

**Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of June 23, 2008**

Call to Order

- The meeting convened at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call

- Clerk Cynthia Kramer called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Steve Gudgel, Phillip Thompson, Tom Bowen, Terry Woodcock, Lindsey Young and Bill Miller
- Also in attendance: Police Chief Bowsher, Treasurer Glenn Smith, Tom Dozier, Tim Boblitt, Larry Boblitt, Mindy Tuxhorn, Alison Langheim, Stephanie Brenden
- Pledge of Allegiance recited, led by Mayor Kenton Manning

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- Stephanie Brenden, Alison Langheim and spokesperson Mindi Tuxhorn. Tuxhorn explained to trustees that a 5K Walk and Run is being planned for next year in conjunction with Pawnee Prairie Days to benefit MD and SIDS of Illinois. The route will start and finish at the high school. The event will be open to adults and children with awards to be presented to the top three male and female competitors and age divisions. The run will not cross Route 104, but will stay north of the highway. Tuxhorn requested help with traffic control and that an ambulance is on call at the school for the event. The group would like permission to use mentioned route so the group can move on with planning the event. The village and police department agreed to help with traffic control but told Tuxhorn she must contact Pawnee Ambulance Corp to arrange for the on-call ambulance.

- Tom Dozier, Tim Boblitt and Larry Boblitt were present regarding approval of zoning variances. Tom Dozier(1404 Horse Creek Trail) and Tim Boblitt (1408 Horse Creek Trail) requested a variance to build a fence over the utility easement of their properties. Zoning Board Chairman Steve Gudgel explained that the Zoning Board Hearing scheduled to hear the requests could not be held because the Zoning Board lacked a quorum. Gudgel stated he would like trustees to approve the requests this meeting. Trustees Bowen and Woodcock stated they did not want the repeat of a previous problem that cost the village a great deal of money to resolve, with Woodcock adding that she would like to see this subdivision done properly. Bowen stated that a swale should have been put in before homes were built in the subdivision due to drainage problems in that area. He added that he would also like to check personally with the utility companies regarding the utility easement. Bowen stated that he would like to put off the vote regarding the Dozier and Boblitt variance requests until the next meeting. Mayor Manning stated that Trustee Gudgel could make the motion to approve and see what happens with the vote.

Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to approve Ordinance 08-11, An Ordinance Granting a Zoning Variance as to Certain Property (Dozier – 1404 Horse Creek Trail)

Second by Trustee Young

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

Motion Did Not Carry (4-2)

Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to approve Ordinance 08-13, An Ordinance Granting a Zoning Variance as to Certain Property (Boblitt – 1408 Horse Creek Trail)

Second by Trustee Young

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

Motion Did Not Carry (4-2)

- Trustee Woodcock asked Dozier and Boblitt for two weeks in order to give Trustee Bowen time to check things out. Woodcock also noted that the Zoning Administrator, Brian Whitlow, had not signed off on this, noting she also had some issues about forms not being signed off by the administrator. Trustee Bowen stated that he hoped to have results of his inquiries for Dozier and Boblitt by the end of the week. Both Dozier and Boblitt were upset that trustees could not grant the variance requests that evening. Trustees however, decided to refund the variance fee to Mr. Dozier and to Mr. Boblitt.

- Trustees also approved Ordinance 08-12, An Ordinance Granting a Zoning Variance as to Certain Property (Mathis – 1401 Horse Creek Trail), to reduce the back yard square footage requirement to extend a sunroom out ten feet from the existing structure.
Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to approve Ordinance 08-12, An Ordinance Granting a Zoning Variance as to Certain Property (Mathis – 1401 Horse Creek Trail)
Second by Trustee Young
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)

Clerk's Comments

- Minutes of June 9, 2008 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Thompson to approve June 9, 2008 minutes as presented
Second by Trustee Miller
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)

Budget Comparison and Investment Report: Village Treasurer Glenn Smith

- Village Treasurer Glenn Smith presented the Budget Comparison and Investment Reports for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve the Budget Comparison and Investment Reports ending May 31, 2008 as presented.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)
- Treasurer Smith added the following information, CD's are at 2.53% interest; in May the village received \$30,000 in real estate tax, a portion of which belongs to the library; He paid deposit, one-half of total cost of fireworks display, to Central State Fireworks; There were three payrolls during the month of May; the Appropriation Ordinance to be voted on first board meeting in July (July 14, 2008).

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Woodcock

- Chairman Woodcock reminded trustees about the Gas Safety Presentation scheduled for July 2 at 7 p.m. at the Pawnee Fire House.
- Chairman Woodcock requested that the clerk note Ordinance No.08-_____, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO INTERGOVERNMENT COOPERATION AGREEMENT OF THE GAS UTILITIES ALLIANCE on the July 14 meeting agenda.
Motion made by Trustee Woodcock to pay Jason Clauser and Eric Bertoni up to their normal salary minus military pay during active duty.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)
- Trustee Bowen stated he would request attorney Myers to amend the personnel code to reflect state code regarding the above stated motion.

Park Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Woodcock

- Chairman Woodcock stated that everything is ready for the Fourth of July Fireworks display and that she will contact Stan Lederbrand and Pat Langheim regarding parking.
Motion made by Trustee Woodcock to pay Stanley Lederbrand and Pat Langheim the same rate as last year to park vehicles for the fireworks display.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)

- The Park Committee decided to forego the added expense of purchasing flowers for the large planters since the village reduced some people's salaries. The ferns will be donated to businesses on the square for accommodating Pawnee Prairie Days.

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve bills payable with the addition of \$300 payable to Greg Howard for construction to install three doors at the police garage.

Second by Trustee Thompson

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

Motion Carried (6-0)

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

- It is official, the village received a \$35,000 grant from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
- The weather has put employees about three weeks behind where they would like to be.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Miller

- Pawnee Prairie Days went very well. Police were able to stop any problem before it started.

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Parts came in for the control panel for the State Police Lift Station. However, electrician broke his hand and the lift station is still running manually.
- Gary and Steve generated some overtime on the lift station.
- Someone from the Labor Department inspected the village garage and some things must be done. However, the shower is cleaned out and the maps filed where needed.
- Trustee Thompson asks if there is any news regarding a dogcatcher. Chief Bowsher replied that she received a new ordinance from attorney John Myers and that it will be discussed at the committee meeting. Presently, the police are taking care of loose dogs.
- Permit approval is still approximately three months behind for the water treatment plant.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- There are currently three openings on the Zoning Board and possibly a fourth. However, a few people have stated interest, and that includes Randy Williams, Tom Durr, Tom Tindell and Larry Boblitt
- Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to approve Ordinance 08-10, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CHAPTER OF THE VILLAGE OF PAWNEE CODE OF ORDINANCES.
- Second by Trustee Thompson
- Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes
- Motion Carried (6-0)

Unfinished Business/Correspondence

- None

New Business/Correspondence

- None

Mayor's Comments

- None

Motion to Adjourn

- Motion was made by Trustee Gudgel to adjourn the meeting.
Second by Trustee Woodcock
Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-6, Nays-0
Motion Carried (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. on Monday, June 23, 2008. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, July 14, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer
Village Clerk