

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

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

- Village Clerk, Cynthia Kramer, called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Steve Gudgel, Tom Bowen, Phillip Thompson, Joette Manning and Jeff Thomas
- Trustee/s absent: Bill Miller
- Also present Police Chief Bowsher (Attorney John Myers arrived at 7:12 p.m. and visitor Don Smarjiassi arrived at 7:38 p.m.)

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- Jackie Murphy, acting as a representative for Pawnee Cub Scouts requested that Washington Street be closed to traffic from Fourth Street to First Street on Saturday, October 7, from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. for the annual Cub Scout Soap Box Derby. She also requested an EMT be present during the Derby. Trustees granted the request however she was told she needed to contact the Pawnee Fire Department in regards to obtaining an EMT for the event.
- Don Smarjiassi, Athletic Director for Pawnee Schools, spoke later in the meeting following the conclusion of committee reports. He thanked the village for its generosity towards the purchase of the new outdoor sound system for the school's athletic fields. He stated that he looked upon the new sound system not only as an enhancement for the school which hosts a number of athletic events through the school year including baseball and softball regional and sectional tournaments, but for the community as well as a number of non-school athletic events and the annual Fourth of July fireworks display are held at the school. He stated he was working on another project, the landscaping of the area in front of the concession stand. He also thanked the Pawnee Police Department for a job well done in solving a break-in and theft at the school and the follow-up through the court process.

Clerk's Comments

- Motor Fuel Transactions and Allotments for August 2006 was \$6,894.56
- Minutes of August 14, 2006 were presented for review and approval
Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to approve the minutes of August 14, 2006 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)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning

- Chairman Manning reported one (1) utility shut-off for the month. She noted that she and village office personnel, Treasurer Glenn Smith and Michele Featherstone, have been working with attorney John Myers to change the village's utility in arrears collection policy. The collection process has become very time consuming. As such, after determining a \$1000 cut-off, most of the bills will be turned over for collection.
- LHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) registration will be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, September 20, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.
- Trustee Jeff Thomas will attend the annual Gas Meeting beginning 8 a.m. Friday, September 22 in Collinsville.

Park Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning

- Chairman Manning noted the new playground equipment is due to arrive soon. A work day has been scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 28 and that twenty-five (25) volunteer workers will be needed to install the equipment in that time frame. A list of volunteers will be kept at the village office and as soon as she receives a list of items needed for the installation of the play equipment she will publish that information in the local paper.

- Trustee Jeff Thomas stated that Pawnee Lumber and Hardware will donate ten (10) bags of concrete for installation of the playground equipment. He added that Lowe's is also considering making a donation.

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

- Bills payable were presented for review.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to accept bills payable as presented for August 24, 2006
 Second by Trustee Thompson
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thompson, Manning-yes and Thomas-yes
 Motion Carried (5-0)
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to accept bills payable as presented for September 7, 2006
 Second by Trustee Thompson
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thompson-yes, Manning-yes and Thomas-yes
 Motion Carried (5-0)
- Budget Comparison and Invest Report for August 2006. Chairman Bowen gave a brief overview of the budget and investment reports due to the fact the board did not meet on Monday, August 28.
 Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve the August Budget Comparison and Investment Reports
 Second by Trustee Thompson
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thompson-yes, Manning-yes and Thomas-yes
 Motion Carried (5-0)

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

- The village received a lot of complaints this year about excessive dust following the oiling and rocking of streets. Nick Howard lodged a complaint with the supplier of the rock. He is also putting new rock in where Fourth Street was torn up for a water main installation.
- Chairman Bowen handed out specs for a new skid steer loader for trustee review. He stated specs will go to nine (9) different places, just to see what is out there. Once we receive replies, all will go to the three different committees involved for review as well. With all the work coming up, the village will put this piece of new equipment to good use.
- At Fourth and Nelson Street there is a large pile of dirt, we need to determine if it belongs to the village or to a property owner, as it will have to be removed. If the pile is not a village responsibility, Trustee Thomas stated he would contact the property owner.
- Rothe property has been cleaned up, grass mowed and weeds removed.
- Lions Club requested use of the square for the annual Lions Club Country Fair on Saturday, September 16. We will leave the porta-potties for that event.

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- The UMC BBQ Blast was a wonderful event. The church requested that I thank the village for providing the porta-potties and to also thank the police for all they did.
- A letter has been sent to Bruce Yurdin, IEPA in response to his letter of July 7, 2006 regarding Pawnee Wastewater Treatment Facility NPDES Permit No. ILG582020. Among those receiving copies of Yurdin's July 7 letter were Thomas Skelly, CWLP and the Springfield Metro Sanitary District. Village Engineer Joe Greene worked with the village to formulate a response to Yurdin's July 7 letter. Trustee Thompson also stated a copy of the village's response letter would be sent to the Army Corp of Engineers. Thompson also questioned why information contained in Yurdin's letter regarding Pawnee's Wastewater Treatment Facility and the re-issue of NPDES permits was given to other agencies. Thompson also wanted to know if all other lagoon type treatment plants in the state received the same letter, if so, did copies of those letters also go to the Springfield Metro Sanitary District and to City Water, Light & Power.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- Chairman Gudgel had nothing to report other than a September 18 court date has been set regarding the Don Scott property. He added that he also spoke with Don Kern about cleaning up the old bar property located at the west edge of the village, hopefully that will be done soon.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Miller

- Due to a computer/printer problem Chief Bowsher was unable to present copies of the monthly police report to trustees. She will present the Police Report at the September 25 board meeting.
- There was another incident of vandalism at Schultz (North) Park. The police department is working diligently find and charge the person/s responsible.

Unfinished Business/Correspondence

- Trustee Jeff Thomas informs trustees that a new three-year contract with Central States Fireworks is ready for trustee review and approval. Contract and ordinance will be presented at the next board meeting, Monday, September 25, 2006. He requests the clerk to note such on the September 25 meeting agenda.

New Business/Correspondence

- None

Mayor's Comments

- Mayor Manning stated he had lunch with Springfield Mayor Tim Davlin and Tom Skelly, City Water, Light & Power. The lunch meeting was very cordial. However, the Village of Pawnee is going to have a decision for permit from the Army Corp of Engineers by January. This issue will be discussed at the September 25 board meeting. He stated he would like Village engineer Joe Greene and Village attorney John Myers to be present at the meeting. He requested that Mayor Davlin and Tom Skelly be listed on the September 25 meeting agenda.

Motion to Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2006.

The next board meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, September 25, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer
Village Clerk