

**Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of October 23, 2006**

Call to Order

- President Manning called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call

- Village Clerk, Cynthia Kramer, called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Steven Gudgel, Phillip Thompson, Tom Bowen, Joette Manning, Jeff Thomas and Bill Miller
- Trustees absent: None
- Also in attendance: Police Chief Bowsher, Treasurer Glenn Smith, Todd Renfrow, General Manager, Springfield City Water, Light & Power, Tom Skelly, Water Division Manager, Springfield City Water, Light & Power

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- Todd Renfrow, General Manager, Springfield City Water, Light & Power, Tom Skelly, Water Division Manager, Springfield City Water, Light & Power. Mr. Renfrow was the primary speaker stating that he favors the construction of Lake Springfield II/Hunter Lake over other options. Renfrow stated he thought the EPA review would be done early next week sometime and the Army Corp of Engineers decision should be rendered January 2006. The Corp will not issue a permit until the EPA issues a permit. However, depending on decisions, permits could be issued early next year. Once permit/s are issued, we can sit down and talk stated Renfrow. Tom Skelly did bring up the subject of Pawnee's sewer treatment plant saying that at some point in the future that plant is going to have to change, adding that Pawnee's land application option, applying treated wastewater directly to an area of crop land, would eliminate a need for an NPDES Permit, and that is certainly one way to correct the situation. However, Virden may not be able to do that. At this point Trustee Phillip made known his displeasure that the EPA sent a copy of the EPA letter to the village regarding NPDES Permit information to City Water, Light & Power and the Springfield Metro Sanitary District. Thompson questioned if all other communities with a water treatment lagoon system would get the same type of letters and would a copies of those letters also be sent to Springfield. Trustee Steven Gudgel asked why they (Renfrow and Skelly) did not attend the September 11 Village Board meeting as expected. Renfrow replied he too was surprised the Springfield entities received copies of the EPA letter and that missing the September meeting was due to an error. Renfrow readdressed why he preferred the Lake II option stating the Lake II would be an extra supply of water for surrounding communities that may need water. As far as Springfield is concerned, we could cut off Rochester or Loami in case of drought, but we don't want to do that. Trustee Bowen asked about development or industry around Lake II. He was told by Mr. Skelly that there is an ordinances, one states no development while the other states "nature enhancement". Trustee Thompson also asked about the rate for flood water reduction. Mr. Renfrow and Mr. Skelly departed at 7:30 p.m. after thanking the board for allowing them to attend.

Clerk's Comments

- Motor Fuel Transactions and Allotments for the month for September 2006 is \$5,939.25
- Minutes of October 9, 2006 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Miller to approve the minutes of October 9, 2006 with noted spelling correction (Dix to Dicks)
Second by Trustee Gudgel
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Manning-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)

Budget Comparison & Investment Report: Village Treasurer, Glenn Smith

- The September 2006 Budget Comparison and Investment Report as presented for approval.

Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve the September 2006 Budget Comparison and Investment Report as presented.

Second by Trustee Manning

Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Manning-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes

Motion Carried (6-0)

- Treasurer Smith noted that everything is in line and that C.D's come due November 13, 2006.

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning

- Sixty-four (64) "red" utility in arrear letters went out, which is about average.
- The village received the annual leak survey (natural gas). It will be left in the office for those who may want to read it.

Park Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning

- The article regarding the playground equipment installation work day is ready for the paper. The call to JULIE has been made. She stated she contacted the installation supervisor and the amount of concrete needed was figured. Pawnee Lumber and Hardware donated 10 bags of concrete and the village will order 110 more bags from them as they met the price quoted by Lowe's. To date, twenty (20) volunteers have signed up for the work day. The Pawnee Assembly of God has a group of people to come and help so we will be able to serve lunch in two shifts. The Pawnee Assembly will also donate water for the volunteer workers. Volunteers should arrive at the park at 8 a.m. The installation supervisor said we could use high school students as volunteers. Trustee Manning spoke to Jennifer Harris at the high school regarding student use. The village is encouraging people, families to come and help.
- Treasurer Smith stated he received the invoice for the playground equipment and questioned whether he should pay or hold depending on installation. Trustee Manning Trustee told him to send a check.

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

- Bills Payable was presented for approval.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve bills payable as presented for October 19, 2006
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Manning-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (4-0)
- Chief Bowsher lost one part-time dispatcher. She has placed an ad in the paper which will run for a couple of weeks. The Personnel Committee will meet at a future date. In the meantime Bob Earley is still on the payroll and we will have some fall back there

Streets, Alleys and Sidewalk Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

- Committee Chair Bowen asked trustees to see handout regarding bids received for the purchase of a new skid steer loader. Employees were able to demo Bobcat, John Deere and Caterpillar units. Bids were received from Bobcat of Springfield, John Deere-Stevens Implement, Komatsu-Roland Machinery, Case-McCann and Caterpillar-Altofer-Springfield. We also wanted a planer and bids were submitted by Bobcat, John Deere, Case and Caterpillar. Bobcat submitted the low bid of \$31,498.00 for the loader and the second lowest bid for the planer, 40" with high flow which is what we need, at \$16, 941.70. We will sell the old Bobcat and expect to receive approximately \$12,000 for it. We budgeted \$45,000 for the purchase and if we sell the old Bobcat, we will come in right at budget.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to accept the low bid for a skid steer loader and the bid for a 40" planer with high flow from Bobcat of Springfield for a total cost of \$48, 439.70.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Manning-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Miller

- Neither Chairman Miller nor Chief Bowsher had reports to give. Chairman Miller noted that the Flu Shot Clinic to be held at the Pawnee Fire Station was postponed and should be rescheduled within two to three weeks.

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- The phone company bored threw a sewer line and the phone company is taking care of that issue.
- A pump went down and it has been repaired.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- Nothing to report at this time

Unfinished Business/Correspondence

- None

New Business/Correspondence

- None

Mayor's Comments

- Read thank-you note from Pawnee Lions Gary Starr
- Reminded trustees to stay in communication; if you (trustees) are unable to attend a scheduled committee meeting, to please notify other committee members prior to the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Trustee Miller to adjourn the meeting

Second by Trustee Bowen

Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-6, Nays-0

Motion Carried (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m. on Monday, October 23, 2006. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, November 13, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

. Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer
Village Clerk