

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, Josh Blakeman, Nancy Prytherch, John Reilly and Robin Ashton-Hale. Also present were Mayor Jeremy Nunes, Clerk Pat Curry, and Treasurer Shelly Farley. Jake Byerline and Charlie Abbott were not present.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Shelly Farley gave copies of the monthly report to the finance commissioners.

**Public Forum:** The public hearing for the annual budget was convened by the mayor. No one was present.

**New Business:** Hosting Water Operator's Class: Mayor Nunes presented a request for approval from Charlie Abbott, who is on vacation. Charlie would like to host a water operators class here, that would give our guys a little more information. Our expense would consist of the cost of travel and lodging for 2 days, plus refreshments for the class. Participants would be charged a fee, so the village would break even on costs. Robin Ashton-Hale said she thought this is a good idea. She made a motion to approve setting up a water operators class in the village, with a second by Nancy Prytherch. MC

**Engineer's Report:**

1. EPA Permit Extension: Mayor Nunes said the Engineer has submitted the request.
2. Motor Fuel Roadwork: We have not heard for IRC, they are supposed to call before beginning work.

**Old Business:**

1. Water System Improvement: Ongoing
2. Zoning Board Appointments: The Zoning Board of Appeals consists of 7 people. Mayor Nunes previously appointed the following people as Zoning Board of Appeals appointees: Charlie Abbott; Tony McLaughlin; Connie Tozer; He requested approval of the appointment of Louie Ashton; Peggy Campbell, Carrie Blakeman and Sandra Nunes. Nancy Prytherch made a motion to approve the appointees, with a second by John Reilly. MC

**Trustee's Report:**

1. Reilly/Blakeman-Electronic Ordinances and Website: Attorney Scott asked if they want the Annual Budget in it's original form or in Book Form. They would prefer the original.

**Attorney's Report:**

1. Annual Budget Appropriation: Attorney Scott presented copies of the Annual Budget to the board. Robin Ashton Hale made a motion to approve the annual budget for fiscal year 2017, with a second by Nancy Prytherch. MC
2. 101 Ledlie - Action to take On Ordinance Violations: A letter was sent. The washing machine is gone but everything else stays the same. The skirting is not attached to the trailer properly, it is just attached at the top and hangs loose. Attorney Scott asked if anyone had gone to him and told him how to attach the skirting properly? Mayor Nunes said no one has demonstrated how to hang skirting. Joan Davis said didn't he move that trailer in without a permit? Mayor Nunes said yes, we required him to get a permit afterward. Joan said that this person has been a problem from the beginning. Mayor Nunes stated that some of the problems are not unique to him, but some is, such as the pile of metal and a chemical drum. Mayor Nunes asked what's the next step? Attorney Scott said we can file an order of violation. Talk to him and tell him we are ready to file and all it will take to stop this is for him to clean it up. Attorney Scott said the board needs to make a motion to send a representative from the village to talk to him. What do the neighbors houses look like? Mayor Nunes said most of the houses have small junk piles.

The skirting is the main problem, and the metal burn pile and chemical drum. Joan Davis asked Nancy Prytherch if she would like to go with her to talk to him, Nancy agreed. John Reilly made a motion to send trustee Joan Davis and Trustee Nancy Prytherch to talk to Mr. Jerome with a definite date for filing the order if the work is not done, with a second by Robin Ashton Hale. Roll Call: Joan Davis: Yes; Josh Blakeman: No; Nancy Prytherch: Yes; John Reilly: Yes; Robin Ashton-Hale: Yes. MC

3. 315 Ledlie Street-Action to take on Ordinance Violations: Mayor Nunes said the oil/asphalt mixer is still parked on the property. We sent him a letter and he eventually parked the trucks and mixer at All Weather Courts across the highway. He moves them for a while and then brings the oil mixer back., repeatedly. Now there is a beat-up old vehicle, a Le Sabre, in the back yard with no plates on it. He recently had a pretty good fire going with several metals and toxic items on it. We notified him there was a fine of \$200.00, but tried to give him some slack and said we would fine for second offense. He is still burning the illegal items. The mixing drum is in the back yard and toxic odors are still coming from the property. Nancy Prytherch said there is a big stack of asphalt chunks in the backyard, too. Attorney Scott said we are required to send a certified letter and tell him what the process is, notify him by letter and then he can come to the next meeting. The Ordinance Violation, noxious, foul or putrid odors may result in a lien on the property, legal costs, etc. This notice must be sent to the property owner. Mayor Nunes said sometimes he will get rid of it, for about a month, then he will bring it back., so we need to be clear in the letter that the fines are for each day a violation occurs.

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

I had a good farewell talk with Dee Smith and presented a plaque to him. We are all grateful to him for four decades of service. John Reilly asked if we would throw a farewell party for Dee. Mayor Nunes said that he allowed staff to throw a party which was open to the public, and that Dee's family also is giving him one. He added that Dee told him he felt a third party would be too much. Joan Davis said that Dee told her that he was disappointed the village didn't throw a third party. Mayor Nunes said that Dee is telling me something different. He will call and find out more.

The community club had to cancel the July 3rd Light The Night Fireworks due to inclement weather. They are working on setting up a new date. Pat Curry said they are in the process of contacting all of the vendors and scheduling a date. She showed Attorney Scott the contract with The Mix band. He is of the opinion that they should refund the monies paid to them as the contract is worded incorrectly. Discussion followed.

