

**Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of March 9, 2009**

Call to Order

- President Manning called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Roll Call

- Village Clerk, Cynthia Kramer, called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Steven Gudgel, Phillip Thompson, Tom Bowen, Terry Woodcock, Lindsey Young and Bill Miller
- Trustee/s absent: None
- Also in attendance: Chief Jan Bowsher, village attorney John Myers, Ken Davis, Kennected Software, Village Website Director Stacey Ashbaker, Village President candidate Jeff Clarke, Village Trustee candidate Steve Condon, Joe Greene of Greene and Bradford, Inc. arrived at 7:27 p.m., School Superintendent Lyle Rigdon and Pawnee Area Chamber of Commerce Secretary Patty Williams arrived at 7:43 p.m.

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- Consolidated Election Candidates Jeff Clarke (Village President) and Steve Condon (Village Trustee) attended the meeting as observers.
- Ken Davis of Kennected Software, Chatham, gave trustees a presentation and brief demonstration of the data based eLert Emergency Notification System that is an internet based public notification system designed to get emergency and non-emergency information out to the public quickly, efficiently and securely. The eLert system consists of three basic components: server, desktop client and management console, without the expense of phone lines, extra equipment, or monitoring fees. eLert can alert the public to incidents via any computer connected to the internet or local network, e-mail or text messages. Davis noted that Chatham is using his software product as well as Riverton and Clear Lake Township and that Leland Grove is preparing to use the software. Trustee Terry Woodcock asked about the fee, and Davis replied there is no user charge, but that is up to the village. It is the standard 20% for software management, \$2000 to purchase and after the first year, the cost is \$800. The village would have the option to add the township for an additional \$1000. Village website director Stacey Ashbaker was present for Davis's presentation. Village President Kenton Manning thanked Davis, informing him the matter would go to trustees for deliberation and that he would contact him, upon any decision made by the Board of Trustees.
- Patty Williams, Secretary, Pawnee Area Chamber of Commerce informed trustees that the Chamber is sponsoring a "Meet the Candidate" night, for village office candidates, Thursday, March 19 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the school. Before leaving the meeting, she obtained addresses and phone numbers for said candidates.
- Joe Greene, Greene and Bradford, Inc. Greene appeared before the board with information and handouts regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Stimulus Funding through the IEPA (Illinois Environmental Protection Agency). Mr. Greene informed trustees that funds for water and sewer infrastructure will be routed through the States' Revolving Loan Program and that \$180 million will be available in Illinois for wastewater and approximately \$80 million for water projects. He told trustees that it was a first come, first serve basis, as projects will not be prioritized based on need but on projects that could be implemented in 120 days. Pre-application and full Applications are required. President Manning asked trustees if they could nail down projects and get all required information/documentation to Joe Greene by March 15 as Pre-Applications must be filed by March 31. Greene's handout noted that ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) funds would be limited to 50% of eligible project costs. Within the funding limits established 25% can be a grant, 25% can be a no interest loan. The other 50% could be conventional RLP loan with no interest. Trustee Tom Bowen seemed hesitant as cost associated with various projects and the fact that the village may not end up with grant/stimulus money. Trustee Terry Woodcock asked Greene if the board had to make a decision regarding projects at this time or could the board hold a special meeting to determine projects. Attorney John Myers informed trustees they could adjourn the meeting for up to 48 hours in order to give trustees time to determine which project/s they would like to submit. Trustees opted to adjourn and reconvene with Village Treasurer Glenn Smith attending.

Clerk's Comments

- Minutes of February 23, 2009 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve the minutes of February 23, 2009 as presented.
Second by Trustee Woodcock
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)

Recess

- President Manning called a ten-minute recess at 8:33 p.m. After returning from recess at 8:43 p.m., President Manning called for committee reports.

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Woodcock

- The gas rate from March to April decreased by 7.5 cents per therm for a rate of 93.4 cents per therm.
- Several people on the board received calls pertaining to the late meter readings and the resulting larger than normal bills, however, April billing will be lower.
- The Gas and Water Committee will meet at 6 p.m. March 17 to do final review of billing policy and procedures, and then go to attorney Myers for review before being presented to the board for voting purposes.
- Have reviewed budget and will be prepared for the March 16 budget meeting to review on a line-by-line basis.
- Trustee Bowen stated he would also like to have Glenn Smith present Wednesday evening when the meeting reconvenes as he thinks trustees need to look at restructuring rates for gas and water, noting that presently we are just maintaining. Trustee Thompson agreed that it would not be a bad idea. President Manning suggested the matter go to committee for further review and discussion.
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Park Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Woodcock

- (Woodcock) stated she spoke to Pawnee Schools Superintendent Lyle Rigdon and that she will request permission from the school for use of the football field for the annual Fourth of July Fireworks.

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

- Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve bills payable as presented ending Thursday, March 5, 2009
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)
- Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve the bid from Beatty Implement for the purchase of a Kubota Mower, for \$12,500 minus \$4500 trade-in for a remaining balance of \$8000.
Second by Trustee Woodcock
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)
- Trustee Steve Gudgel requests to return to Bills Payable and inquires about a bill from Sunburst Model Search. President Manning stated he approved the item.

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

- The village submitted bid for 50 tons of rock salt.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Miller

- The monthly police report was presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Miller to approve the monthly police report as presented.
Second by Trustee Woodcock
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes, and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)
- Chief Bowsher also reported that on February 27, 2009 Officer Burnley and K-9 Partner Earl Price assisted the Divernon Police Department in locating over 20 grams of narcotics, a weapon, and approximately \$9000 in U.S. currency. If the currency is seized through the court system, a percentage of it will come back to the departments involved for use in drug intervention. The Pawnee Police Department donated time and money to buy postage and send flyers to promote the Pawnee Assembly

- of God, “My Space, My Kids, My God Class”, as there is a real need to educate parents of the technology utilized by children. Points of the class included: Discussing technology in today’s world, teach parents how to monitor and provide safety on internet web sites, Pros and Cons of Technology, Why websites are so sought after by teens, Tips for safe texting and responsible cell usage; all followed by a question and answer period. On February 11, Officer Burnley attended a K-9 legal update class, at the Illinois State Police Range and on February 9, all officers qualified with on duty and off-duty weapons at the ISP Range. Officer Harris and Officer Stuart were the instructors.

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- (Trustee Thompson) stated that the village still has not received the permit for the operation of the water treatment plant; however, the village may continue to operate the plant under the existing permit.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business/Correspondence

- None

Mayor’s Comments

- None

Motion to Enter Executive Session

- Motion made by Trustee Terry Woodcock to enter executive session for the purpose to discuss personnel matters re: Gas and Water, Police
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)
Trustees enter executive session at 9:05 p.m.

Return to Regular Session

- Trustees re-enter regular session at 9:37 p.m.
- Clerk Cynthia Kramer called roll
- Trustees present: Gudgel, Thompson, Bowen, Woodcock, Young and Miller
- No action was taken

Motion to Adjourn

- Motion made by Trustee Woodcock to adjourn this meeting and to reconvene this meeting Wednesday, March 11 at 7 p.m.
Second by Trustee Miller
Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-6 Nays-0
Motion Carried (6-0)
- Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. on Monday, March 9. The meeting will reconvene on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer
Village Clerk