

**Village of Pawnee  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of December 10, 2007**

**Call to Order**

- President Manning called the meeting to order at 7:07 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 Mark Rabin, Police Chief Bowsher, Pawnee High School student Sean Sosman

**Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s**

- Student Sean Sosman attended as an observer, Pawnee High School, Constitution Class.

**Clerk's Comments**

- Minutes of November 26, 2007 were presented for review and approval.  
Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to approve the minutes of November 26, 2007 as presented  
Second by Trustee Miller  
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**

- Twenty-nine (29) red letters went out resulting in four (4) shut-offs for the month. January gas rate rose to 105.07 cents per therm, however, rate is still less than last year. According to state law the village may perform shut-offs providing the temperature is twenty degrees or above. Fifty each of the new gas and water meters have been installed and employees are working on installing those in the worst shape first. If we get sunny weather employees will begin installing on Saturday as well.
- The village has not had a price increase regarding bulk rate for water in sometime and as such is only making minimal. We may have to have a price increase next year.  
Motion made by Trustee Woodcock to approve the purchase of a jackhammer from Bobcat of Springfield. Cost is not to exceed \$8600.  
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)
- Regarding the Police Garage, Trustee Woodcock reported the garage door openings are in and that the person repairing the mortar may be here next week, providing the weather is good. If not, the rest of the work can wait until spring.

**Park Committee Report: Committee Chairman, Trustee Woodcock**

- Since the parks are closed for the winter, Chairman Woodcock had nothing to report. However, she did ask if the board would meet the fourth Monday of December. President Manning replied no and added that trustees should give Treasurer Glenn Smith permission to pay bills.
- Upon completion of her committee reports, Trustee Woodcock left the meeting at 7:20 p.m. due to a scheduling conflict.

**Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen**

- Bills Payable was presented for approval.  
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve bills payable as presented.  
Second by Trustee Thompson

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

Motion Carried (6-0)

Motion made by Trustee Bowen to grant Village Treasurer Glenn Smith the right to write checks for bills payable for December 24, 2007.

Second by Trustee Young

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

Motion Carried (5-0)

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

- There is a lot of street patching and limb pick-up, may see more if ice storm gets worse.
- Regarding the dump truck, the problem was not as bad as first suspected. It appears that some hydraulic hoses became unsecured, rubbing against the drive shaft. When this problem was checked, they also discovered that the alternator needed to be replaced.
- Discussing the Christ Event with Trustee Thompson, we will use the north end of the square. We will also dismantle the light display on the east side of the square on December 19 to provide more room for the event. The display will remain dismantled for the remainder of the holiday season. We will also meet with Chief Bowsler regarding the event and traffic issues.

#### **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, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes

Motion Carried (5-0)

#### **Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson**

- Chairman Thompson stated he met with Gary Eby and Steve Haney to discuss response to IEPA letter regarding walk-through and field inspection of the water treatment plant. The letter stated that no changes were needed in operation and maintenance as the facility was adequately maintained and operated. The IEPA wants a composite sample. The village has never tracked and never based maintenance on meters, but will do so in the future.

#### **Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel**

- Nothing to report

#### **Unfinished Business**

- None

#### **New Business/Correspondence**

- None

#### **Mayor's Comments**

- Mayor Manning asked if any trustees spoke to Gary or Steve regarding maintenance on the village garage generator. He also noted that Trustee Woodcock had mentioned she was going to set up a meeting with the Pawnee Fire Department to talk about hydrants as the hydrolic water study is completed.
- The rear garage door of the village hall complex needs to be replaced. He will speak with both Pawnee Garage Door Company and Glenn Brothers Garage Doors.
- The Citizen Survey for Mitigation must be turned in no later than December 21, 2007.
- Cecil Mathews and Greg DeBrun are the contact people and will attend meetings required by the Springfield/Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission. Mayor Kenton Manning will take a copy of the village's Comprehensive Plan to the Planning Commission and explain that it is being revamped.
- The statewide smoking ban goes into effect January 1, 2008. Mayor Manning states he will not have the Pawnee Police Department serve as "smoking" cops.

#### **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion was made by Trustee Gudgel to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Trustee Young

Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-5, Nays-0

Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. on Monday, December 10, 2007. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, January 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer  
Village Clerk