

**Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of September 25, 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
- Also in attendance: Treasurer Glenn Smith, Police Chief Jan Bowsher, Village employees Gary Eby and Steve Haney, Village Engineer Joe Greene, Greene and Bradford, Inc.

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- Mayor Kenton Manning requested to move to the business portion of the meeting since expected visitors from the City of Springfield, Mayor Davlin, and representatives from City Water, Light and Power had yet to arrive.

Clerk's Comments

- Minutes of September 11, 2006 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Thompson to approve the minutes of September 11, 2006 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)

Budget Comparison & Investment Report: Village Treasurer, Glenn Smith

- The August 2006 Budget Comparison and Investment Report was presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve the August 31, 2006 Budget Comparison and Investment Report 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

- LHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) registration went smoothly. Registration was held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, September 20.
- Fifty-seven (57) "red" (utility arrears) letters went out for the month
- Natural gas prices have risen from the September rate of 92.9 cents per therm to the October 1, 2006 rate of 102.6 cents per therm
- Village employees Jason Clauser and Jeff Schober will attend a seminar on Oct. 17 in Mt. Vernon while Mike Howard will attend the same program in Springfield on Oct. 18. On November 20 and 21 all three will attend an Ameren seminar at the Pawnee location on excavation and trenching techniques along with demos at a cost of \$100 per employee.
- Trustee Manning turned the floor over to Trustee Jeff Thomas as he attended the annual gas meeting held September 22 in Collinsville. Thomas gave a brief report, stating the meeting was interesting however aspects of it were difficult to understand.

Park Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning

- Trustee Manning just received the supervisor's packet listing materials and equipment needed for the installation of the two new playground units for Schultz (North) Park. The village designated Saturday, October 28 for volunteers to install the equipment and at least 25 volunteers will be needed. Mayor Manning asked trustees if the Village should make arrangements with Randy Williams to provide lunch for the volunteers since installation will be an all day affair. Trustees said yes. Manning also noted water will also be needed at the site.

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

- No Personnel issues to report.
- Bills Payable was presented for approval.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to accept the bills payable 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)

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

- Bids went out for the purchase of a new skid steer loader. Presently the village received seven responses, and one dealer would like to bring out a machine to demo. All bids must be in by close of business on Friday, October 6, 2006

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Miller

- Motion made by Trustee Miller to accept the monthly police report 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)
- Through some dogged police work, Officer David Bentley helped the department solve the recent vandalism (spray painting) at Schultz Park. The police department received a confession and a statement of restitution, though the party would not name any other person or persons involved. The investigation is continuing. Restitution will be expensive and we are waiting on estimates for clean-up or repair.
 - This year the department budgeted for 2 new onboard video cameras. With board permission I would like to purchase one, this time instead of a video camera I would like to purchase a DVD Recorder as it is far easier and less time consuming to use. Trustee Tom Bowen suggests the Chief requests a demo prior to purchase of the item.
 - Due to rising cost of court security, as of October 1, 2006, the police department will receive only \$1 instead of \$11 off a citation that goes to court.

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Everything is going well, just waiting for some people (Springfield) who have yet to arrive.
- I think the comp time thing is working out very well and that it is saving the village money in the long run.
- Employee Gary Eby asked a question regarding the burn pile, actually about getting someone to watch the gate on the first and third Saturday of the month since summer employees are gone. Eby said Jeff (Schober) said would be interested and Trustee Manning will speak to Schober about manning the gate on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Trustee Manning also questioned if the disposal area should be open through the winter as limbs go down through winter as well

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- Trustee Gudgel received a letter from attorney Alex Rabin stating the court hearing regarding the Scott property has been postponed for 30 days. Attorney Rabin will notify Gudgel when a new court date is set.

Unfinished Business/Correspondence

- Approval of new three-year contract with Central States Fireworks for the Village's annual Fourth of July fireworks display
Motion made by Jeff Thomas to renew the contract with Central States Fireworks for a three-year period, including 2007, 2008 and 2009.
Motion 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)

New Business/Correspondence

- Trustee Manning brings a request from the Arrow Head Estates Home Owners Association to close Doc Norris Drive to K Layne on Saturday October 14 from 12:00 p.m. on, for a block party. Trustees agree to the street closing.

Mayor's Comments

- Mayor Manning points out that Mr. Greene is here and we have taken his time. I did lunch with Springfield City Mayor Tim Davlin and Todd Renfrow from City Water, Light and Power the day of the Sept. 11board meeting, and they did ask if they could come to the next board meeting, as the City of Springfield is still interested in building Lake Springfield II/Hunter Lake. Apparently something has come up since they are not here. The City of Springfield is supposed to have an answer from the Army Corp of Engineers by January. Mayor Manning asks trustees if they individually or as a group have changed their minds/s on any aspects of a response letter Mayor Manning sent to Mayor Davlin on September 13, 2005. The letter basically reiterates Pawnee's position as the following: the Village of Pawnee would gladly entertain a new proposal from Springfield which meets the 5 conditions Pawnee has laid down from the beginning of these discussions and that Pawnee stands ready and willing to help Springfield realize its dream of Hunter Lake. But Pawnee is not willing to subsidize Hunter Lake or ask it citizens to do so. All trustees agreed their position has not changed.
- Joe Greene spoke about the village's conclusion to eliminate discharge from the Village of Pawnee's Wastewater Treatment System by land application. He briefly explained the process noting as such the land application option will eliminate a need for an NPDES Permit. He also explained that the author of the August 23, 2006 from the IEPA was not on "top of his game" due to some personal matters and it was noted that copies of the letter should not have been sent to the Springfield Metro Sanitary District and to City Water, Light and Power.
- Mr. Greene advises Village to update it Comprehensive Plan, must move line further to the north, Springfield is difficult to deal with , by doing so the Village will be better off.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Trustee Gudgel to adjourn the meeting
Second by Trustee Thompson
Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-6, Nays-0
Motion Carried (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. on Monday, September 25, 2006. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, October 9, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer
Village Clerk