

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

Call to Order

- President Manning called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

Roll Call

- President Manning called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Steven Gudel, Phillip Thompson, Tom Bowen, Joette Manning and Jeff Thomas
- Trustees absent: Bill Miller
- Also in attendance: Village attorney John Myers, Police Chief Bowsher, Richard Grooms and Tim Gosteli – Pawnee Boy Scouts, Troop 73, Pawnee residents Verne Mundhenke, James Dickey

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- Boy Scout Troop 73, Troop Leader Richard Grooms recognized as spokesperson. Grooms asked if trustees would consider assistance for Gas and Water, similar to that received by the now defunct Pawnee Senior Citizens Organization when they occupied the building recently purchased by a foundation; The Central Illinois Black Bear Society for use by the scouts. Grooms stated that several other organizations use the building for meetings at no charge. He added the Scouts are not asking for something free, they give something back; Scouts are a community organization and perform many hours of community service from event clean-up to the Memorial Day service.

Motion made by Trustee Thomas to give assistance to Pawnee Boy Scouts in the same amount (\$1200 yearly) as given to Pawnee Senior Citizens for the year 2007.

Second by Trustee Gudel

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

Motion Carried (5-0)

Trustee Bowen reminded Grooms a formal letter of request should be submitted to the village.

- Grooms and trustees briefly discussed Pawnee Prairie Days street changes (traffic flowing from Douglas left to Seventh Street one way). All agreed the change worked well. There was also some discussion about changing the handicapped space back to a regular parking space located near the north entry of the building. The handicapped space is poorly located and no longer required at that location.
- Regarding Pawnee Prairie Days, Trustee Phillip Thompson also suggested a hand-washing station for Porta-Potty locations be installed for Prairie Days.
- James Dickey and Verne Mundhenke, with Mundhenke serving as spokesperson. The gentlemen appeared before trustees to voice their concern regarding the village's truck route, placement of truck route signs and the wear and tear to University Heights streets. Both Dickey and Mundhenke voiced concern that the route or signs designating the route had been changed and that K-Layne rather than Doc Norris Drive should be the east-west connection. Trustees reviewed the 1988 ordinance designating the truck route and placement of signs. Trustees determined the route remains as stated in the ordinance, however, over time some signs may have been lost or relocated. In an effort to bring the lengthy discussion to a close village attorney John Myers stated the real issue is 1.) Is truck route where it should be? 2.) Are signs in the right place? 3.) Does route make sense? Mayor Kenton Manning kicked the issue to the Streets Committee for further discussion and determination. Trustee Gudel invited Dickey and Mundhenke to attend the committee meeting and to bring their idea of what the truck route should be.

Clerk's Comments

- Minutes of January 22, 2007 were presented for review and approval.

Motion made by Trustee Gudel to approve the minutes of January 22, 2007 as presented.

Second by Trustee Thompson

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

Motion Carried (5-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning

- On Feb. 2 there was a late night water break (3 breaks) at Eighth and Franklin followed the next day by two breaks at Fifth and Washington. All breaks were totally due to cold weather. Employees worked until 3 a.m. to repair.
- Mike Howard determines if a “boil order” is to be issued; he has a list of numbers to call.
- The Village has 1016 gas meters. When I first came on the board our membership with Gas Utility Alliance, which includes insurance, the insurance cost was \$3 per meter; that has declined and the cost today is \$2 per meter.

Park Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning

- Nothing to report, however she did ask committee members to remain for a short while following the meeting to look at some things to do at the park from now until spring.. While not park business she informed trustees that she had purchased 5-\$25 Visa Gift Cards for After-Prom donation.

