

**Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of August 14, 2006**

Call to Order

- President Manning called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call

- President Manning called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Steven Gudgel, Tom Bowen, Phillip Thompson, Joette Manning and Jeff Thomas
- Trustees absent: Bill Miller
- Also absent: Village Clerk Cynthia Kramer
- Also in attendance: Chief Bowsher, Village Attorney John Myers

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- No visitors present

Clerk's Comments

- Minutes of July 24, 2006 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Thompson to approve the minutes of July 24, 2006 with the correction of one typo.
Second by Trustee Thomas
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thompson-yes, Manning-yes and Thomas-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning

- The Fourth Street Water Main Replacement project, running from Carroll Street to Jefferson Street, has begun.
- There was a water main break at Ninth and Carroll Street this week. There was a boil order, which has been lifted.
- Trustee Bowen attended a meeting, since Manning could not attend, regarding the City of Taylorville's query about an intergovernmental agreement for emergency backup water supply. Trustee Bowen said the meeting lasted about fifteen minutes and consisted of the Taylorville Water District Board of Commissioners, several representatives from Tovey and several Taylorville residents. No one from the Otter Lake Water Commission attended. Taylorville wants the intergovernmental agreement between Taylorville and the Otter Lake Water Commission to allow for the wheeling of water, both ways, basically in case of an emergency. A group of three from Taylorville, the Mayor and two members of the Water Commission, will meet with the Otter Lake Commission. They will let Pawnee know when that meeting is scheduled. If Pawnee wants to attend, representative/s may do so. The meeting is basically to set up a fee structure/s and to discuss options relating to the proposed agreement.

Park Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning

- The playground equipment has been ordered from Fry & Associates and the total cost came in at \$31,266.44. Had to phone the company upon receiving specs for the playgrounds as a wrong roof was shown for the smaller children's playground unit. We had ordered a different roof to match the older children's unit. Will update board once we receive any information.
- Jeff Thomas reports he is able to get a post hole digger and a crane free of charge for installation of the playground equipment. He stated he would also talk to the lumber yard to see if they would be willing to donate Sakcrete for the project. If so, maybe the village can put up a sign at the park denoting their contribution as well as any other company, merchant, group or organization that donates equipment, tools, materials or time to the project.

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

- Regarding Personnel, summer help ends tomorrow, August 15. Bowen also asked attorney John Myers to remain for a few minutes following adjournment. The Personnel Committee would like to ask a few questions regarding the possible addition of "Domestic Partner" to employee insurance coverage.

- Bills Payable List was presented for approval.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to accept the bills payable as presented for Monday, August 14, 2006.
Second by Trustee Manning
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thompson-yes Manning-yes and Thomas-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

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

- Both Trustee Manning and Trustee Thomas reported to Bowen that the village received a few complaints about the rocked streets this year; they were dustier than usual. Bowen stated he would talk to Joe Green about what could have caused the problem.
- Nick Howard received the information about the skid-steer loader. This is something they (employees) requested to purchase and the cost will be shared by different departments. Bowen stated he would like to find at least six different dealers to bid. The current loader is about twenty years old.
- Five notification letters go out tomorrow, August 15, regarding weeds and lack of mowing. Bowen asks Myers about a complaint he received about a swimming pool. It is a smaller above ground pool filled halfway with water, no cover and appears non-functioning. Because of the stagnant standing water can I send a letter to the owners requesting they put a cover on the pool? Myers checked the Village ordinance and cited several sections that Trustee Bowen could site in a letter to the owners.
- Trustee Manning requests that the fall banners working towards Sept. 1 date.
- Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve Resolution 06-02, approving a request to Ameren/CIPS for additional street lights to be installed at the following locations, 701 Jefferson Street, 705 Washington Street and between 115 and 125 Second Street, Village of Pawnee
Second by Trustee Thomas
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thompson-yes, Manning-yes and Thomas-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Miller

