

December 5, 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.

Minutes: Jake Byerline made a motion to accept the minutes as written, 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 report and a profit and loss statement to the financial officers. There were no questions.

Public Forum: Violet Blose appeared before the board to ask about the railroad crossing at Constant Street and Old US 36. The crossing is in very bad repair. Clerk Pat Curry has already contacted the railroad about the problem. Mayor Nunes said that he had spoken to the railroad and it may be spring before the asphalt repair work can be done due to the cold weather.

New Business: Mike Singleton, owner of Gusto's Pizza, appeared before the board to request a building permit application. He plans to add on to the building and also put a cover over the entry way. Attorney Steve Scott reminded Mr. Singleton that he would need to comply with the handicapped accessibility code. Mr Singleton agreed to have someone come out from Springfield to check on accessibility.

Engineer's Report:

1. Water System Electronic Map: We have been unable to locate the master map that Charlie had updated. Mayor Nunes said some old documents were found in Charlie's garage. Our guys are still searching for it. Once we have it Kevin can update the electronic version.
2. Flood Wall: Kevin said that he checked on the Americorp grant, that is a service agency, sort of a peace corps type thing. Not sure why it was recommended for us. The FEMA grant is geared more toward individual assistance. Kevin said he is having someone research the FEMA grant a little more closely.

Old Business:

1. Water System Improvement: Mayor Nunes said nothing new needs approved today. The new furnace for the plant will be taken care of today.

Trustee's Report:

Nothing

Attorney's Report:

1. Elm Street Lot Sale: Steve called John Call, spoke to an answering machine. He did speak to the person responsible for selling the lot to Call. We are looking for a reimbursement of \$400.00 from the County. He will prepare a quit claim document for the mayor and clerk to sign. The quit claim deed will be offered to Call for \$600.00. Mayor Nunes said he had spoken to Rebecca Call a couple of weeks ago, they know you will be calling.
2. Employee Vacation Ordinance: Attorney Scott presented copies of the ordinance to the board. Nancy Prytherch said the new hire vacation ordinance was unfair to the current employees. Attorney Scott noted that the board could grant 3 more days to current employees, if they wished. Discussion followed. No action was taken on granting additional days to current employees. Robin Ashton-Hale made a motion to approve a new employee vacation ordinance, with a second by Jake Byerline. MC
3. Flashing Arrow Ordinance: Attorney Scott presented a copy of the proposed ordinance regarding flashing arrow signs. Clerk Pat Curry asked if the ordinance might be too specific, as some of the intended signs may not be lighted or have arrows. Discussion followed. Steve will rewrite the ordinance with broader examples.
4. Staff Salary Resolution: Attorney Scott distributed copies of the resolution previously approved by the Board.

Mayor's Report:

1. Tornado Sirens: Still at Trotter's awaiting final repairs. Jack will check on this for us.
2. Senior Dinner: December 17, 2017. Serving will begin at 12:30. Helpers should be here about 9:00 am. Jake Byerline volunteered to carve the turkey on Friday, December 16th.
3. Water Plant Dedication: The Abbott Water Plant dedication will take place on Sunday, December

- 11, 2017 at 1:00 pm. The Abbott family will attend.
4. New Employee Hire: There were 8 applications submitted. Mayor Nunes redacted the names and personal information from the applications and scanned them to give to trustees Josh Blakeman and Jake Byerline to evaluate the resumes only, to eliminate any possible bias. Based on this review of work history only, they agreed on three finalists. One candidate then withdrew, and the two remaining finalists were interviewed by Mayor Nunes and Trustees Blakeman and Byerline. They agreed on one as the best candidate, whose name they presented to the board. Mayor Nunes asked for board approval to hire Tyler Abbott as a full time employee, with the salary previously approved. He will be working for both the water system and for the village maintenance. Some discussion followed. Discussion ensued regarding whether a board member could vote if a member of their family was a finalist. Attorney Scott suggested that a board member should abstain because of familial interest. Nancy Prytherch: Yes, John Reilly: No, Robin Ashton-Hale: No, Joan Davis: Yes, Jake Byerline: Yes, and Josh Blakeman: Yes. MC
 5. Christmas Spirit Light Contest: Judging will be held on Christmas Eve. Josh Blakeman made a motion approving the Christmas Spirit Lighting Contest with prizes of 1st: \$50.00; 2nd: \$30.00 and 3rd: \$20.00, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale MC

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.