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

- Bills Payable List was presented for approval.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to accept the bills payable as presented for Thursday, February 8, 2007.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Manning-yes and Thomas-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)
- Chief Bowsher stated the furnace broke at the police department. She called Weidner, cost would be approximately \$1000 for new heat exchanger plus \$3000 for new unit. However, Weidner was unable to find same size roof unit in a reasonable amount of time and took it upon himself to order larger unit at an additional \$1000 cost
- Attorney Myers brings up a personnel issue. A state statute was passed in the wake of 9/11 which states if you have an employee on National Guard or Reserve Duty, you continue to pay village pay. This was an oversight, and apparently the village has two employees in this category, they need to be accounted for and paid retroactively to 2004. The village is looking at about \$8700 total. Myers stated the village personnel code did not stay up with state statutes, adding it would make sense to adjust the Personnel Code to reflect this mandate.

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

- We have two documents, the annual documents presented by Greene and Bradford, Inc. for the Motor Fuel Tax Program we participate in. There are five copies, one of which we keep and four are returned to Greene and Bradford.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to accept and approve the Municipal Expenditure Statement, Itemized Statement of Motor Fuel Tax Warrants Issued, Labor and Equipment Worksheet for the Village’s 2006 Motor Fuel Tax Program in amount of \$64,272.84 as presented.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Manning-yes and Thomas-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to accept and approve Municipal Estimate of Maintenance Cost for Maintenance of Streets and Highways, Under the Illinois Highway Code as proposed for 2007 against the Motor Fuel Tax in amount of \$121,404.40 as presented.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Manning-yes and Thomas-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)
- Bowen stated he spoke with Nick Howard regarding preparing a list of various projects for spring/summer, including the oil and rocking of streets.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Miller

Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to approve the police report as presented
Second by Trustee Bowen
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Manning-yes and Thomas-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Through some quiet checking learned that a number of surrounding communities did not receive a letter from the IEPA regarding more stringent guidelines pertaining to water treatment plants. Apparently Pawnee is the only one to receive such a letter. Auburn got their permit renewed last year and they did not get a letter. Just letting everything lay until the issue surfaces regarding Lake Springfield II
- Gary Hill has been delayed because of weather in rebuilding line to lift station. It is temporarily operational and work will be done once weather improves.
- Just a note, Water Treatment Plant of the Year nominations are in your mail box . . . it is important as we come up for renewal this year with the IEPA.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- A court date was held on Jan. 31 in reference to the Don Scott property. By the order of the Judge, Don Scott will have up to 30 days from January 31 to have the building demolished as well as any out building on the property. If Scott does not comply, the village will step in and will contact people to demolish and place a lien on the property.
- We are dealing with FEMA on a couple of things, and received letter stating we are in compliance with flood plain maps.
- A Zoning Board hearing will be held on March 1, at 7 p.m. Property owner Mark Bourne requesting variance to reduce lot size.

Unfinished Business/Correspondence

- None

New Business/Correspondence

- Trustee Jeff Thomas signed permit application for July 4 fireworks display
- Keep in mind Pawnee Fire Department will be asking permission to close Eighth Street between Douglas and the highway, partial day only, for Water Ball contest. They will also be asking to use hydrant as well for the contest. Street closing should not affect Casey's as motorist can enter or leave Casey's using Route 104 or Douglas Street.
- Trustee Manning read thank you note from Pawnee United Methodist Church for rocking of the alley near their offices for the Christ Event (Living Nativity Scene).
- The village received a check in the amount of \$175 from PHS Student Council for purchase of a new flag for atop the water tower. The money was raised through the Nov. Veteran's Day fundraiser.

Mayor's Comments

- Trustee Jeff Thomas, ESDA Coordinator Cecil Mathews and I met in regards to ESDA Emergency Plan. Met with the Pawnee Fire Department which was very receptive to anything we want to do. Well meet at a later with Pawnee United Methodist Church, Assembly of God and the school. We are looking at survival for the first 36 to 48 hours; Assembly will be Emergency Site 1 and the Fire Department Site 2. As we have these meetings I will keep you informed.
- Received information about Jumbo Movies, an outside set-up in the park. If may be something the Park Committee would like to take a look at for a summer event or two.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Trustee Thomas to adjourn the meeting
Second by Trustee Gudgel
Voice Vote Taken: five ayes, 0 nays
Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2007. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, February 27, 2007 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia Kramer
Village Clerk