

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

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- Andrew Lee. Mr. Lee thanked board members for the opportunity to work for the Village of Pawnee. He told trustees that he would not let them down and would work hard for the village. He personally thanked each trustee present. Trustee Terry Woodcock told Mr. Lee she cast the one dissenting vote, but wanted him to understand that her vote was not cast as an affront to him personally, but due to the procedure used for the hiring process.
- Steve Jones requested that a stop sign be placed at the corner of Fourth and Jefferson Streets citing that it is a dangerous intersection and that he cannot see someone in front of his driveway. Trustees briefly discussed the request and after noting that Fourth Street tees into Jefferson that a 3-way stop might be more appropriate.
- Following the departure of the visitors Trustee Woodcock asked to return to the matter of the Lee hiring. She asked attorney John Myers if the procedure used to hire Lee for a full time village position was done in an illicit or illegal manner. There was some confusion as to whether she was talking about a summer or full time employee and Myers responded that she would have to check the village's Personnel Code. She then said that the personnel code states that the Village is an Equal Opportunity Employer and how could the village be considered an Equal Opportunity Employer when the position was not posted, interviews were not given, veterans or other qualified residents were not given the opportunity to apply for the position. Myers replied that being an Equal Opportunity Employer means that you provide equal opportunity for all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, or any other basis prohibited by state or federal law. She then asked if there were any requirements that the village had to post and interview for hiring purposes. Myers replied that he was not aware of any but that he would check into the matter further.

Clerk's Comments

- Minutes of August 27, 2007 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to approve the minutes of August 27, 2007 as presented
Second by Trustee Thomas
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report

- Committee Chairman Jeff Thomas had very little to report other than the clam bucket broke on the tractor, and the repair cost is approximately \$3000.

Park Committee Report

- Committee Chairman Terry Woodcock stated that the circus event went very well, great in fact, and that she had heard good things about it. She also noted that police officers did a good job throughout the whole event. However, she did state she did not have the figures on how well the Pawnee Chamber of Commerce may have done sponsoring the event.

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

- Bills Payable was presented for approval. Committee Chairman Tom Bowen noted there were two (2) bills not included and that he would like to add them to Bills Payable.

Motion made by Trustee Bowen to accept the bills payable ending September 6, 2007 as presented with two additions, the first being \$994.33 to Travis Workman for the installation of the WatchGuard System in the new police vehicle and the second, \$120 to Gray's Custom Trailer Works for the installation of the partition in the new police vehicle.

Second by Trustee Thomas

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

Motion Carried (5-0)

- Regarding Personnel, Officer Barclay Harris has requested to work off-duty at the school, providing security for school events while working in uniform as requested by School Superintendent Lyle Rigdon. Rigdon cited officer safety for the request. Harris will work contractually for the school district.

Motion made by Trustee Bowen to grant permission to Officer Barclay Harris to work home football and basketball games for the 2007-2008 school year. The first home football game is Sept. 14, 2007.

Second by Trustee Woodcock

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

Motion Carried (5-0)

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

- President Manning received notice that IDOT will place speed reduction/lower speed limit signs on both sides of the Route 104 Horse Creek Bridge this Wednesday. IDOT will also place traffic direction cones that will shift the eastbound traffic to the far right/south side of the bridge and Westbound to the far north. Manning also noted he received a phone call from Kendall Fry regarding this matter.
- Nick Howard's work truck caught on fire. It was first towed to Heritage Chevrolet in Auburn, they were unable to repair. The truck was then towed to Smokey Jennings Palmyra where originally purchased. It is going to be somewhere between \$5200 and \$5800 to repair. Smokey Jennings has been given authorization to order parts. Insurance values the truck between \$10,000 and \$12,000. Fire extinguishers are not carried in village trucks, they are now.

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, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes

Motion Carried (5-0)

- The Police Committee met September 5 and discussed police officer working security for Pawnee Schools and the police garage located on Route 104.

Motion made by Trustee Miller to receive proposals for remodeling of the current police garage with proposals due by close of business, Oct. 17, 2007. Specs will be available at the village office Friday, September 14, 2007.

Second by Trustee Woodcock

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

Motion Carried (5-0)

- Trick or Treat hours for Village of Pawnee are 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, October 30 and Wednesday, October 31.

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- No report given

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- A variance was granted to Justin Gresham to erect a metal building in the excess of the 480 square footage limit in the rear yard.
- Still working on the Comprehensive Plan

Unfinished Business

- Regarding the Stacey Ashbaker web service contract, President Manning stated that if trustees did not have a problem with paying Ashbaker one lump sum for two years of service, since a contract must be paid in the fiscal year in which it is entered in to, he would go ahead and hire Ashbaker to upgrade the Village web site.

New Business/Correspondence

- Stacey Ashbaker and husband approached the Park Committee about setting up an area for dogs at the park.
- Trustee Tom Bowen asked if the village could provide several Porta-Potties at the Assembly of God Church for the children who practice soccer at the site as the church is locked and bathroom facilities are not available. Bowen will call the church to see if the church has any problem with Porta-Potties on site.

Mayor's Comments

- Several ladies came into the village office; they own a small parcel of land, 125' by 145' in the Washington Street Flood Plain area. They asked if the village would like to purchase the parcel. Mayor Manning stated he would contact them to see what they had in mind.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Trustee Miller to adjourn the meeting

Second by Trustee Woodcock

Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-5, Nays-0

Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m. on Monday, September 10, 2007. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, September 24, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer
Village Clerk