

**Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of February 23, 2009**

Call to Order

- President Manning called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call

- Clerk Cynthia Kramer called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Tom Bowen, Terry Woodcock and Bill Miller
- Absent: Trustee Steven Gudgel, Phillip Thompson and Lindsey Young
- Also in attendance: Chief Jan Bowsher, Treasurer Glenn Smith, Pawnee Police Officer Shawn Burnley and K-9 partner Earl Price, and Village Trustee Candidate Mark Gleason
NOTE: As only Trustees Bowen, Woodcock and Miller are present, Village President Kenton Manning will vote on all motions made during the February 23 Village Board Meeting.

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- Mark Gleason, a candidate for village trustee attended the meeting as an observer.
- Village employee Gary Eby reported on the latest round of phone calls made regarding the permit for the water treatment plant, stating he was told that sewer permits are low on the agenda and that the agency (EPA) is approximately 14 months behind on renewing permits and that the village should continue operating under the old permit. Additionally Eby reported for Parks noting that fertilization of grounds done and tree limbs trimmed. He also stated he received three bids, from the high of \$12,000 to the low of \$8000 with trade-in for a new 31 hp, 60-inch deck mower. Trustee Woodcock told him the proposed purchase would be discussed in committee however, she requested that Eby check to see how long it would take to receive the mower once ordered.
- Officer Shawn Burnley and K-9 partner Earl Price appeared before the board. Burnley answered questions posed by trustees regarding the K-9 and his progress following completion of training. Burnley noted that Earl was seven for seven for drug calls and that he had received permission to take sixth grade RISE students on a field trip to the Illinois State Police Training Facility to see how K-9s train and work and just how quickly the dogs can find drugs or drug residue.

Clerk's Comments

- Minutes of February 9, 2009 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Woodcock to approve the minutes of February 9, 2009 as presented
Second by Trustee Bowen
Roll Call Vote Taken: Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Miller-yes and President Manning-yes
Motion Carried (4-0)
- Village received letter from Greene and Bradford, Inc. stating that IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) reviewed and approved the 2008 MFT Expenditure Statement for the Village of Pawnee and that the Village may now transfer \$52,688.05 for Public Labor and Equipment from MFT to the General Fund.

Budget Comparison and Investment Report: Village Treasurer Glenn Smith

- Treasurer Glenn Smith presented the Budget Comparison and Investment Report for January 2009.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve the treasurer's Budget Comparison and Invest Report ending January 31, 2009 as presented.
Second by Trustee Woodcock
Roll Call Vote Taken: Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Miller-yes and President Manning-yes
Motion Carried (4-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Woodcock

- The Gas and Water Committee met immediately prior to the village board meeting to discuss shut-offs. Sixty-three (63) red letters went out February 20 resulting in twenty-three (23) possible shut-offs for Tuesday, March 24.

- While the village will mail utility bills at the regularly scheduled time, the March billing will show five to six weeks usage due to the late reading of meters. Woodcock noted that meters usually are read the first of the month however, due to a staff shortage and an unusual number of water breaks during the early to mid part of February, meters were not read until February 19. She noted that the March billing would be larger, however, the April billing will be smaller.
- (Woodcock) noted that in regards to water flow testing of fire hydrants, that Greene and Bradford, Inc. recommended replacement of the Carroll Street Main, which would alleviate a number of problems. Woodcock stated she would like to obtain grant or stimulus funds for the costly project; however, it is something the village will have to plan and budget for at some point in time.

Park Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Woodcock

- No report for Parks other than what Gary (Eby) reported earlier in the meeting. However, for people who would like to sign up (to reserve) park/facilities for spring/summer events they should do so quickly as the month of March is almost completely booked.

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve bills payable ending February 19, 2009 as presented with one addition, a cell phone bill for \$74.89.

Second by Trustee Woodcock

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

Motion Carried (4-0)

- (Bowen) met with Kevin Kuhn and Joe Greene, Greene and Bradford, Inc. on February 10 discussing several recent bills, as trustees were not satisfied with the amount of detail, wanting clarification of said bills in addition to more definitive quotes. (Bowen) stated the meeting went well and an agreement was reached. In addition, he (Bowen) gave Joe Greene the go ahead to get bids for the San Terra Lift Station project. Bowen also commented that the village spent a lot of money on engineering this year: \$79,000 plus from February 1 of 2008 to January 2009 with an additional \$10,000 for the month of February, a lot of money on engineering and proposals not to follow through.
- Bidding for rock salt must be in shortly.
- Regarding Village CD's, two come due February 18, and trustees must decide whether to renew. Highest rates found in the area are 6 mos. at 2% or 3 mos. at 1.5%. Bowen stated he would like to go with the 6 mos. 2% rate providing the village could receive a written notice of no penalty.

Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve reinvestment of the Gas Fund CD (\$345,000) and the Motor Fuel Fund CD (\$150,000) for six months at 2% with written notice of no penalty.

Second by Trustee Woodcock

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

Motion Carried (4-0)

Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve Ordinance 09-01, An Ordinance Making Supplemental Appropriations of Sums of Money to Defray Expenses and Liabilities of the Village of Pawnee for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2009 and Authorizing the Sum of up to \$200,000 from the Gas Fund and up to \$100,000 from the Sewer Fund to the General Fund.

Second by Trustee Woodcock

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

Motion Carried (4-0)

- (Bowen) urged all trustees to be in committee due to the upcoming budget.

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

- Bowen stated he called state surplus and may be able to obtain four (4) map cases for use at the village garage for possibly \$50 each.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Miller

- Chief Bowsher informed trustees that current Dog Catcher; Chad Brenden resigned the position as of last week. The village will again have to search an individual to fill the position.

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- No report given

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- No report given

Unfinished Business/Correspondence

- None

New Business/Correspondence

- None

Mayor's Comments

- The village received a letter from Chris Hennemann requesting the annual donation for Pawnee Youth Summer Baseball/Softball.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Trustee Woodcock to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Trustee Miller

Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-4, Nays-0

Motion Carried (4-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2009. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, March 9, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer
Village Clerk