

VILLAGE OF DAWSON

NOVEMBER 6, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: 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, Teri Davis-Anderson, and Denise “Dee” Hartley. Josh Young and Jake Byerline were absent. Also present were Mayor Dee Smith, Treasurer Jody Prytherch, Attorney Steve Scott and Clerk Lynda Files. Superintendent of Water, Tyler Abbott was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United State of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MINUTES: Dee Hartley made the motion to accept the minutes as written and Nancy approved. Motion passed with all ayes.

BILLS: Jeremy made motion to approve the bills and Teri made the second. Motion passed with all ayes.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Jody distributed and went over the reports with the board members. She presented four requests for water adjustments. They were from Jacob Robertson, Charlie Cook, Jonathan Smothers and Nyssa Rhodes. The Mayor treated them as a group and Jeremy made the motion to approved the adjustments and Nancy seconded the motion. Motion passed with all ayes.

PUBLIC FORUM: Jennifer Bleisner appeared questioning what could be done regarding neighbors playing extremely loud music both morning and all night. After consulting the Village attorney he reported it would fall under the Village Ordinance of disturbing the peace and nusicense with a maximum of \$150 fine issued by the courts. The Mayor will be preparing and delivering a letter for the resident abusing this ordinance. The complaints have come for several area residents of this home.

Also appearing was Matt Olgesby from area of Walnut Street and trailer park area. He was complaining about vehicles speeding on Walnut and basically all over town. He was wanting extra coverage by Buffalo police which is not feasible. However, the Mayor said he will call the County Police to see if they could come to Dawson on regular rounds to check speeds, etc. They have done that in the past. Mr. Olgesby also suggested a stop sign at the entrance of the trailer park or speed bumps installed. Children wait there for the school bus and he is concerned for their safety.

NEW BUSINESS: Brian Rodger requested a building permit for an addition to his home at 318 Constant. He has filled out papers, presented drawings and paid the fee. Nancy made the motion to approve the permit and Jeremy seconded the motion. Motion passed with all ayes.

Jody as received notice that Doxo Company (they process bank card payments for a few water customers) has changed their procedure and we would need to provide them with the Village’s bank account information instead of them sending us a check. After discussion it was decided we did not want to give out that information so they would have to either send us a check and discontinue their service to the village.

ENGINEER’S REPORT: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

TRUSTEE'S REPORTS: NONE

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:Attorney Scott distributed fact sheets from the Illinois Municipal League regarding "Paid League for All Workers Act"to all board members. He also passed out copies of Ordinance No. 2023-VOD-004 to everyone. Dee Harley made the motion to approve the Ordinance and Teri seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW WATER PLANT CONSTRUCTION:

MAYOR'S REPORT :The has received no reply regarding the demolition of the house at 209 Main Street. He will send a certified letter to the owner regarding this.

Again this year the Village will participate in a Christmas lighting contest. The prizes are 1st place \$100, second place \$75 and third place \$50. It will take place December 16, 2023 by judges unknown to Dawson. The Board asked to make motion which was done by Dee Hartley and seconded by Nancy. Motion passed with all ayes. Tyler Abbott also said the annual Christmas parade through the Village will also be on December 16 @ approx. 6:00 p.m.

The Village has been asked for a donation for the Tri-City High School after-prom celebration . The mayor suggested \$100 if the Board approved. Jeremy made motion to approve and Nancy seconded. Motion carried.

The Village has received a bid on park lawn maintenance from TruGreen. The Mayor feels that the Village maintenance would be cheaper with us doing our own seeding, fertilizer etc. which would be much less expensive. Dee made a resolution to change this procedure and Teri seconded. Motion carried. The bid for the four trees that need removal at the park has been received for \$6,200. He asked for a motion to approve the bid. Nancy made motion to accept and Teri seconded the motion. Passed with all ayes. Mayor Dee said most of the cost could be paid by the Motor Fuel Fund.

ADJOURNMENT: The Mayor requested an adjournment to go into executive session. Dee made the motion and Nancy seconded. Motion carried.

Regular Board Meeting was resumed at 8:40 with Mayor Dee Smith calling order. The Mayor briefly discussed the Retirement Plan for the Village. He suggested a retirement study be done for a cost of \$709. Teri made the motion and Jeremy seconded the motion.

Regular meeting was adjourned at 8:40

DATE: _____

Lynda Files, Clerk

