

VILLAGE OF DAWSON

AUGUST 7, 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, Teri Davis-Anderson, Josh Young , Jeremy Bounds. Also present were Mayor Dee Smith, Treasurer Jody Prytherch, Attorney Steve Scott and Clerk Lynda Files.

MINUTES: Jeremy made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Nancy seconded the motion. Motion passed with all ayes.

BILLS: Teri made the motion to accept the July bills and Nancy seconded the motion. Motion passed with all ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jody presented the treasurer's report and went through it with the board members.

PUBLIC FORUM: Claude Moss requested an adjustment to his water bill for a water leak which has been repaired. Motion made by Teri to accept and approve the adjustment with Nancy seconding the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

William Mitchell, a student at Tri-City School appeared and presented his plan for a chili cook-off at the library on April 20, 2024 to earn money as a fundraiser for a bike trail between Dawson and Buffalo. The Mayor explained to him that the board had discussed this idea a while back and tho his plan was great and it was wonderful he was taking the initiative, the cost of that project would involve more money than fundraisers are capable of achieving. He suggested maybe a smaller organization, like baseball equipment or anything for a village that involves a smaller investment.

NEW BUSINESS: The Mayor has been looking into replacing the Village's dump truck. The one we use now was purchased used and is a 1986 truck. It has much rust on the movable parts and leaks oil. He has found one at Landmark Ford in Springfield, which is a 2023 Ford Truck S-DTY F-550, that fit our needs perfectly and within the Village's budget at approximately \$87,000.00. The Water Department would pay half and the Village would finance the remainder. He is checking into the financing percent as he was quoted 6 to 8% and he and the Board thought maybe we could get a lower rate. We would also need to purchase the framework for a snowplow on it which is approx. \$600. Our snowplow blade is fairly new and It would fit the frame. Subject to finance arrangements that the Mayor is checking on, the Board approved the purchase. Jeremy made the motion to approve the purchase and Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

TRUSTEE'S REPORTS: NONE

ATTORNEY'S REPORT : Attorney Scott presented Ordinance No. 2023-VOD-003 which is an ordinance for the levy and assessment of taxes for corporate purposes. He went over the ordinance with the Board and asked for their approval. The Mayor requested motion to pass the Ordinance which Teri made the motion and Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

The Mayor asked attorney for some guidelines on demolishing two houses in Dawson. Steve went over what ordinances we have and some of the rules we would need to follow to do so.

NEW WATER PLANT CONSTRUCTION: The Mayor reported new water plant coming right along. Some of the back flushing, etc. have the been tested along with other tests. Their company did delay the training of village workmen's training for couple of weeks. Internet has been installed. We do need a fire hydrant installed at the location which will cost approx. \$7,000. We need it not only for safety but also it is needed in the processing of flushing the water into pump. Teri made the motion to purchase fire hydrant and Josh seconded it. Motion passed with all ayes. E.L. Pruitt has been contracted to install the hydrant. They will pay prevailing wages to their workmen. Disbursement #18 has been received and Jody reported which bills will be paid with it.

MAYOR'S REPORT : Mayor went over the branch pickup after the severe storm we had. He reported everyone seemed pleased and he thought they did an excellent job in the removal. Said the Village has not received a bill yet but assumes it will be the amount of bid, \$5,600, which Board has already approved.

The Mayor reported he had talked to Denise (Dee) Hartley regarding filling the vacant board member position. She would be appointed by the Mayor until the next municipal election takes place. He asked for her approval and Teri made the motion to accept and Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes of attending board members.

The Mayor reported he had thought about delaying replacement of Casey Wood on the Dawson Maintenance Crew, however, with the training coming up on the new water plant feels it would be to the Village's advantage to go ahead and replace the position. He will hire Brandon Drew (a member of our Volunteer Fire Department). Jeremy made the motion to approve hiring of Brandon and Josh seconded the motion. Motion passed with all ayes.

The Mayor is looking into splitting the salary of the Board Members so that some of the amount would be paid out of the water fund account. He is checking into it but wanted to inform the board members.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to conduct, the Mayor requested motion to adjourn. Jeremy made the motion and Nancy seconded. Motion carried with all ayes and meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Lynda Files, Clerk

