

**Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of January 8, 2007**

Call to Order

- President Manning called the meeting to order at 7:10 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
- Trustee/s absent: None
- Also in attendance: attorney John Myers, Otter Lake Water Commissioner Garry Whitson

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- Pawnee Otter Lake Water Commissioner Garry Whitson gave a very brief report stating the sedimentation damn is just about complete, for all practical purposes it is in place. He stated he also spoke to Dennis Ross, and the lake is, for the first time in several years, at full pool. The commission is looking at other improvements such as barrier strips, but that is still sometime off.

Clerk's Comments

- Minutes of December 11, 2006 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to approve the minutes of December 11, 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 January 1 residential rate will be 114.7 cents per therm as compared to the Dec. 1, 2006 rate of 101.6 cents per therm, a 13.1 cent increase. However, the rate for January 2006 was 149.9 cents per therm. We heard Mr. Whitson's report however he did not really touch on what we talked about at the last meeting, the return of foul tasting water and the commission's testing of the algae. It could be the commission has yet to receive the results of the testing and that is why it was not mentioned by Commissioner Whitson.

Park Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning

- Due to the ice storm and following clean-up we still have a large pile of wood chips out at the park. It is not because we over-ordered, it is just because the storm created an increased work load for village employees, but the chips will be spread and any left over will be used for other park projects. The playground equipment representative will be out to install a piece over the slide. The original piece was set aside during installation as it arrived broken.

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

- Nothing for Personnel
- Since the Board did not meet on Dec. 25, 2006, Chairman Bowen submits the November Budget Comparison and Investment Report for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve Budget Comparison Report and the Investment Report for Nov. 30, 2006 in written form
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 accept the bills payable as presented for the period ending Dec. 28, 2006, as presented
Second by Trustee Thompson

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

Motion Carried (6-0)

Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve bills payable for the current period, Jan. 5, 2007 as presented with one noted change, \$310 (Pawnee Lumber) billed to the *Water Department* should be transferred and added to *Gas, Shop Supply*. (a line item correction)

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

- Received a lot of good news from residents regarding storm limb pick-up.
- Hoped to have bids for Bobcat, but we did not receive any. Now the next step is to run another ad, forego minimum bid but place caveat Village free to reject any or all bids. Hopefully we will have something for the next meeting.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Miller

- Committee Chair Miller stated every thing went well over the Christmas and New Year's holiday. Chief Bowsher who is attending a winter training conference will return Tuesday, and will submit her monthly police report in detail at the January 22, 2007 board meeting.

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Department got a much needed new power washer. Gary Hill has not gotten to the lift station that we talked about at the last meeting; again a lot of after storm clean up. Station patched and operational until Hill can get out there and dig up the line. A sewer line has to be dug up at First and Washington, not sure what the problem is.
- Received comments from resident Randy Williams on the great job performance by village sewer department employees.
- In regards to the letter we asked Village Engineer Joe Greene to draft as a result of information the Village of Pawnee sent to IEPA in regards to future licensing of the water treatment plant and later made reference to in a letter from Tom Skelly, CWLP to the Village of Pawnee. We asked Joe Greene to draft the letter as we are very concerned as we addressed a potential EPA issue with a possible option and CWLP took our information we sent to the IEPA and acted upon it. We want it made known that the sewage problem is not going away, if Hunter Lake goes in, we still want Springfield to know they have to handle the sewage problem. We never stated we wanted sewer treatment taken off any negotiation. Myers stated a letter should be sent, not only to CWLP but to the Army Corp of Engineers and to others as well. Myers will review both letters, tweak if needed before sending final draft for signature.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- Zoning Hearing, January 11, 2007 for variance, 905 Madison, car port.

Unfinished Business/Correspondence

- None

New Business/Correspondence

- None

Mayor's Comments

- Received thank you notes from employees for Christmas hams or turkeys

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Trustee Thompson to adjourn the meeting

Second by Trustee Bowen

Voice Vote Taken: Six ayes, 0 nays

Motion Carried (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2007. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, January 22, 2007 at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer

