

**Village of Pawnee  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of December 11, 2006**

**Call to Order**

- President Manning called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Roll Call**

- Village Clerk, Cynthia Kramer, called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Steven Gudgel, Tom Bowen, Phillip Thompson, Joette Manning, Jeff Thomas and Bill Miller
- Also in attendance: Police Chief Bowsher, Pawnee ESDA Coordinator Cecil Mathews

**Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s**

- Pawnee UMC Pastor Troy Benitone, Pawnee Ministerial Alliance, attorney Alex Rabin

**Clerk's Comments**

- Motor Fuel Allotment and Transactions for December 2006 is \$6,697.51
- Minutes of November 27, 2006 were presented for review and approval.  
Motion made by Trustee Miller to approve the minutes of November 27, 2006 as presented.  
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)

**Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning**

- The Gas and Water Committee did not meet Thursday evening, Dec. 7 due to a lengthy Finance Committee meeting. The water tower has been cleaned again and a video tape of the cleaning is available at the shop for viewing. The village has received some complaints about the watering tasting once again, less than good. We received a letter dated Nov. 29 of this year from the Otter Lake Water Commission, they noticed the change. It looks as though the algae that started to die out have started to come back. The commission sent off water samples for testing approximately two weeks ago. The raw lake sample was 66; the finished sample was 8.5 however some people can detect the taste with a low of 5.0. The Commission is feeding carbonate at the highest level they have available hoping this is a short-lived situation. The reason we had a boil order during the ice storm was due to an interruption the electrical signal and the village is going to purchase something to prevent that in the future.

**Park Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning**

- No report given.

**Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen**

- Approval to hire part time dispatcher  
Motion made by Trustee Bowen, as recommended by the Personnel Committee, to accept the application of Jennifer Morfey for the part-time dispatch position with an effective start date of December 18, 2006  
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)
- Bills Payable was presented for approval.  
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to accept the bills payable as presented for Friday, Dec. 8, 2006  
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)

Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve Ordinance 06-07, An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Village of Pawnee, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2006 and Ending April 30, 2007

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)

Motion made by Trustee Bowen, to permit Treasurer Glenn Smith, due to the fact the board will not meet Monday, December 25, to pay bills (without prior approval). The board will approve at the first meeting in January.

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)

- Finance Committee met with a couple of representatives from AFLAC Thursday evening. Bowen called it supplemental insurance. This is something the village itself would not offer but would do a payroll deduction. AFLAC will provide the village with some informational flyers which will be included in outgoing paychecks. Employees may attend a group informational meeting on Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. If any employee/s are interested, the representatives will return for sign-up on Dec. 21

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

- Regarding bids for the used Bobcat, the ad is going to South County for Thursday publication. The bidding process starts at \$12,500 and the machine only has 415 hours on it. Bids must be in no later than Thursday, January 4, 2007 close of business (4 p.m.) Will open and review bids at the January 8, 2007 board meeting.
- Regarding limb pick-up assistance following the ice storm. When speaking to village employees, they stated they could handle the pick-up. However, we do ask that residents do not pile limbs in the street but to the side of the street as not to hamper traffic or snow removal if needed. It may take four to six weeks to get all the limbs picked-up, but pick-up will get done. The village will also suspend the new hours for disposal of yard waster and the gates will be open, even on weekends, through Jan. 15.
- Bowen asks Cecil if he spoke to Jake Rettberg regarding the generator at the rear of the building. Cecil replied yes. Bowen stated he also spoke to him and that Rettberg is checking on the availability of parts. Rettberg must get back to us about what he can or cannot do.
- Mayor Manning questioned if there was financial help to offset the cost of storm clean-up. Trustee Steve Gudgel suggested the village contact David Butts, ESDA for that information. Trustee Jeff Thomas also stated he would check as well.

**Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Miller**

Motion made by Trustee Miller to approve the police report as presented.

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)

- Chief Bowsher stated she had finished her year term as President of the Central Illinois Association of Police Chiefs. She added that she had been asked by Jack Pecoraro if she would be willing to serve on two IACP Committees. She stated she would like to serve on the committees, in order to do so she requested permission to attend the IACP (Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police) Winter Training Conference to be held in Tinley Park, Illinois Jan. 5-8, 2007.

Motion made by Trustee Miller to permit Chief Bowsher to attend the IACP Winter Training Conference.

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)

**Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson**

- Nothing to report for the Sewer Committee. Thompson however thanked Chief Bowsher and her officers for helping him get his vehicle unstuck.

**Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel**

- Bob Britz Jr. sent in some plats, he wants to annex some property; possibly 1 to 10 acres off 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Rutledge into the village. Sent information to attorney Myers to have him draft resolution or ordinance as needed.

**Unfinished Business/Correspondence**

- Trustee Gudgel submitted the Village's Comprehensive Plan to Greene and Bradford for review and updating. Nothing has been returned as yet.
- President Manning read letter from Greene and Bradford in regards to the October 24, 2006 letter received from Tom Skelly, Water Division Manager, City Water Light & Power, Greene and Bradford counseled the village to send a very stern return letter noting that nothing has been removed from the bargaining table regarding Pawnee's sewerage treatment plant discharge location. Furthermore they suggested letters also be sent to IEPA, Corp of Engineers, all state and federal representatives and senators and to all aldermen and the Mayor of Springfield. Trustees approved of Greene's suggestion and will ask him to generate the letters.
- Attorney Alex Rabin stated the Scott property demolition matter will go before Judge Holmes at 10 a.m. on January 31, 2007.

**New Business/Correspondence**

- ESDA and recent ice storm: Mayor Manning, trustees, ESDA coordinator Cecil Mathews, and Troy Benitone of Pawnee Ministerial Alliance discussed what happened during the recent ice storm, why it happened, and what can be done to address these issues as well as others, such as new ideas and directions for emergency management. Steve Gudgel asked why the fire department did not open up, since the churches, especially the Assembly of God were without power. That question was left for discussion at another time. Benitone suggested developing a plan that would help people in the community basically during the first 36 hours of a disaster. Manning stated they needed to really look at the needs of the community, of Pawnee itself, to handle immediate community needs. Mayor Manning will meet with Trustee Jeff Thomas to review and revise the current plan, they will then meet with ESDA Coordinator Cecil Mathews and Greg DeBrun, and finally with the Ministerial Alliance as to develop a plan that would permit the community to become self-sufficient, especially during the first 36 hours of a disaster or emergency.

**Mayor's Comments**

- Received thank-you notes from the family of Marilyn Haney, Pawnee Police Officer Eric Bertoni and family, and the family of William Floyd

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion was made by Trustee Gudgel to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Trustee Thompson

Voice Vote Taken: Six ayes, 0 nays

Motion Carried (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 2006. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, January 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer  
Village Clerk