

**Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of November 10, 2008**

Call to Order

- The meeting convened at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call

- Village Clerk, Cynthia Kramer, called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Steven Gudgel, Phillip Thompson, Tom Bowen, Terry Woodcock and Bill Miller
- Trustee/s absent: Lindsey Young
- Also in attendance: Village attorney Dan Schuering, Chief Bowsher

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- None

Clerk's Comments

- Minutes of October 27, 2008 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Miller to approve the minutes of October 27, 2008 as presented.
Second by Trustee Gudgel
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-present and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Woodcock

- The Water Committee met on November 6. Red arrears letters will go out November 20. The committee will meet to discuss shut-offs on November 24 with November 25 designated as shut-off date.
- Water testing should be completed by the end of this week.
- The Water Committee did not discuss billing procedures or responsibility for payment regarding landlord/tenant, there are still some questions requiring counsel by attorney Myers.
- As Chairman of the Gas and Water Committee, Trustee Woodcock requests that trustees, at the end of the meeting, enter an executive session to discuss personnel.

Park Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Woodcock

- Chairman Woodcock noted that Sports Boosters were called to empty and clean refrigerators. Soccer nets are down and stored for the winter. Park building facilities are closed for the season.

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

- Bills payable was presented for review and approval. Trustee Terry Woodcock asked for clarification regarding bill(s) from Greene and Bradford, Inc. as to department(s) billed. After a brief discussion, Bowen stated he would like to approve bills payable with stipulation of clarification.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve bills payable with the exception of Greene and Bradford, Inc. for clarification, ending November 5, 2008.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)
- Trustee Bowen stated that he would request that Greene and Bradford, Inc. bill to the specific department for services rendered.
- There was some thought that the IMRF contribution would increase somewhat, however, the rate actually decreased by a small amount.

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

- Chairman Bowen met with Joe Greene to talk about the drainage problems on the north side of the village. During the meeting, the subject of bonding came up. Green stated to Bowen that he had a person who specializes in that area and that he would like him to attend a board meeting to discuss bonding with trustees. Bowen noted that he would attend the November 24 village board meeting.
- Road salt has been ordered. We held off ordering for a while thinking the price would go down somewhat. The village cost for this winter increased approximately 97 percent. Bowen noted that the order should be as conservative as possible.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Miller

- Monthly police report submitted for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Miller to approve monthly (October) police report as presented.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)
- Chief Bowsher noted that police had some extra traffic control work this month due to the high school football playoff games of which Pawnee played two playoff games at home.

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Chairman Thompson noted that Greene and Bradford, Inc would meet with Gary Eby very soon regarding the lift station.
- The village may receive news about the water treatment plant license/permit in the near future; as it is, Thompson understands that approximately 60 permits are going to the United States Environment Protection Agency for approval. For now, the village is to operate the water treatment plant under the existing license.
- The matter of the “event sign” has reared its head again, partially due to the playoff games. There is \$7500 budgeted in three different accounts for a new sign. Thompson stated he finally received two quotes, one for \$6000 (standard two-sided sign) and the second for \$9000 (elevated two-sided). Thompson asked trustees, do we look at these quotes or just simply forego a sign. Trustees did broach the subject of a running sign, but Trustees Bowen and Woodcock said no, the cost was too expensive, well over \$20,000. As previously, no decision was made.
- Trustee Thompson, speaking on behalf of Angel Tree, requested that the village, as in years past, make up the difference if demand is greater than donations.
Motion made by Trustee Thompson to aid Angel Tree for an amount not to exceed \$350.
Second by Trustee Gudgel
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- Chairman Gudgel stated that he really did not have anything to report regarding Zoning; however, he requested that the village consider incorporating the IVC (Illinois Vehicle Code) into Village Ordinance. Gudgel noted that courts are being swamped and that this action would save time and money. He noted that Divernon has incorporated the code and that it is working well there and it is good public relations. It is \$26 for the first offense, however, on a second offense; the violator will receive a ticket, not a citation.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business/Correspondence

- None

Mayor’s Comments

- None

Motion to Enter Executive Session

Motion made by Trustee Woodcock to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues.

Second by Trustee Thompson

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

Motion Carried (5-0)

Trustees entered executive session at 7:40 p.m.

Roll Call

- Trustees re-enter regular session at 8:17 p.m. Village Clerk, Cynthia Kramer called roll.
- Trustees present: Gudgel, Thompson, Bowen, Woodcock and Miller

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Trustee Thompson to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Trustee Miller

Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-5, Nays-0

Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m. on Monday, November 10, 2008. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, November 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer
Village Clerk