

AUGUST 1, 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, Attorney Steve Scott and Engineer Kevin Kuhn. Treasurer Shelly Farley was not present.

Josh Blakeman made a motion to accept 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 Shelly Farley had left a monthly financial report for the finance trustees.

Old Business:

1. **Comprehensive Plan Approval:** Norm Sims, director of SSCRCP, spoke to the board regarding the completed comprehensive plan for the Village. He said the focus was mostly on land use and commercial development. Dawson is having the same problems as other small communities. The Village should try at least hold on to the current population and has to grow a little. Dawson is very close to an urban area. He advised the Village needs to improve curb appeal, main street character development, ie: Constant Street up to Dawson Road; which is being address with the town improvement contest. Expand the park, add walking trails. This is all doable over the next 20 years. SSCRCP can help to expand the use of trails around the park with a grant. Having a comprehensive plan shows the Village has a zoning plan in place. Mayor Nunes noted that having a comprehensive plan is often required to receive a grant. Mr. Sims said it is often required, and if it isn't required, you receive bonus points for having a comp plan. Mr. Sims referenced a small grant that the SSCRPC has available that can be used to develop parks and such, in a multi-community effort, but not for capitol development. Josh Blakeman made a motion to accept the zoning board of appeals recommendation to approve the comprehensive plan, with a second by John Reilly. Joan Davis: No; Jake Byerline: Yes; Josh Blakeman: Yes; Nancy Prytherch: Abstain; John Reilly: Yes; Robin Ashton-Hale: Yes. MC. Norm Sims said we don't forget you, we're available if you need us. Engineer Kevin Kuhn asked if the Village would put the plan on the Village website? Josh Blakeman said he would put a link to the plan on the website.
2. **Water Operator's Class:** Charlie said he doesn't have anything yet. He was going to try to get hold of AWWA, we may not be a member, to see if they can put on a class for us.
3. **Water System Improvement:** Mayor Nunes asked Kevin, were you trying to put together a map of water routes? Is there anyway you can put together a map? Charlie said, what we need to do is make a map book, because our water system is so long. Discussion followed. Charlie asked how much will it cost? Kevin replied, I can get maps if you will put the information on it. I can get a guy to digitalize it.

Engineer's Report:

1. **EPA Permit Extension:** Have not heard anything yet.
2. **Road Work Errors & Payment:** Mayor Nunes said IRC went beyond where they were supposed to oil and chip, going much wider on the shoulders in the block around the village hall, and weren't supposed to do Constant St at all since it's a County Road. Kevin and I drove around and looked at things. The President of IRC then came out and went around with us, calculating the financial cost of the overage, and agreed to refund what they did on Constant, but felt the Village should pay the full overage cost of \$2,600. Mayor Nunes said they debated back and forth and eventually agreed to have the village pay for an additional \$600. He said the company President threatened a law suit, so considering we'd have to pay attorneys to go back and forth to reach a settlement, this is a good figure to pay out for roadwork that wasn't necessary but is helpful. We'd pay far more in legal fees.

Trustee's Reports:

1. Nancy Prytherch: 101 Ledlie is looking good, the guy is doing what we asked and is working on it. Mayor Nunes agreed and said we can move on and focus on other things.
2. John Reilly: Electronic Ordinances, nothing.
3. Robin Ashton-Hale: nothing.
4. Joan Davis: The same as Nancy.
5. Jake Byerline: Just wanted to talk about the backdrop at the baseball diamond, I see it is on the agenda under the Mayor's report.
6. Josh Blakeman: nothing

Attorney's Report:

1. Attorney Scott presented Ordinance 2016 VOD 011 to the board for approval. John Reilly made a

- motion to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance 2016 VOD 011, with a second by Jake Byerline. MC
2. **315 Ledlie-Ordinance Violations & Actions to take:** Mayor Nunes said the letter sent from Scott & Scott must have worked because the abandoned car is gone and the asphalt machine is gone. He hasn't seen any more illegal burning. So for now, all is well.

Mayor Nunes posed a question to Attorney Scott: When the Village has a part-time guy working for us—contractual—with no taxes out of his pay, if they are injured on the job are they covered by our insurance? Attorney Scott: Yes, if they are under your control you have to pay at least minimum wage, take out taxes, and our insurance covers them. IMRF also covers volunteers. You must pay minimum wage, give overtime and deduct taxes. Mayor Nunes: OK, historically the village has never taken taxes out of contract labor, but we will start.

Mayor's Report:

The tentative date for the fall all-town clean-up will be Saturday, September 24th. That is not confirmed yet.

