

VILLAGE OF DAWSON
MAY 4, 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: Jeremy Bounds, Teri Anderson, Jake Byerline, Robin Ashton-Hale and Josh Nibbe. Also present were Mayor Dee Smith, Attorney Steve Scott, Treasurer Jo D. Prytherch and Clerk Lynda Files.

MINUTES: Motion to accept the minutes for the March board meeting was made by Jake Byerline and seconded by Josh Nibbe. Motion carried. There were no minutes for the April board meeting date since it was cancelled due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

BILLS: Motion to accept the bills for March was made by Robin Ashton-Hale and seconded by Jake Byerline. Motion carried. A motion to accept the bills for April was made by Jake Byerline and seconded by Jeremy Bounds. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jody, our Treasurer, submitted and went over individual budget charts answering any questions the board members had. She also presented a list of revenues by source anticipated to be received.

PUBLIC FORUM: The board had two requests for water bill adjustments. Because of Covid-19 the Mayor did not require them to come in person but presented issues to the Board. The first one was for Pat Pettit who had a leak under her house and had it repaired. Jake Byerline made a motion to approve the adjustment and Robin Ashton-Hale seconded the motion. Motion Carried. The second request for a water leak adjustment was from Jerad Woosley. The leak has been repaired. Jeremy Bounds made a motion to approve the adjustment. Robin Ashton Hale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: The Mayor informed the Board that another maintenance employee was needed to be added. He has several projects that he wants to do in the future plus this new employee would also learn duties performed at the water plant. He has been talking to Casey Wood that resides in Riverton for the job which Casey wants and has applied for. Mayor Dee thinks he would be an excellent employee for the position. Robin made a motion to accept and Josh seconded the motion. This would be pending Casey's approval of his background check.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: It was discussed if we would participate in a celebration on "Zip Code meets Date" day on June 25th as we had previously planned and approved. It is too late for the Post Office to order and receive the stamps they were going to use with Dawson, IL and the picture logo as planned. The company they order from has closed because of Covid-19. It was agreed we would just wait and play by ear any changes to Governor Pritzler's rules closer to the date. We would have to adhere to the 10 and under people gathering if rule isn't lifted. If we do celebrate, an announcement will be on the LED Board at the entrance to Dawson.

TRUSTEE'S REPORTS: NONE

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Steve Scott passed out copies of the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. Steve went over each item noting which ones increased or decreased for the coming year along with giving the reasons for doing so. He noted some of the larger increases were due to the new water plant project such as engineering costs, legal fees, equipment and land acquisition, etc. It is also anticipated that the water

tower will need painting. Motion to accept the ordinance was made by Terri Anderson and seconded by Jake Byerline. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Dee reported all final legal paperwork for the purchase of the land to build Dawson's new water plant have been finalized. The engineers can now proceed with getting bids, etc. Anticipated completion date of the plant is December, 2021.

The mayor also announced Bill Lee, Officer of Emergency Management, complimented Dawson on how quickly the Fire Department acted on the storm that went through Dawson last week. There was a funnel cloud on the ground observed close to the Village.

The Mayor discussed the cancellation of the All Town Garbage Pick-up. He has talked with Waste Management and they told him as soon as they thought it was safe, it would be rescheduled.

He also asked the Board to be thinking about our present rules on water leak adjustments. This will be discussed in the June meeting and what changes are needed to our present rules.

The Mayor also discussed the vacate house on Ledlie. The Village has received no replies from any correspondence we have sent to the corporation last listed as owners of the property. Attorney Scott suggested we mail a letter, certified mail, informing them of Ordinances pertaining to the property. Liens will be placed on the property if the Village continues the yard upkeep.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further issues, Mayor Smith asked for an motion to adjourn. Robin Ashton-Hale made the motion and Jake Byerline seconded the motion to adjourn. The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

DATE: May 6, 2020

Lynda Files, Clerk