- Chief Bowsher passes out monthly police report for review and approval. We had a residential burglary in town. Two juveniles and one adult were arrested. All items were recovered except for one Social Security Card. Officers did a very good job
Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to approve the monthly police report as presented.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thompson-yes, Manning-yes and Thomas-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)
- Chief Bowsher stated she had budgeted for and would like permission to purchase the following three items: 1-copier from Tom Day Business Machines (\$3122), 1-digital video/audio recording system ((\$3395) and 1-digital voice line system for phones and radios (\$2995) from Butch Pickett, Business Communications.
Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to approve purchase of a new copier from Tom Day and the purchase of a digital video/audio recording system and a digital voice line system from Business Communications in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thompson-yes, Manning-yes and Thomas-no. (Thomas stated that while he could approve the new copier and the digital voice line system he could not approve purchase of the digital video/audio recording system.)
Motion Carried (4-1)

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- In regards to the July 7, 2006 letter received from the IEPA regarding the Village water treatment plant and future licensing procedure; Village Engineer Joe Greene is still in process of drafting a letter of response to said letter and to the fact that EPA sent copies of said letter to City of Springfield and the Metro Sanitary District.
- Trustee Thompson read a written request from the Pawnee United Methodist Church to block off the west street of the square (Seventh Street) in order to hold a BBQ Bash on Sunday, September 10 at 12 noon on the square. The other three streets will remain open to traffic, while the west side will be blocked from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. This will be an all-you-can-eat BBQ buffet with games for the kids and other activities. The public will be invited to attend and proceeds from the event will be used to underwrite a church event. Trustees agreed to the request. Thompson then asked if any one would be

opposed to placing several porta-potties on the square for the event. Trustees were not opposed and Mayor Manning told Thompson to order two units and to have the bill sent to the Village.

- In talking with Gary (Eby) and Steve (Haney), they are worried about being able to reuse or utilize the old playground equipment as it may be very difficult to remove in tact due to the amount of concrete used to anchor it, but they will try to salvage as much equipment as possible.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- The Village was notified by letter that a village representative/s could attend a County Zoning Hearing regarding a request to put in a welding shed near Cotton Hill.
- The Donahue sign has been moved.
- Regarding zoning, President Manning said he recently spoke with attorney Alex Rabin and he is in the process of obtaining a court date re: Scott property.

Unfinished Business/Correspondence

- Sometime ago the village was asked to approve a ground water ordinance. Information was sent to Greene and Bradford for review and recommendation. The village received another inquiry regarding the request for the ordinance. President Manning suggested the board invite the gentleman to return and explain in greater detail why the request for a ground water ordinance was made.

New Business/Correspondence

- President Manning reads a letter of request from Pawnee Schools Athletic Director Don Smarjiassi who is raising funds to purchase a new outdoor sound system for the football/track and baseball/softball facilities. As of August 2, Mr. Smarjiassi had raised about \$2000 in pledges for the project. After a brief discussion, trustees opted to match the amount donated by the school.
Motion made by Trustee Manning to donate \$500 to the school for the sound system project.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-No (citing he would have preferred an in-person request, more information about system to be purchased), Bowen-yes, Thompson-yes, Manning-yes and Thomas-yes
Motion Carried (4-1)

Mayor's Comments

- North warning siren is still down. It is going to be expensive to repair, but we have money in the budget and it must be fixed. Butch (Pickett) is working on the siren.
- Received a very complimentary thank-you letter noting leadership and efforts made to make Pawnee a better place to live. However, the letter writer did request the village do something about the property located at 110 Washington Street as it has become unsightly with numerous problems. Previously the property owners opted not to take advantage of the IEMA Washington Street Flood Plain Buy-out. The board has discussed the Egnew property before and it is a complicated situation. President Manning asked attorney Myers for counsel. Attorney Myers suggested the village contact IEMA to see if there is money in the fund that could be used to buy out the property.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Trustee Gudgel to adjourn the meeting
Second by Trustee Thompson
Voice Vote Taken: five ayes, 0 nays
Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. on Monday, August 14, 2006. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, August 28, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer
Village Clerk