1. **Recycle Bins:** Waste Management picked up the remaining small containers last weekend.
2. **Flood Wall:** There is a new contact at Congressman Lahood's office. We submitted a lot of information to the Corps of Engineers. More to come
3. **Neighborhood Watch:** We will be meeting with block captains this month.
4. **Tornado Sirens:** Still waiting for parts.
5. **Security Cameras:** The cameras are installed at the park. Charlie, did they train you to use them and does it delete automatically? Charlie: Yes to both, Jack and Scott know how to use them also.
6. **Town Improvement Contest & Trustee Involvement:** We got a little plug in the State Journal-Register, that was nice.

Mayor Nunes said he had a few citizens question why we go after one person's yard and not that one. Its because we receive complaints about specific yards and then follow up; I do not individually check on peoples yards. Because of the concern, does the board need to check around to see if properties need to be cleaned up, which could include some of our own properties, or do we just wait until there are complaints? Consensus was to just wait for complaints.

7. **Welcome Sign:** In progress.
8. **Park Flag Pole Installation:** The flag pole has been ordered and is here, it will be set up soon.
9. **Baseball Field Fence Replacement:** Everyone is in agreement that the backstop needs to be replaced. We thought our guys could do the cutting, and set the fence and posts, but it requires equipment that we don't have. I have a quote of \$2,063.00 to take it all out and install new. Joan Davis made a motion to have the backstop removed and replace for \$2,063.00, with a second by Nancy Prytherch. MC
10. **Sale of Village lot on Elm Street:** I have heard from 4 people who are interested in purchasing the lot. Steve I need your input on this. I want at least \$1,200.00 for the lot. Attorney Scott said you will need closed bids. Charlie: the lot is 40' x 130', not large enough, the lot needs to be 7,200 square feet. Mayor Nunes: We can request a variance. Charlie: the zoning board of appeals will not approve a variance on that lot, it is not big enough. Discussion followed. Mayor Nunes: If we granted a variance could they build on it? Attorney Scott: For a variance you need no less than 80% of the required lot size, 5,280 square feet is shy of 80%. Perhaps you could buy maybe, 4 to 5 feet from a neighbor. The lot is 480 square feet short of the required size. Charlie: all of the neighbors have input on the variance. Attorney Scott: First step is to see if they could buy 4 to 5 feet and come to the board contingent on zoning board of appeals approval. First go to the neighbors to see if they are willing to sell some property, if not let it go for \$600.00 and get it back on the tax rolls. The board can approve a plan to offer to buy part of an adjoining lot and add it to the small lot, or sell the small lot to the other neighbor for \$600.00. Robin Ashton-Hale made a motion to approve selling the small lot for \$600.00, with a second by Joan Davis. Nancy Prytherch: yes; John Reilly: yes; Robin Ashton-Hale: yes; Joan Davis: yes; Jake Byerline: yes; Josh Blakeman: no. MC
11. **Park Scoreboard:** My contact is no longer at Pepsi. I'm working with someone new. There's no rush since we have until Spring 2017 before it would be used.
12. **Cell Phone Stipend for Staff:** Historically the Village has paid 1/2 of Dee's cell phone bill on an annual basis. Charlie's bill is paid by Buffalo/Mechanicsburg. I talked to Jack and Scott and they are comfortable with half their bill being paid. Our option is to continue to pay 1/2 of the cell bills or we can purchase new phones for the employees which is more expensive. Charlie: Our water tower calls the operator on their phone to notify of anything that needs attention, and they can also operate some controls from their phone. Robin Ashton-Hale made a motion to pay 1/2 of Scott & Jack's cell phone bills, but on a monthly

basis instead of annually, with a second by Nancy Prytherch. MC

13. **Replacing Sidewalk on Ledlie & Constant:** Extending from Ross Street all the way North on Constant, I have received bids for replacement in 3 sections, because it is such a long stretch. From Ross up Constant to alley; from the alley to Patricia Street and from Patricia Street to the last house on Constant. The lowest bid for one section is \$10, 520.00. Maybe do half of that stretch with a cap of \$5,500.00. Jake Byerline made a motion to do the northern 1/2 of the stretch on Constant from Ross to the alley, with a cap of \$5,500.00, with a second by Nancy Prytherch. MC Discussion on the sidewalk at the pavilion at the park followed. Charlie suggested checking with jack-a-slab instead of replacing the concrete.
14. **Flexter Trucking Building Interest:** Charles Flexter plans to retire, I am wondering if he is going to sell that building. Joan Davis said he is going to store his antique trucks in the building.
15. **Additional Water Operator & Other Options:** Charlie said I don't think you all know what this job entails. The operator is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The job should be salaried. It is administrative if he has two employees to supervise and no overtime pay. Discussion followed. Josh Blakeman made a motion to go into executive session, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale. MC

Returned to regular session, meeting adjourned 8:56 p.m.