

## **October 3, 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 Jacob Byerline, Josh Blakeman, Nancy Prytherch, John Reilly and Robin Ashton-Hale. Joan Davis was absent. Also present were Mayor Jeremy Nunes, Clerk Pat Curry, Treasurer Shelly Farley, Water Superintendent Charlie Abbott and Attorney Steve Scott. Engineer Kevin Kuhn was not present.

**Minutes:** John Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes as written, with a second by Nancy Prytherch. MC

**Bills:** Josh Blakeman made a motion to approve payment of the bills, with a second by Jake Byerline. MC

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Shelly Farley presented the monthly statement of accounts and a copy of the revised budget to the finance commissioners. She asked if they had any questions or comments. None were forthcoming.

**New Business:** Water Adjustment: Candy Beck appeared before the board with proof of repair. She requested an adjustment. MC

**Engineer's Report:** Mayor Nunes said the engineer would create an electronic version of the water system maps. Charlie Abbott said he brought a map with the various valves marked for the engineer. He will get with him later.

### **Old business:**

1. Water System Improvements: Ongoing
2. Elm Street Lot: Nancy Prytherch made a motion to authorize Mayor Nunes to attempt to sell the lot to one of the two adjacent neighbors, for the best price, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale. MC

### **Trustee's Report:**

1. Website update-Blakeman: Josh Said he had corrected the password problem on the Village Website.

John Reilly said he had received the updated ordinances today and would get them entered. Robin Ashton-Hale informed the board of some vehicle break-ins in the village. Mayor Nunes said he was aware and asked the board to encourage residents to file police reports in order to help get more police protection from the County.

**Attorney's Report:** Attorney Steve Scott said he received a notice in the mail today from the Springfield-Sangamon County Planning Commission regarding flood plain insurance. The Village may be eligible for a 5%-15% discount on the insurance for the water plant. Clerk Pat Curry will contact IML and inquire about the possible discount.

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

1. Flood Wall: Last month we received notification that it is ok to build on the flood plain. Funding is still needed. I contacted Congressman LaHood and he is willing to write a letter to send along with a submission for the request for grant funding. We will see which grant is the best option for the village. Engineer Kevin Kuhn can write up the grant request for us. None of the grants are 100% paid, they are usually 80%-20%. Charlie would like to move the plant. There is no sense putting up a wall if we move the plant. He asked the board to consider over the next month which option is better.
2. Tornado Sirens: The parts are all here and the siren is at Trotter's Manufacturing awaiting it's turn to be fixed. Once repaired it can be installed.
3. Sidewalk Work on Constant Street: Scott hasn't had time to get costs.
4. Energy Now Grant: As you may recall, we have been awarded the grant. I got additional information and a contact person who gave approval to make purchases (of the lights). This will be a winter project. Charlie said Illinois Power came to the water plant and they were supposed to install VFDs (Variable Frequency Drives) but he has not heard anything from them.
5. Trick or Treat Hours: There was some discussion regarding whether or not to have trick or treating for two nights. Hours for Trick or Treat are set for one day only, on Monday, October 31, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
6. Village Bonfire Event: Traditionally we have our Bonfire on the last Saturday before Halloween. After some discussion on interfering with Buffalo's event that day, the hours for the bonfire were set as Saturday, October 29, 2016, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Mayor Nunes appointed Nancy Prytherch and Robin Ashton-Hale to put together the event.
7. Incident with 315 Ledlie & Actions to Take: After last month's meeting, the boy was sitting outside

the Village Hall on a 4-wheeler. As Nancy left, she told him he shouldn't be parked there and he shouldn't be out on the 4-wheeler after dark. He told her he had lights. After the office was closed he damaged the picnic table and was seen driving it through the Veteran's Monument. A neighbor called Dee Smith who came over and told him to leave, the boy responded by swearing at and challenging Dee to a fight. Dee then got members of the fire department who were present and also became involved in the incident. The Sheriff's office was called and a deputy came out. After inquiry the next day, an officer said we might want to file an OP for the Village against this boy. Mayor Nunes went to the County Building to see what can be done. He ended up talking to several people, but doesn't know, at this time, if it will stop or continue. Attorney Scott said that is criminal damage. Treasurer Shelly Farley has filed a criminal damage report.

8. Security Cameras for the Village Hall: These would not only be for vandalism such as previously discussed, but also the deposit boxes. Shelly shopped online for some systems that are smaller than the one at the park. We would need cameras for 4 locations, they should be wireless and have night vision. Jake Byerline made a motion to approve purchase of a security system up to \$300.00, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale. MC
9. Water Operator Hire: Charlie has been contacted by two different people. The first has worked at Petersburg and Marquette Heights. Charlie talked to both places, and there is no problem there. He would like to bring him down here and talk to him in person. Attorney Steve Scott asked where he lived. Charlie replied up near Morton. He went on to say he also had a response from a person in Glen Carbon, too. He sent a resume but Charlie said he had not checked it out yet. He would like to meet with the man from Morton first. Mayor Nunes said my thoughts are to interview this month and then the board can vote to hire next month to have this resolved right away. Charlie suggested we have our employees show him the plants before the interview. Mayor Nunes said I will notify one or two trustees to be involved, too. Charlie said he must live in the village, we can make an exception and give him six months to relocate.

Mayor Nunes asked for a motion to go into executive session. Jake Byerline made a motion to go into executive session, with a second by Nancy Prytherch. MC

No action was taken after returning from executive session. Meeting adjourned.

Notice just received: Dawson Road will be closed temporarily, where it crosses I-72 in the Summer of 2017.