

**Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of March 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, Tom Bowen, Terry Woodcock, Lindsey Young and Bill Miller
 - Trustee/s absent: Phillip Thompson
 - Also absent: Mayor Kenton Manning
 - Also in attendance: Village Attorney John Myers, Police Chief Bowsher
- Motion made by Trustee Bowen to appoint Trustee Bill Miller as mayor pro tem in the absence of Mayor Kenton Manning
Second by Trustee Gudgel
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- No guests present

Clerk's Comments

- Minutes of February 25, 2008 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to approve the minutes of February 25, 2008 as presented.
Second by Trustee Woodcock
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Woodcock

- To update, there were two shut-offs for the month of April, however, the arrears were paid
- The meeting with the Water Committee, Water Department and the Fire Protection District scheduled for February 28 was postponed until March 13 at 7 p.m. The meeting was rescheduled due to a water break.

Park Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Woodcock

- Trustee Woodcock will attend the March 20 School Board meeting to affirm village use of school grounds for the July 4, 2008 fireworks display. Once the school board approves village use of the grounds, an ordinance approving a contract for the display can be presented to trustees for review and approval.
- Gary Eby is checking all trash containers to ensure all close properly.

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

- Bills payable was presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve bills payable ending March 6, 2008
Second by Trustee Young
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)
- Regarding Personnel, Bowen stated that he would like to present an ordinance, which received input from board members and employees, amending the Village Personnel Code. The ordinance in essence states that the Village Board of Trustees would vote first in regards to new employment positions; whether to hire from within or to go to an open application process. Bowen added that he thinks the ordinance is a fair and sensible solution to the ongoing debate regarding hiring practices. Attorney John Myers informed Bowen that if he did present the ordinance, passage would require four affirmative votes. Trustee Terry Woodcock stated that she thought the board was not really accomplishing anything with the ordinance, whereas attorney Myers stated it is accomplishing something, it is putting the process on paper. The board rather than the Personnel Committee will make

the decision. Trustee Woodcock asked for the definition of an “existing employee” stating she did not have a problem with the term “part-time” but she did have a problem with the term “seasonal employee.” Attorney Myers told her the ordinance could be amended deleting “seasonal employee.” Trustees Bowen and Woodcock briefly debated the issue of experience versus supervisory skills before Bowen stated he would present the ordinance for vote.

Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve Ordinance 08-04, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED PERSONNEL CODE BY ADDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING EMPLOYEE HIRING.

Second by Trustee Gudgel

Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-no, Young-yes, and Miller-yes

Motion Carried (4-1)

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

- Employees are getting everything ready for summer. Employees have also been patching streets and once all the taps are in, employees will level Fourth Street south.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Miller

Motion made by Trustee Woodcock to approve the police report for April 2008 as presented

Second by Trustee Bowen

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

Motion Carried (5-0)

- Chief Bowsher stated she has rough budget ready for review.

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- No report given

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- Trustee Gudgel had nothing to report other than a trailer is being torn down at San Terra.

Unfinished Business

- Trustee Terry Woodcock asked Trustee Bowen if he found out anything about the alarm situation at the village garage. Bowen stated the village will go with the repair and the \$500 deductible and will probably stay with George Alarm for a while.

New Business/Correspondence

- Trustee Bowen stated he attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting prior to the village board meeting. Sangamon County Habitat will build a house in Pawnee and is currently looking for sponsorships; they need to raise \$40,000. Pledges must be made by March 31, with pledge funds due December. The individual is a woman with two children, she choose the Pawnee location due to Pawnee Schools. The home will be worth between \$80,000 and \$100,000. Sangamon County Habitat has built 96 homes in Sangamon County.

Mayor's Comments

- None

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Trustee Bowen to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Trustee Young

Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-5 Nays-0

Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2008. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, March 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer
Village Clerk