

**Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of May 26, 2008**

Call to Order

- The meeting convened at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call

- Clerk Cynthia Kramer called roll
 - Trustees in attendance: Phillip Thompson, Tom Bowen, Terry Woodcock, and Bill Miller
 - Absent: Mayor Kenton Manning, Trustee Steve Gudgel, Trustee Lindsay Young and Treasurer Glenn Smith
 - Also in attendance: Police Chief Bowsher, attorney John Myers
- Motion made by Trustee Bowen to appoint Trustee Miller to serve as Temporary Chairman
Second by Trustee Woodcock
Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (4-0)
- Pledge of Allegiance recited

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- No visitors present

Clerk's Comments

- Minutes of May 12, 2008 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve May 12, 2008 minutes as presented
Second by Trustee Woodcock
Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-present, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (4-0)

Budget Comparison and Investment Report: Village Treasurer Glenn Smith

- Trustee Tom Bowen presented the Budget Comparison and Investment Reports for review and approval due to absence of Treasurer Glenn Smith
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve the Budget Comparison and Investment Reports ending April 30, 2008 as presented.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (4-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Woodcock

- Fifty-two red letters went out on May 20 and it is hoped that utility customers will bring accounts current before the end of the month; will have shut-off numbers for next board meeting.
- Four Gas Department staff members will be attending the Gas Safety Conference being held in Effingham.
- Gas increases from the May rate of 119.9 cents per therm to the June rate of 123.9 cents per therm. Five years ago the rate was 83.4 cents per therm, so there has been a substantial increase over the past five years.
- (Trustee Woodcock) stated she has a copy of the plans for the Otter Lake Water Treatment Plant Addition if anyone would like to view the plans. The plans will be in the office for a short time before being returned to Pawnee Otter Lake Water Commissioner Garry Whitson.
- (Trustee Woodcock) informed trustees she was contacted by the company that cleans the village water tower requesting to clean the tower this week as crews were near by. The company stated it would give the village a discount due to the short notice.
Motion made by Trustee Woodcock to have the village water tower cleaned this week.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (4-0)

Park Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Woodcock

- Rich Grooms, Boy Scout Troop 73 Leader stated he would be unavailable for the Fourth of July Fireworks display; however, Scouts from Troop 73 will be glad to carry the flag for the Fourth of July celebration.
- Randy Williams will handle concessions with proceeds to go to the Pawnee Education Foundation Scholarship Program.

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve bills payable as presented

Second by Trustee Thompson

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

Motion Carried (4-0)

- (Trustee Bowen) stated that he and Trustees Gudgel, Young and Woodcock met and interviewed summer help applicants. As such, the four trustees would like to recommend hiring the following applicants: Rehires Gavin Kirkpatrick and Travis Simpson and new hires Robbie Boarman and Matt Birks. Bowen noted the 11 applicants interviewed well and encourages those not hired, meeting student requirements, to reapply next summer.

Motion made by Trustee Bowen to hire Kirkpatrick, Simpson, Boarman and Birks and to approve summer help start date of June 2 with an ending date of possibly August 15. Village will pay minimum wage.

Second by Trustee Woodcock

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

Motion Carried (4-0)

- (Trustee Bowen) stated the village has 29 applicants for the Public Works position. He invited all interested trustees to participate in the applicant review process and stated he would like to begin the interview process on Wednesday, May 28 at 6 p.m.

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

- The village will have Greene and Bradford Inc. come out, possibly next week, to inspect all bridges within village jurisdiction.

Motion made by Trustee Bowen to accept the bid from Louis Marsh to provide seal coat and seal coat aggregate at a combined cost of \$34,528.00.

Second by Trustee Woodcock

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

Motion Carried (4-0)

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Miller

Motion made by Trustee Miller to approve the police report as presented.

Second by Trustee Woodcock

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

Motion Carried (4-0)

- Chief Bowsher passed around a photo of the new Police K-9, Price, for trustees to view, while reminding trustees that Pawnee Prairie Days, a busy time for police officers, is only several weeks away.

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- The village has yet to receive the EPA permit for its water treatment plant.
- A pump from the San Terra Lift Station is going in for repair. Thompson stated that he was glad that everyone is o.k. for Greene and Bradford, Inc. to work on the San Terra Lift Station.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- No report given

Unfinished Business/Correspondence

- Gary Eby's resignation as Pawnee's Animal Control Officer sparked a brief discussion regarding animal control issues, what could or should be done regarding an animal control person, including the possibility of sharing the position with another community such as Divernon. Police Chief Bowsher told trustees that if the village does not have a "dog catcher", the problem then goes back to the police.

New Business/Correspondence

- None

Mavor's Comments

- None

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Motion to Adjourn

- Motion was made by Trustee Woodcock to adjourn the meeting.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-4, Nays-0
Motion Carried (4-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. on Monday, May 26, 2008. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, June 9, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer
Village Clerk

