

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

Call to Order

- President Manning called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Roll Call

- Village Clerk, Cynthia Kramer, called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Steven Gudgel, Tom Bowen, Terry Woodcock, and Bill Miller
- Trustee/s absent: Phillip Thompson
- Also in attendance: Police Chief Bowsher, attorney John Myers

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- Former Village Board Trustee Joette Manning and 2007 Consolidated Election Trustee Candidate Lindsey Young. Both women were invited to attend the meeting as both were interested in filling the Thomas vacancy. Mayor Manning asked both women to speak briefly to the board regarding their interest. Lindsey Young stated she feels the same way she did in April, she would like to be involved and she feels that it is important to keep the next generation involved so they will learn. She stated, "I offer something fresh, something new and evenings are always open for me." Joette Manning stated she would like to fill out the term vacated by Jeff Thomas. She noted that the term is short, a year and a half, if it was a full time, there would be more than ample time to train a new trustee, however she is very familiar with village business and the issues facing the village. She added that even though she has returned to school, that she has a lot more time than anticipated.
- Mayor Manning has the authority to appoint a candidate of his choice, however, with the consent and approval of the board. Attorney Myers counseled trustees they could enter an executive session to discuss candidates however Trustee Terry Woodcock stated that there was nothing that she would discuss in a closed session that she would not discuss in an open session. All other trustees present agreed.
- Trustee Woodcock stated she did not have a problem with Joette Manning being on the board, as a trustee she was great and did a wonderful job; however, she was concerned about nepotism. Being appointed is different from being elected. It is against our Personnel Code. Young ran for the position and I think she should receive the appointment. Mayor Manning said he did not know if there was a difference, pertaining to the code, between employees and trustees. Woodcock replied the code may be for employees only, but it should direct trustees as well. Trustee Tom Bowen stated he did not have the same concern regarding nepotism, it has nothing to do with Kenton and Joette being husband and wife but that Young ran for the position and Manning did not. Trustee Steve Gudgel did not mention nepotism but he agreed that Young should be given the nod as she ran for the position. He reminded trustees that when first elected he came with no knowledge, adding give her a chance, let her learn. Trustee Bill Miller stated he would be in favor of Manning coming back to the board. She would bring a wealth of experience and would do a very good job. Miller added that he had nothing against Young, but that he feels that Joette Manning would do a better job. Trustee Bowen in closing stated that it would be better to have the full board on record and that he would prefer Trustee Thompson be present when the vote is taken on the appointment. However, the board moves forward with the appointment process.

- Mayor Manning named his appointee as Joette Manning. However, a motion was not forthcoming and when queried by the Clerk, Trustees Gudgel, Bowen and Woodcock each replied no, with Trustee Miller giving the only affirmative reply. Mayor Manning then appointed Lindsey Young.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve the appointment of Lindsey Young to fill the position vacated by Jeff Thomas.
 Second by Trustee Woodcock
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes and Miller-no
 Motion Carried (3-1)
- Lindsey Young received the oath of office, given by the Village Clerk, and was seated at 7:40 p.m.

Clerk's Comments

- Minutes of September 24, 2007 were presented for review and approval.
 Motion made by Trustee Woodcock to approve the minutes of September 24, 2007 with noted correction: Correct the amount charged by Smokey Jennings Chevrolet for repair of village pick-up truck damaged by fire from \$2,294.05 to \$4,294.05
 Second by Trustee Miller
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-present and Miller-yes
 Motion Carried (5-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report

- Trustee Woodcock reported a gas price decrease of 8.5 cents per therm from 94.0 to 88.2 cents per therm.

Park Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Woodcock

- Trustee Woodcock stated she had nothing really to report for Parks other than getting ready for winter.

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

- Bills Payable was presented for approval
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to accept the bills payable as presented for Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007
 Second by Trustee Miller
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes
 Motion Carried (5-0)

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

- Trustee Bowen stated the stop sign ordinance would be tabled until the next scheduled meeting due to computer problems.
- Regarding the Chevrolet pick-up truck, Smokey Jennings thought the fire might have started between the fuse link and battery. As a result, a heavy-duty battery has been placed in the repaired vehicle.
- Employees are preparing for winter.
- Fall banners are up

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, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes
 Motion Carried (5-0)
- Trustee Terry Woodcock gave an update regarding the police garage stating that four (4) proposals have been picked-up at the village office. The Police Committee will meet Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- No report given

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- Trustee Gudgel reminded trustees that a Zoning Hearing regarding the Barlow/Schnapp property is scheduled for October 18 of this month.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business/Correspondence

- None

Mayor's Comments

- Insight taking proper steps for renewal agreement

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Trustee Young to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Trustee Miller

Voice Vote Taken: Five ayes, 0 nays

Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on Monday, October 3, 2007. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, October 22, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer
Village Clerk