th. Also there were apparently no electronic pick up boxes in place at all.

Comprehensive Plan: The plan has been completely written and is in rough draft form. Mayor Nunes will review the entire plan and follow up next meeting with the next steps.

Security Cameras: Austin Etherton has still not gotten back to him. Mayor Nunes plans to look elsewhere for quotes.

Easter Egg Hunt: Mayor Nunes thanked everyone who helped to organize and put on the Easter Egg Hunt for the kids. Thanks go to Robin Ashton-Hale for coordinating the event; Joan Davis; Nancy Prytherch (Easter Bunny); Pat Curry; Shelly Farley; Lynda & Oscar Files, Tia Byerline and Peggy Campbell.

Fire Department ESDA Funding: The Fire Department would like help in purchasing ice rescue equipment. The \$10,000.00 donation they received went toward a new truck. Two ice suits and a chainsaw will cost \$2,200.00. Joan Davis asked why the Fire Department needed water rescue suits when we don't even live near a lake. Mayor Nunes replied they had used those suits at the water plant so they could get into the water and place sandbags; those suits were borrowed from Springfield. Robin Ashton-Hale said I thought we were going to get an electronic information sign. Mayor Nunes said we could apply the balance of funds toward the sign since we already budgeted a significant amount for the electronic sign. Robin Ashton-Hale said she would like to see all \$10,000.00 go on the town and an electronic sign. Shelly Farley suggested that the Fire Department may pay some toward the sign. Charlie Abbott would like to see the DCC pay some toward the sign as well. Joan Davis made a motion to donate the \$2,200 for two suits and the chainsaw, with a second by Nancy Prytherch. Roll call: Jake Byerline: no; Josh Blakeman: no; Nancy Prytherch: yes; John Reilly: yes; Robin Ashton-Hale: no; Joan Davis: yes; Mayor Nunes: yes. MC

Tornado Siren: Mayor Nunes told the board that Jack Prytherch found an electrical company who can repair the siren at the park so we won't need to replace it altogether. Once its repaired we can have an electrician come out and reinstall it and the one for the lift station the same day. Mayor Nunes has been in touch with BDM Sewer regarding the siren.

Electronic Welcome Sign: Mayor Nunes said that of the donated funds, we have now used \$2,700 between the Fire Department donation and a thank you ad, stone, and memorial tree at the park. He asked if the board wanted to put the remaining \$7,300.00 toward a sign. Additional money of \$15,000.00 has

been budgeted for the sign and not used. The Mayor handed out photos of the proposed sign quoted at \$10,046. Discussion of the size and layout of the sign ensued. The consensus was to get another quote for a larger sign.

IML Conference: Mayor Nunes said he learned the cost of attending the IML Conference would be \$1,000.00, plus travel and food, which he thought was rather expensive. He asked Clerk Pat Curry if she found the Conference to be informational when she attended. Pat Curry said she had learned quite a bit in the Clerk's Session because the IML attorneys from Ancel Glink hold the session. The other sessions tend to address problems pertaining to much larger communities than Dawson, although Mayor Nunes would probably get some good information in the Mayors sessions. Mayor Nunes opted not to attend the Conference.

Park Improvements Update: Mayor Nunes told the board that a tree and memorial stone have been purchased to honor of Ed and Virginia James, for \$350.00. A thank you ad was also placed in the Tri-City Register. Total cost was about \$500.00 of the initial \$10,000.00.

Meeting Adjourned 9:25 p.m.