

VILLAGE OF DAWSON

MARCH 2, 2020 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: Teri Anderson, Jake Byerline, Robin Ashton-Hale, Nancy Prytherch and Josh Nibbe. Jeremy Bounds was absent. Also present were Mayor Dee Smith, Attorney Steve Scott, Treasurer Jo D. Prytherch and Clerk Lynda Files.

MINUTES: Nancy Prytherch made the motion to accept the minutes and Jake Byerline seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BILLS: Josh Nibbe made a motion to accept the bills and Nancy Prytherch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Jo D. Prytherch presented the February budget to the Board and went through it page by page with the Board Members.

PUBLIC FORUM: Judy Bowlby appeared to request a water adjustment for a water leak she has had repaired. Teri made the motion to approve the adjustment and Jake Byerline seconded the motion. The Board approved the adjustment. James Standish also appeared for a water bill adjustment for which extensive repair was needed and performed. Robin made a motion to approve the adjustment and Nancy seconded the motion. It was also approved by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS: The Village's Auditor, Robin Malloy from Pehlman & Dold was present and submitted copies of the audit to all Board Members. She went through each report and explained the figures with the Board members. She commented the Village is doing an excellent job in balancing the budget with savings and expenditures. She did have just a couple of pointers that should be incorporated in our reports to them.

Mayor Smith reported the ice machine that Todd Byers had donated to the Village quit working. After inspection it was discovered the compressor needed to be replaced which was not feasible because of the age of the machine. He is working on getting estimates for a new one not quite as large. It was used by all of Dawson's events and in the long run saved money on purchasing bags of ice. The Mayor requested the Board approve money to purchase a replacement. The Board agreed with a limit of \$3,000 for a replacement. Robin made the motion to accept and Josh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

TRUSTEE'S REPORTS: Jake Byerline reported that Loretta Parrish had reported to him that while plowing snow the crew moved some dirt into a pile which she would like help spreading out. Mayor Smith said workers will take care of it.

Josh Nibbe also reported that baseball will be played at the Village Park this Spring starting in May and he pointed out some maintenance work that needs done to the field. Josh also reported that the pitching mound needs to be replaced. The mayor and Josh will get together and go over what needs done.

Mayor Smith said the low hanging wire that was reported last month has been taken care of. Ameren came out and raised it so as not to be a safety hazard.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Scott presented copies of the First Amendment to Lease between the Village of Dawson and the Dawson Fire Protection District that was discussed in the Board Meeting in February to be signed and stamped. It waives rent being charged to the Fire Protection District for a term of five years beginning March 1, 2020 to help them pay for external heart defibrillator equipment for use in emergency response services to citizens of the Dawson Fire District.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Smith reported that there will be a need to hire another maintenance employee for this summer. He reported there is lots of maintenance work around the Village on the agenda to be done in warmer weather and two men is not adequate. This will be discussed in more detail later.

Mayor Dee has received a quote from Tru-Green for the spraying, fertilizing, etc. of the Dawson Village Park. It was for \$343.36. He asked for a motion to approve this. Robin-Ashton Hale made a motion to approve and Nancy Prytherch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fire Department also notified the Mayor that the camera in their board room can be accessed through cell phones, both voice and pictures. They requested permission to use the Village Board Room to hold their executive session meetings when they have them usually a couple of times a year. Everyone agreed as long as room wasn't already in use, it would be fine.

Joe Tarr did not attend the board meeting so Attorney Scott will continue the eminent domain paperwork.

It was noted that the water plant's rubber roof has a leak that will need to be repaired. They are in the process of getting bids for repair.

Mayor Dee also checked with the Board to see if any of the board members were interested in attending the cannabis seminar, sponsored by the Illinois Municipal League, coming up in May. If so, they are to contact him to make reservations.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the Mayor called for a motion to adjourn. Nancy Prytherch made the motion and Jake Byerline seconded the motion. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Lynda Files, Clerk

