

VILLAGE OF DAWSON
January 9, 2023 MINUTES

The Dawson Village Board Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dee Smith at 7:00 p.m. and followed by the pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees present were: Trustees Robin Ashton-Hale, Jake Byerline, Josh Nibbe, Nancy Prytherch and Terri Davis-Anderson were present. Also present were Mayor Dee Smith, Treasurer Jody Prytherch and Clerk Lynda Files. Trustee Jeremy Bounds and Attorney Steve Scott were absent. Kevin Kunz, Tyler Abbott and Robin Malloy, Auditor, were also in attendance.

The Village auditor, Robin Malloy, of Pehlman & Dold, P.C. passed out copies of the recently performed annual audit to each Board member. She reported that Jody did an excellent job preparing the needed information and that everything looked good. She had no questions to submit regarding the audit.

MINUTES: Robin made a motion to approve the December minutes and Jake seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

BILLS: Nancy made a motion to accept the bills and Robin seconded motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jody distributed and highlighted the balances in each account with the Board. She reported the Village has received Disbursement #9 for the new water plant and reported what bills needed to be paid from the proceeds. Robin made a motion to pay the bills and Josh seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

PUBLIC FORUM: Jimmy Britz appeared and requested an adjustment on his water bill for an outside leak in his yard which he has repaired. Terri made motion to approve and Jake seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes. A water adjustment request was received from Marsha Romadka regarding a fixed bathroom leak. Robin made motion to approve and Josh seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Smith reported on the Garrett House @ 301 Main. The property and house are being sold for the taxes on it June 14, 2023. However, because it is a health endangerment, the Village has the authority to demolish it and recover the cost of demolition through the tax sale.

The Mayor also reported receiving a request from Tri-City High School requesting a donation for the Tri-City After Prom celebration. After discussion, Jake made a motion to approve \$100.00 donation and Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

The Mayor presented the Board with an opportunity to purchase a used bucket truck for the Village. It is old and not great looking, however, all the mechanical items are in great shape. The price is \$3,000 but when checking out similar trucks with the same criteria, this is a good and reasonable price. The advantage to having a bucket truck is that it would be very useful in putting up the Xmas and Flags for holidays and also for cutting tree limbs at the park. It could be used for anything that would require our workmen to be raised off the ground. They currently climb on the bucket of the end-loader. Jake made a motion to approve the purchase and Robin seconded the motion. Motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 voting present. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Kevin Kuhn was in attendance and reported the river bore project is now complete. He told us the Village needed to pay Petersburg Plumbing their charges and the engineering charges for the project and then put in our request for the grant money for reimbursement. Petersburg Plumbing will grade and reseed the area. It will be the same process for this project. We pay Petersburg plumbing for the reseeding and then we can request grant for reimbursement. The amounts due are Petersburg Plumbing & Heating \$209,102.00 and the engineering fees are \$27,500.00. Terri made the motion to pay Petersburg Plumbing and Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes. Robin made motion to pay Kuhn & Trello \$27,500.00 and Jake seconded. Motion carried with all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS: The Board discussed again putting a limit to one water bill adjustment per year for leaks in their home water system. Some discussion followed and it was decided the Board will think about how this should be done and discuss further.

TRUSTEE'S REPORTS: NONE

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Steve Scott was absent, however, he sent and requested the Board to act on Ordinance No. 2023-VOD-001. This Ordinance is repealing the Pit Bull dog code. It states that rather than a special section for their own breed of dogs, Pit Bulls would be accountable under the animal safety ordinances used for all animals. Robin made motion to pass and Terri seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

NEW WATER PLANT CONSTRUCTION: Tyler reported everything moving along. At this time they are working on the electrical wiring inside the plant.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor touched base on the biking/walking trail that was briefly touched on last month. Engineer Kunz explained how the program would work. They had recently completed one in Williamsville. The Village would pay for the project and they would request ITEP grant money from the state to reimburse the Village. A bike trail would be eligible for the grant. He did say the Village would pay approx. 20% of cost. First thing would be to have the engineer accept an application. He would proceed doing the study and reporting to us what it would involve and give an estimate on the cost, etc. This would cost the Village \$5,000 and not covered by a grant. It was also noted that perhaps Buffalo would be interested in sharing cost if it went from Dawson to Buffalo. The Mayor said he would like more discussion and come up with plan to find out what the residents of the Village think. Basically, would they use one if we had one.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the Mayor requested a motion for adjournment. Jake made motion and Josh seconded the motion. Motion carried and adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

DATE: _____

Lynda Files, Clerk

