

VILLAGE OF DAWSON

JULY 10, 2023 BOARD 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 Nancy Prytherch, Terri Davis-Anderson, Josh Young , Jeremy Bounds and Jake Byerline. Also present were Mayor Dee Smith, Treasurer Jody Prytherch, Attorney Steve Scott and Clerk Lynda Files.

MINUTES: Jeremy made a motion to accept the June minutes and Jake seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

BILLS: Terri made motion to accept the minutes and Josh seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jody went over the monthly report and presented the report for Disbursement #17 on the new water plant and bills that will be paid with it. Terri made motion to pay Disbursement #17 bills and Nancy seconded the motion.

PUBLIC FORUM: Connie Tozer appeared to discuss the street gravel situation. She and others think the gravel used is dusty and has a smell to it. There also are some bumpy spots. Some of the intersections have been leveled out and board members and Connie both thought that situation was better. The Mayor reported that a new product was used this time mainly because it is better in the wintertime as far as snow and ice melting quicker, however, due to opinions the mayor has received, we would probably go back to the white rock the next time it is done.

Mike and Joy Summer requested a water bill adjustment due to having a leak, which has been repaired, and a high water usage. Jeremy motioned to approve an adjustment and Jake seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

Amanda Robinson and Mike King were on the agenda to appear regarding yard cleanup, however neither appeared. The Mayor will contact them.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

ENGINEER'S REPORT: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

TRUSTEE'S REPORTS: Terri reported she had received a complaint regarding someone on Main Street having a rooster. Roosters are not allowed in town, just up to ten chickens.

Jake reported there are three Bradford Pear Trees in the park that have succumbed to fire blight. Since there is no cure for this and it only continues to rot the tree, he thought we should check into having them removed.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT : Attorney Scott presented Ordinance No. 2023-VOD-002, Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for approval. He proceeded to go over it section by section and ask for the Board's approval. Jake made the motion to approve it and Jeremy seconded the motion. Motion approved by all ayes.

NEW WATER PLANT CONSTRUCTION: Mayor Dee reported the new plant is scheduled to be completed and operating sometime in August.

MAYOR'S REPORT : The Mayor reported he had received a bid from Kresse Tree Service for branch pickup for the Village. The bid was \$5,600. The first pickup was right after the storm so our Village would like nicer and not be an issue for our firework celebration but he will do another pickup the week of July 17<sup>th</sup>. This would be the final branch pickup. A motion to accept the bid was made by Nancy and seconded by Terri. The motion passed with all ayes.

The Mayor then addressed two houses that need to be demolished in the Village. The Garret home has been purchased by the County for back taxes as of the middle of June. Attorney Scott will look into how we go about getting approval to demolish. The Mayor has gotten an estimate on cost of demolition and it was \$8,500. He did say that we have enough money in the ARPA account to cover the cost of doing so.

He then discussed the vacancy we have on the Board for one Board member. He had a few ideas of who to ask and also Mike Tanner appeared at the meeting to say he would be interested in filling the position. This will be done before the next Board meeting.

He next touched on the field workers that will be staying at the former PJ's. He has heard of many stories being spread and some facebook comments regarding this issue. He has talked with the company that purchased the house and got details. He reported to the Mayor there would be 15 to 20 workers staying there approximately 5 weeks a year. They are doing field work for Behr (DeKalb) 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m during that time. They are there now and no close residents have reported any problems.

ADJOURNMENT: With everything being covered, the Mayor called for a motion to adjourn. Nancy made the motion and Josh seconded it. Motion carried with all ayes. Meeting was dismissed at 7:55 p.m.

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Lynda Files, Clerk