1. Recycle Bins: They did supply larger recycle bins. But, they didn't bring them on the date they specified, instead they brought them a day earlier and some folks didn't have their old bins set out to be replaced. Waste Management has been an issue for some time. Dave Schaab comes before the board and says we will take care of things but they do not deliver. Responding to a question, Mayor Nunes said he had contacted the Veolia Waste Services of Decatur when the contract was up to renew, to see if they would come into Dawson, but they did not reply. He encouraged the board to remember the troubles that Waste Management has caused when the contract comes due again. Discussion followed.

2. Flood Wall: The requested information has been submitted to Congressman La Hood, but no further steps have been taken yet. Mayor Nunes will follow up this month.

3. Tornado Sirens: We have the pole for the siren. We had to replace the remotes for each siren, they have been ordered. We will then need to hire someone to install it. We are not sure how long it will take.

4. Neighborhood Watch: We had a public meeting with the Sherriff last month. The turn out was good. Pat Curry explained how the block captains system was put together when Neighborhood Watch was put in place several years ago. Who is willing to be a Block Captain? John Reilly, Nancy Prytherch, Robin Ashton-Hale, Joan Davis, Josh Blakeman, Pat Curry and Mayor Nunes said they would. He will gather the block captains for a meeting soon. There is a lot of overlap between community club, zoning board, and neighborhood watch captains, so he's waiting until things slow down first.

5. Security Cameras: The contract has been signed, they will be installed soon.

6. Town Improvement Contest: Mayor Nunes asked that the board spread the word about the contest. It

was published in the Village Newsletter and on the Village Web Page.

7. Comprehensive Plan: The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet this month. Assuming they approve the plan, the board will vote on plan approval at the August meeting. Please be sure you've read it.

8. Welcome Sign: We have a contract and are now waiting for installation. A new method of supplying electricity to the sign is needed, not the old drop cord dangling from the pole which has been in use in the past. We should see some progress this month.

9. Folding Machine Purchase: The old folding machine has stopped working. Clerk Pat Curry noted that she had corrected paper jams in it before and has dismantled the machine to do so. This time the machine would need to be taken apart entirely, in order to get to the problem. She would like approval to purchase a new folding machine. The water department sent out 800 surveys last month and 235 newsletters also went out, all of these had to be folded. Pat Curry had to fold over 100 of the newsletters by hand after the machine stopped working, which is very time consuming. Joan Davis made a motion to approve up to \$500.00 for the purchase of a new folding machine, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale. MC

10. Develop Community Garden: Mayor Nunes said the lot we came to own on Elm Street really has no use for us. He said there is a company out of California that will provide free guidance on how to proceed with a community garden and will donate a \$50.00 stipend. There is over a \$5,000.00 lien on that property. Discussion followed. A suggestion was made to reach out to the neighbors to see if they would purchase the property. Mayor Nunes said he had contacted both neighbors, and one was willing to pay \$600 for it. Robin Ashton-Hale suggested a for sale sign be put on the property with the Village Office phone number on it and see what kind of results we get.

11. Baseball Field Fence Repair: Nancy Prytherch said it needed to be taken care of, kids could get hurt on the fence as it is. Mayor Nunes said no repairs have been done on the backstop, only the sideline fences, so maybe we should get that fixed then. Attorney Scott said if there is an injury and we are aware of the damaged fence, the village is liable. Mayor Nunes said our employees replaced the support poles. The backstop needs to be re-placed, it is 12 feet. John Reilly said the fence usually comes in 6 foot sections and our employees may be able to do it. Mayor Nunes said he will talk with the employees and we will go from there. We will follow up next month.

12. Baseball Field Flag Pole and Scoreboard: The scoreboard is not functional because the controls are missing. I can talk to Pepsi, they might donate the controls. A new flagpole we would need mulch, a spot light (\$40 - \$45 each), and concrete to set the pole. Discussion followed on type and height of flag pole. Robin Ashton-Hale made a motion to authorize purchase of a 20 foot, 4" diameter, satin finish flagpole for \$430.00 plus shipping from flag world, and up to \$150.00 for mulch, spotlight and concrete, with a second by John Reilly. MC

13. Sidewalk Replacement on Ledlie & Constant: Mayor Nunes said sidewalk replacement would cost anywhere from \$20,000.00 to \$65,000.00. He will get more quotes with clearer specs.

14. Hiring Additional Water Operator: Mayor Nunes said Water Superintendent Charlie Abbott told him he is willing to work as long as he is able. He asked him to bring up hiring someone that already has a license. We need to get our employees licensed, but we need a back up plan in case something happens. He had an agreement with Bud Mason to run the plant if necessary, but he has since moved to Ohio. John Reilly asked if the Illinois Rural Water Association has people. Mayor Nunes said they may be able to put us in touch with someone. Another factor is Illiopolis is wanting to have some sort of water coop. A meeting with more information is coming this month. Mayor Nunes said another option is to have a contracted agency to operate the plant for us.

Mayor Nunes asked for a motion to go into executive session. Nancy Prytherch made a motion to move to executive session, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale. MC

The board returned to open session.

Adjourned.