

**Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of February 26, 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, Phillip Thompson and Joette Manning
- Trustees absent: Jeff Thomas, Bill Miller
- Also in attendance: Treasurer Glenn Smith, Chief Jan Bowsher, Pawnee Otter Lake Water Commissioner Garry Whitson, Cecil Herpstreith, Vice President of the Pawnee Fire Protection Board

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- Garry Whitson, Pawnee Otter Lake Water Commissioner. The engineering contract for the new filtering system for the plant has been signed. The tentative schedule the commission is currently looking at is December 2007 to put contracts out for bid with actual construction to begin March of 2008. The new filtering system should greatly improve the quality of water.
- Cecil Herpstreith, Pawnee Fire Department, requests permission to close Eighth Street between Carroll Street and the north side of Lincoln Street between 10 and 4 p.m. and to tap the water hydrant on Eighth and Carroll for the fire department's water ball tournament during Prairie Days. Permission was granted. Herpstreith thanked the village for its quick response in removal of snow at the firehouse and he also requested an updated map showing locations of village fire hydrants, especially for the new Skinner subdivision area.
- Trustee Thompson thanks fire department for Pawnee Indians basketball sectional championship welcome
- Fire department will be aiding Pawnee Police Department with Pancake and Sausage supper fundraiser for Pawnee Police officer Eric Bertoni, recovering from injuries and resulting surgery following a vehicle accident.
- Village congratulates fire department for receiving its third grant over a three-year period.

Clerk's Comments

- Minutes of February 12, 2007 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to approve the minutes of February 12, 2007 as presented.
Second by Trustee Bowen
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes and Manning-yes
Motion Carried (4-0)

Budget Comparison & Investment Report: Village Treasurer, Glenn Smith

- The January 2007 Budget Comparison Report and Investment Report was presented for approval.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve the January Budget Comparison and Investment Report as presented.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes and Manning-yes
Motion Carried (4-0)
- Treasurer Glenn Smith requested budgets be returned to him by the first meeting of March (March 12, 2007). Budgets are in trustee mail trays

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning

- Seventy-eight (78) red letters went out, which is a larger number than usual and may be due to consumption due harsh winter weather as gas prices did not go up.

Park Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning

- Regarding the Jumbo movies discussed at the last board meeting, Manning contacted the web site requesting information, was told it would be sent, but has yet to arrive. If price is right, may schedule for late summer. We may do some work on the concession area this year and Designer Landscape (Farmersville) will do spring clean-up and maintenance for welcome sign areas.

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

- Life insurance and dental insurance comes up for renewal, anniversary date is May 1. Insurance is going to go up a little bit; life insurance is going up 2 cents per \$1000, the village pays that for employees. So it will be an increase of 50 cents per employee while noncontributory remains the same. The dental insurance goes up 5 per cent across the board.
- Bills Payable was presented for approval with the addition of one bill not shown on the list; \$4545 for sewer work to Gary Hill, Hill Excavation, to help village dig out old valve in sewer vault. Motion made by Trustee Bowen to accept the bills payable as presented for Friday February 23 with the addition of the Hill bill for \$4545.
Second by Trustee Manning
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes and Manning-yes
Motion Carried (4-0)
- The village was not in compliance due to an oversight with recent state statutes regarding military pay. That has been rectified that for two village employees; Jason Clauser was paid for 27 days of training totaling \$3038.33 and to Eric Bertoni for 38 days, totaling \$5, 063.76

