

VILLAGE OF DAWSON

SEPTEMBER 11, 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. A moment of silence followed in memory of the September 11th attacks on our country.

Trustees present were Nancy Prytherch, Terri Davis-Anderson, Josh Young, Jeremy Bounds and Jake Byerline. Also present were Mayor Dee Smith, Treasurer Jody Prytherch, Clerk Lynda Files and Tyler Abbott.

The first order of business was swearing in of Denise (Dee) Hartley to her appointment as a member of the Dawson Village Board. She took the oath and was sworn in to replace Josh Nibbe after his resignation to become an employee of the Village.

MINUTES: Jeremy made a motion to accept the August minutes and Dee Hartley seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jody went over the monthly report and account balances. She presented the report for Disbursement #19 on the new water plant and bills that will be paid with it. Terri made motion to pay Disbursement #19 bills and Nancy seconded the motion.

PUBLIC FORUM: The Board had four requests for adjustments in water billings for high water bills from repaired leaks. Debbie Nevill requested adjustment. Teri made motion to approve with a second by Nancy. Motion carried. The second one was from Donald Wulf. On his it was found one of the pipe that the Village had installed was leaking so they did the repair. Josh made motion to approve adjustment and Jake seconded. Motion carried with all ayes. Third one was from Juan Manuel Garcia. Dee Hartley made motion to approve and Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried. The fourth one was from Robert F. Dennison. Jeremy made motion to approve and Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: The Mayor passed out Cybersecurity Awareness Training packets provided by Illinois Municipal League to be read by all employees and Board Members, signed and turned back in to Jody.

The next new business was the Village purchasing a John Deere Mini Hoe. The Mayor presented information on a John Deere 35G Compact Excavator. The cost is \$49,882.39. We would also need a trailer to haul it. Our old one will not hold that much weight. The Village has the money for the trailer in the General Fund. The cost of the trailer is \$7,250.00. The Mayor said this would pretty much complete the update our 20 to 25 year old outdated equipment. Jeremy made a motion to approve the purchase and Jake seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

Austin and Schentel Roth applied for a building permit to build a chicken house. They met all the distancing requirements and paid the fee to the Village. Jake made a motion to approve request and Josh seconded the motion. Motion passed with all ayes.

Jeremy Bounds requested a building permit for his new home being built at 610 Ledlie Street in Dawson. He presented all the necessary papers and diagrams with measurements which were in guidelines. He also paid the fee required. Teri made the motion to approve the request and Jake seconded. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

TRUSTEE'S REPORTS: Teri reported she had attended a meeting at the library in Buffalo regarding the bike/walking trail between Dawson and Buffalo. It was organized by William Mitchell and Teri reported the turnout was really good. There is another meeting at the library on October 7th @ 10 a.m. She reported there is also a facebook page called Interurban Trail Project.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT :

NEW WATER PLANT CONSTRUCTION: Everything is going well in finishing up, just odds and ends to take care of. Engineers are sending water samples to state for approval in the next week.

MAYOR'S REPORT : Per the IML, the board needs to designate the old dump truck and the two trailers the Village are selling as surplus property before we can sell them. Jake made the motion to do so and Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

The Mayor discussed yard waste, growing weeds, abandoned vehicles, etc.that are not being cleaned up. He has talked to some violators with no avail so beginning immediately those homes will be sent certified letters, copies of Village ordinances that have been on the books for years and what actions will be taken if not done within 30 days. He also asked the Board if he can mail those letters out without having to wait for a meeting to get their approval. The Board all agreed that would be fine. Josh made the motion to approve and Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Dee has received several inquiries whether "barndominiums" are approved to build if they purchased a vacant lot in Dawson. He didn't feel they could be but there are no ordinances regarding that. He and the Board decided to table the issue until more research could be done on them.

He reported that Pat Whalen did the final walk through on the work done with the River grant.

The Mayor reported that when Well #3 was pulled, it came apart and is no good. The well has been there since 1980. He will look for grant money to replace it and paint the water tower.

ADJOURNMENT: With nothing further to cover, the Mayor called for a motion to adjourn. Nancy made the motion and Jake seconded it. Motion carried with all ayes. Meeting was dismissed at 7:55 p.m.

DATE: _____

Lynda Files, Clerk

