

## **November 9, 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, and Treasurer Shelly Farley. Attorney Steve Scott and Engineer Kevin Kuhn were not in attendance.

**Minutes:** Jake Byerline made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale. MC

**Bills:** Nancy Prytherch made a motion to pay the bills with a second by Josh Blakeman. MC

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Shelly Farley presented copies of the monthly financial report to Josh Blakeman and Joan Davis. She noted that they were current through October 31, 2016. Shelly then requested approval for the annual audit. Josh Blakeman made a motion to approve the annual audit, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale. MC. Shelly told the board she had done some research on interest rates for CDs and plans to open new ones with a higher interest rate. Shelly also informed the board that the names on one checking account and some of the CDs still had Charlie Abbott, Lacy Michael and Bob Day's names on them. She proposed to change them to be the current Mayor Jeremy Nunes and the current Treasurer, Dennise Farley. The board was in full agreement.

**New Business:** Tiffany Bragg appeared before the board, as representative for her mother, Kelly Lynn Sanders, requesting a water adjustment due to a leak which has been repaired. Robin Ashton-Hale made a motion to approve a water adjustment, with a second by Nancy Prytherch. MC. Shelly will compute the adjustment and let them know what the new balance will be.

### **Engineer's Report:**

1. Water Map: Mayor Nunes reported Kevin Kuhn was still working on the water map. The physical paper maps are still being gathered up. More to come on that.
2. Flood Wall: Kevin is going over potentials for grants, more to come on that.

### **Old Business:**

1. Water system improvements: Well #4 is operating at 25% capacity. It has burned out 2 motors in the last year. The cost for a well treatment is \$16,000.00. A pump test will cost \$500.00. Pump tests are supposed to be done about twice a year, with a minimum of once a year. Mayor Nunes talked to Pedrotti, these motors are supposed to last for 5 years. They will treat iron build up bacteria. Our water funds are in fine condition. He said that Charlie tried acid treatment, but that has not worked. John Reilly made a motion to treat well #4 for \$16,000.00, and a pump test for \$500, with a second by Joan Davis. MC
2. We just found out since the weather has turned that the furnace at the water plant is not working. Jack Prytherch says that at this point it must be replaced. Mayor Nunes has been able to collect one estimate for \$4,820.00. He proposed the board approve that amount while he seeks lower bids in the next week, so that the furnace may be replaced quickly. Nancy Prytherch made a motion to purchase a new furnace for the water plant, up to \$4,820.00, with a second by John Reilly. MC

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

Jake Byerline asked who would we contact about the poor condition of the rail road crossing at Constant Street and old 36? He wondered if the county was responsible for that. The railroad is responsible for maintaining the crossings. Pat Curry will call the railroad.

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

Mayor Nunes noted that a county smart phone app is in the works, which doesn't cost the village or residents any money. It allows questions or concerns to be submitted to village officials through a smart phone.

He also stated that he is working out a date with the Abbott family for the plant dedication.

1. Elm Street Lot Sale: Still working out the details. There may not be interest from either property neighbors due to a docket fee. Steve is working out details.
2. Tornado Sirens: No updates, they are still at Trotter's mfg in Buffalo waiting their turn for repair.
3. Senior Dinner: The Senior dinner will be held on Saturday, December 17th this year. Mayor Nunes appointed Nancy Prytherch to be in charge of coordinating the event, and directed her to ask the board for any help. Jake Byerline volunteered to carve the turkeys. Discussion followed on menu items.
4. Bonfire: Mayor Nunes expressed his thanks to Nancy Prytherch for all the work she did in making the annual village bonfire a big success.
5. Baseball Field Scoreboard: The control box has been missing for several years. Mayor Nunes spoke with the Pepsi company. They are willing to purchase a new board and sell it to the village at their cost, which is \$892.00 plus shipping. Mayor Nunes suggested this be put on hold and reconsidered in the next fiscal year.
6. Employee Hire: The village received several applications. Mayor Nunes said he knew some of them directly, so to keep the process ethical trustees Jake Byerline and Josh Blakeman will review the applications with names blocked out. We will then interview the top candidates to see who will be a

good fit. Robin Ashton-Hale asked how old the applicants are. Mayor Nunes said it is against the law to consider age when hiring. She then asked if the village is looking to hire a supervisor. She asked will the person you hire have the potential to take the water superintendent test? Mayor Nunes said the new employee can take the test, but can't become a water plant operator until he has 3 years experience. If the new hire passes the test, then 3 years down the road he will be the supervisor. We are not looking to hire a supervisor at this time.

7. Clean-up at 106 Locust and 308 Lewis Sts: 106 Locust Street has been abandoned for some time. The Clerk sent out several letters but has had no response. The yard in back of the house is a virtual jungle. The village can't get our equipment in there, and we cannot even get a lawn service in to do the work. They say there is too much junk hidden in the jungle. Joan Davis said people have been seen going in and out of that place, although the water meter has been pulled. Jake Byerline asked if the owners were just absentee owners. Treasurer Shelly Farley is working to collect the funds due from mowing work at 308 Lewis.
8. Heater for Water Plant: Previously addressed
9. Vacation Policy Ordinance: Mayor Nunes said we had a qualified person set up for the water plant. When he saw he had to work for a full year before qualifying for any vacation time, he withdrew his application. Our guys may get called at 3 am and still have to come to work the next morning because they don't get vacation time. They cannot make a mistake, people's health depend on them. I would suggest 8 days for year one: 4 days after 90 days probation and 4 more days at the end of one year. Jake Byerline made a motion to change the vacation ordinance to give 4 days vacation after 90 days probation, and 4 more days at the end of one year employment for a total of 8 vacation days, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale. MC
10. Flashing Arrow Ordinance: T-Bone's has closed for good, so now is a good time to take action on this so we aren't affecting an open business. We need to clean up the appearance of the entrance to Dawson. We don't want to ban the flashing arrow signs, just restrict them to the property of the business advertised. Jake Byerline made a motion to enact a commercial ordinance restricting flashing arrow type signs to the property of the businesses advertising, and not allowed on residential property, with a second by Nancy Prytherch. MC Robin Ashton-Hale said that she and Joan Davis were talking about the standing water at the South East end of the village parking lot. The guys need to put some gravel in the hole there. It was noted that water stands on the lower end of the sidewalk there, too.
11. Salary Review: Mayor Nunes requested a motion to go into executive session. Robin Ashton-Hale made a motion to go into executive session to discuss employee salaries, with a second by Nancy Prytherch. MC

After returning to the regularly scheduled meeting, Nancy Prytherch made a motion to accept the proposal made in executive session, with a second by John Reilly. MC

Meeting adjourned 8:29 pm