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

- Last meeting we did the motor fuel tax thing and due to an oversight, Joe Greene did not include sidewalks and curbs for dollar amount of \$4500. He has sent a revision. Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve the amended Municipal Estimate of Maintenance Cost for Maintenance of Streets and Highways, Under the Illinois Highway Code as proposed for 2007 against Motor Fuel Tax.
Second by Trustee Manning
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes and Manning-yes
Motion Carried (4-0)
- Village employees did an excellent job regarding snow removal. However, Trustee Gudgel suggested emergency exits to the village office, ESDA office, police department is cleared as well. Bowen also added the fire department and questioned whether the village should purchase a snow blower to clear emergency or rear exits.
- For your information, there is a house bill that would amend the Illinois Municipal Code, tentative effective date July 1, 2008 which would require all gas powered vehicles purchased from municipality funds to be flex fuel E85 vehicles or fuel efficient hybrid vehicles. You may want to contact your representative regarding this as it would significantly increase fuel costs.
- Regarding the truck route, Mayor Kenton Manning, Trustees Bowen and Thomas met with Verne Mundhenke and Jim Dickey, the gentlemen who initially brought up the truck route issue regarding route and sign placement. The group came to the conclusion a truck route is really not needed in the village. However, with the new subdivision being built the village will continue to put a letter out requesting trucks come in the back way, using Dickey Road. Trustee Bowen polled the board regarding the issue, as a change (eliminating the truck route) would require an amendment to the ordinance. Trustees agreed with the stated conclusion and Bowen stated he would contact attorney Myers regarding amending the ordinance.
- Trustee Bowen has letter ready to send out regarding swimming pools that are no longer in use but are still filled with water. The letter gives notification that the village wants the pools drained or covered and to be maintained as such.
- While plowing snow Nick whacked one of the metal grates that cover driveway exits, damaging equipment. I would like to see them removed in the winter or would trustees have an objection if the village requires the grates to be removed completely. Several trustees did object to complete removal. However, Mayor Manning told Bowen to come up with a proposal to address the issue.
- Trustees briefly discussed hiring, as to what should or could be done to alleviate the learning curve when senior employees retire.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Miller

- Nothing to report

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- A new pump has been ordered for the pump that went down on 13th Street. A new pump was ordered as the cost for a refurbished is \$3750 and \$5000 for new with warranty. The control panel went out at the CIPS lift station, parts have been ordered at an approximate cost of \$2000, the air relief valve at the State Police is cracked, and we are getting a repair estimate for that.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- We may want to increase the budget for demolition expense. March 3 is the date for demolition of the Don Scott property forestalling any delay or Scott applies for and receives a demolition permit. Don Kern has also applied for a demolition permit for the building located at the corner of Route 104 and 13th Street. March 1 at 7 p.m. there will be a zoning board hearing to reduce the square lot footage for the Bourne property.

Unfinished Business/Correspondence

- None

New Business/Correspondence

- None

Mayor's Comments

- The village received a thank you card from the Pawnee High School After Prom Committee for the village's donation of five \$25 gift cards.
- Regarding the Pawnee Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Manning asks Treasure Glenn Smith if village dues have been paid, if not, to do so
- Mayor Manning reads letter of request from Pawnee Summer Youth Baseball requesting annual \$900 donation.

Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to donate \$900 to Pawnee Summer Youth Baseball, effective after May 1, 2007

Second by Trustee Thompson

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

Motion Carried (4-0)

- Mayor Manning brings trustees up to date on what he and Pawnee ESDA Coordinator Cecil Mathews have been working on regarding an emergency plan to basically take care of 30 to 35 people regarding shelter, food, emergency supplies for the first 48 to 72 hours following a disaster.
- Mayor Manning informs trustees that Joe Greene is still working on the issue of reimbursement from the City of Springfield in regards to Hunter Lake (Lake Springfield II)
- Joe Greene wants to arrange a meeting with the Zoning Board/ Commission in regards to updating the Village's Comprehensive Plan. He asks Zoning Committee Chair Steve Gudgel to take care of this matter. Manning also thanks Gudgel for bringing Mark Gleason to the Zoning Committee.
- Trustees opted not to make a donation to a Pawnee youth for a mission trip citing separation of church and state.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Trustee Thompson to adjourn the meeting

Second by Trustee Gudgel

Voice Vote Taken: Four ayes, 0 nays

Motion Carried (4-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m. on Monday, February 26, 2006. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, March 12, 2007 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer