

**Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of November 12, 2007**

Call to Order

- President Manning called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Roll Call

- Village Clerk, Cynthia Kramer, called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Steven Gudgel, Phillip Thompson, Tom Bowen, Terry Woodcock, Lindsey Young and Bill Miller
- Trustee/s absent: None
- Also in attendance: attorney John Myers, Police Chief Bowsher, Mike Eckert, Summer Youth Baseball, Softball and Soccer

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- Mike Eckert, serving as spokesperson for Summer Youth Baseball, Softball and Soccer expressed appreciation for the many improvements made at Schultz Park, especially the new concession area. He did make a suggestion at the behest of Jim Crain. Crain would like to see a chain link fence installed near the walking track to serve as an outfield fence, tall enough to hold some balls. He thanked Trustee Tom Bowen for the village providing several porta-potties for youngsters using the Assembly of God soccer practice site. He noted that just over 200 youngsters participated in the summer ball programs, about 80 in soccer and another 100 in JFL. As a community, there is one municipal field only and about 20 various ball teams. He question if the village has considered adding parks or to obtain more land for recreational use.

Clerk's Comments

- Minutes of October 22, 2007 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Thompson to approve the minutes of October 22, 2007 as presented
Second by Trustee Bowen
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Woodcock

- Committee Chairman Woodcock reported she was finally able to meet with Mike Howard and regarding the water department the three new hand helds are great, experienced several small glitches, had to redo a route, but now employees are reading meters in about half the time.
- Mike will start replacing gas meters first, with 75 meters to go in shortly. Ten gas meters do not work at all and they will be the first to be replaced. The village also traded 70 water meters for 60 of the ones needed for the new system. Weather may slow down the installation process, especially if it snows. Some employees may work some Saturdays a month in order to complete the installation in a timely manner. Saturday work will probably begin after the holidays and lasts until it turns cold.
- The 18 to 20 small gas leaks are now down to 15. It is hoped that all leaks will be found before the ground freezes, but it is a difficult task as the leaks are so small.
- There were seven shut-offs for the month of October.
- Received the Hydraulic Report for water. Once everyone has a chance to review it, we will have Greene and Bradford explain the report during a Gas and Water Committee meeting.
- The last item is a purchase matter; a jackhammer would like to be purchased for the Bobcat. (I) told them to go ahead and get specs and the cost is to be split among three departments.

Park Committee Report: Committee Chairman, Trustee Woodcock

- Committee Chairman Terry Woodcock reported still experiencing difficulty getting repairs made to the walking paths. The person who was to reapply sealant did not show. The parks have been winterized.

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

- Bills Payable was presented for approval.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve bills payable for the week ending Thursday, November 7.

Second by Trustee Young

Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes

Motion Carried (6-0)

- Trustee Bowen requested, before adjournment, an executive session to discuss matter regarding personnel.

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

- Excess rocks are being swept from gutters. Employees are picking up a lot of limbs and doing some culvert extension work.
- (I) arranged with Tom Maupin to get lights on the Christmas tree and be ready for the Dec. 7 event.
- The 87' dump truck is having some transmission problems and is being looked at.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Miller

Motion made by Trustee Miller to approve the police report as presented.

Second by Trustee Woodcock

Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes

Motion Carried (6-0)

- Trustee Miller read a letter from Pawnee Lions President Ed Maxey, Sr. requesting the annual village donation to the Lions Club Christmas Basket Food Drive.

Motion made by Trustee Miller to donate \$500 to the Pawnee Lions for the annual Christmas Basket Food Drive.

Second by Trustee Young

Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes

Motion Carried (6-0)

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Chairman Thompson had nothing to report regarding sewer, however he did state he noticed that the broken limbs had been removed from the trees on the square. He also noted that he is going to obtain porta-potties and hand-washing stations for the Christmas events on the square as well as traffic information for Chief Bowsher.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- Nothing to report

Unfinished Business

- Trustees briefly discussed what should be done for the Dec. 7 Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting and the Dec. 21 and 22 Christ Event. Some stores are going to be open on the square for both events with the Old Fashioned Christmas on the square to coincide with the Christ Event. Should the village hall be open to the public those evenings, should we pass out candy canes? Chief Bowsher said the dispatchers would like to do something. Whatever trustees decide to do, it can be done all three nights.

New Business/Correspondence

- Trustee Bowen asked that trustee review documents regarding the upcoming Levy Ordinance as it will be voted on at the next scheduled board meeting.

Mayor's Comments

- Mayor Manning requests trustees to take a look at the Greene and Bradford work schedule.
- He read a formal letter from Randy Williams formally requesting the annual donation to the Pawnee Education Foundation.
- He also requested that as in years past, the village make up for any short fall regarding the Angel Tree.

Motion to enter Executive Session

Motion made by Trustee Bowen to enter an executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Second by Trustee Woodcock

Trustees enter executive session at 7:52 p.m.

Trustees re-enter regular session at 8:12 p.m.

Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to approve an adjustment in salary, due to a parity issue for Police Dispatcher Dacia Marsaglia by one dollar plus her annual 3 % increase.

Second by Trustee Woodcock

Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes

Motion Carried (6-0)

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Trustee Woodcock to adjourn the meeting

Second by Trustee Gudgel

Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-6, Nays-0

Motion Carried (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on Monday, October 12, 2007. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, October 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer
Village Clerk