

**Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of March 24, 2008**

Call to Order

- The meeting convened at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call

- Clerk Cynthia Kramer called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Steven Gudgel, Tom Bowen, Terry Woodcock, Lindsey Young and Bill Miller
- Absent: Village President/Mayor Kenton Manning, Trustee Phillip Thompson, Treasurer Glenn Smith
Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to appoint Trustee Bill Miller as mayor pro tem in the absence of Mayor Kenton Manning.
Second by Trustee Bowen
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)
- Mayor pro tem Bill Miller called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance recited

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- No visitors present

Clerk's Comments

- Minutes of March 10, 2008 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to approve March 10, 2007 minutes as presented
Second by Trustee Young
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Young-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

Budget Comparison and Investment Report: Village Treasurer Glenn Smith

- Personnel and Finance Committee Chairman Tom Bowen presented the Budget Comparison and Investment Report in the absence of Treasurer Glenn Smith.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve the Budget Comparison and Investment Report as presented.
Second by Trustee Young
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

- The Water Committee met with Mike Howard and the Pawnee Fire Protection District on February 28 to discuss results of the Water Survey. Fire hydrants need flushing. The fire department will work with Mike Howard to measure flow tests, so that hydrants may be color-coded and to provide accurate information as to needed repairs. In the past repairs were done according to simulation. The meeting will reconvene April 3. At that time, the fire department will provide a schedule, as testing must be done on a flexible basis in regards to fire department personnel.
- Fifty-eight (58) red letters (notice of arrears) went out. Information regarding number of potential shut-offs unavailable as of this date.
- Gas Rates: Rate will increase 6.7 cents per therm from March rate of 101.9 to April rate of 115.8
- The UGM spring meeting is scheduled for April 30 – May 1, will have Mike Howard attend.

Park Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Woodcock

- The School Board meeting was rescheduled to March 25. Trustee Woodcock will attend. Once the school approves use of its grounds for the Fourth of July fireworks display, Trustee Woodcock will have attorney Myers draw up an ordinance for approval of contract.
- Trustee Woodcock stated she would like to schedule a committee meeting to be held on the regular committee meeting night, with a possible start time of 7:30. She noted that there are several issues to be discussed including the walking of dogs in the park and the failure of pet owners to clean up after their animals.

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

- Trustee Bowen presented the Budget Comparison and Investment Report in the absence of Treasurer Glenn Smith for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve the Budget Comparison and Investment Report as presented.
Second by Trustee Young
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)
- Bills Payable was presented for review and approval
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve bills payable as presented for March 20, 2008.
Second by Trustee Young
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock –yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)
- In regards to the recently approved ordinance, regarding Personnel, and that Nick Howard is retiring April 15, Bowen stated he would like to move to do an employee search within. The position is open to all village employees and he would like to notify employees in order to gauge interest.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to seek internal applications for the position to be vacated by Nick Howard on April 15, 2008
Second by Trustee Gudgel
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)
- Trustee Bowen noted he had been playing phone tag with Stan Travelstead. He stated he would like Travelstead to attend a committee meeting to discuss employee insurance.

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

- Trustee Bowen presents a document from Greene and Bradford, Inc. for trustee review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve the document, the Municipal Maintenance Expenditure Statement and Itemized Statement of Motor Fuel Tax Warrants Issued and Labor and Equipment Worksheet for the Village's 2007 MFT Program
Second by Trustee Young
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)
- Bowen noted he traveled the village speaking with residents, looked at various sites and identified a number of areas to ditch for better drainage. We may replace or install additional culverts, also identified a number of sidewalks for repair or replacement. We ordered a lot of patch and employees have been working on filling potholes, even the ones on Route 104. We ask that residents be patient, employees will eventually fill all potholes.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Miller

- No report given

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- No report given.
- Trustee Steven Gudgel asked if an employee had been hurt. He was told Gary Eby suffered some pulled tendons as he attempted to collar several dogs running loose. Eby was not bitten during the incident and the dogs were taken to county. Trustees noted that Eby should get a note from his doctor stating he could continue working with boot. While trustees noted that updating the animal control ordinance had previously been discussed, Trustee Terry Woodcock suggested the ordinance be amended to enable the village to recover county and court expenses in regards to dogs running loose. Trustee Steve Gudgel added that homeowner's insurance should cover animal/s in household, and if not, that animal/s should not be allowed in the village.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- Trustee Gudgel spoke with Kevin Kuntz of Greene and Bradford, regarding the Comprehensive Plan for the village. The village is in the process of updating the plan; however, update is on hold for the moment as a second member of the Zoning Board/Planning Commission resigned. Garth King, who served on the board since June of 1994, turned in his resignation effective immediately. Due to the resignation of Zoning Board Chairman Virginia Naufel last month, there are presently two positions, chairperson and member, open. The mayor has yet to appoint individuals to fill the positions

Unfinished Business/Correspondence

- None

New Business/Correspondence

- None

Mayor's Comments

- None

Motion to Adjourn

- Motion was made by Trustee Woodcock to adjourn the meeting.
Second by Trustee Young
Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-5, Nays-0
Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m. on Monday, March 24, 2008. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, April 14, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer
Village Clerk