

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

**Call to Order**

- President Manning called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Roll Call**

- Clerk Cynthia Kramer called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Phillip Thompson, Tom Bowen, Terry Woodcock, Lindsey Young and Bill Miller
- Absent: Trustee Steven Gudgel
- Also in attendance: Chief Jan Bowsher, Treasurer Glenn Smith, Joe Greene, Greene and Bradford, Inc., Kristin Midiri, Jessica Oakley, Tim Gosteli, Cara Burnley, David Skinner, Jeff Clarke and Steve Condon

**Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s**

- Attending the meeting as observers were Cara Burnley, village trustee candidate Steve Condon, village president candidate Jeff Clarke as well as village trustee candidate David Skinner who later spoke to trustees in reference to Horse Creek Subdivision.
- Joe Greene, Greene and Bradford, Inc. Greene noted four bids were received for the San Terra lift station refurbishment project. The project had an estimated cost of \$75,000 and bids received ranged from the high of \$79,750 from Laverdiere Construction to the low bid of \$48,956.75 from Petersburg Plumbing and Heating. Greene asked trustees if the lift station project must be done at this time or could it be put off in order to receive stimulus money. Trustee Thompson asked if the bid from Petersburg Plumbing and Heating met all required specifications; Greene replied yes. Trustees noted that due to serious safety concerns they felt the project should go forward as soon as possible. Trustee Thompson also noted that even with stimulus money the village would have to finance 75 percent of the cost.

Motion made by Trustee Thompson to approve the bid to refurbish the San Terra Lift Station from Petersburg Plumbing and Heating for \$48,956.75.

Second by Trustee Bowen

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

Motion Carried (5-0)

- While Pawnee was not included for stimulus money for road funds, Greene informed Trustee Bowen that the village could have two options available for work needed on Henkle Bridge at a cost of \$65,000. As all bridges qualified for stimulus money, the work could be 100 percent funded by IDOT or by 50/50 split in cost recently approved by the Sangamon County Board.
- Greene noted that stimulus money is not retroactive, as such, told Trustee Woodcock that the Carroll Street project (water main replacement) would have to wait until fall even though Woodcock had hoped for an early summer start date. Greene noted that the pre-applications for stimulus funds were revised and the village submitted requests for \$1,200,000 for wastewater treatment/lift stations and 2 million dollars for the Carroll Street Water Main replacement and a number of improvements that will improve the low flow conditions found within Pawnee's water system.
- Tim Gosteli, Black Bear Society, Kristin Midiri and Jessica Oakley, Locals – Gosteli gave a brief history of the Black Bear Society, a non-profit foundation that supports several local youth organizations including Boy Scout Troop 73. He noted that the Black Bear Society is collaborating with Locals for a fundraiser that would include a poker run, live auction on the square and later live music at Locals. He requested permission to use the square for the fundraiser on May 16. Oakley and Midiri, owners of the bar Locals, inquired about allowing alcohol on the square during the auction and what would be needed to permit patrons of the bar to take drinks from the bar to the square. Trustees approved use of the square for the event and Trustee Bowen informed Midiri and Oakley that he is working with village attorney John Myers to find a solution regarding use of alcohol on the square and that may be what is termed a "special events" license.

NOTE: Trustee Phillip Thompson leaves meeting to attend school function.

### **Clerk's Comments**

- Minutes of March 9, and the minutes for the resumption of the March 9, 2009 village board meeting were presented for review and approval.

Motion made by Trustee Miller to approve the minutes of March 9 and the resumption of March 9, 2009 as presented.

Second by Trustee Young

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

Motion Carried (4-0)

### **Budget Comparison and Investment Report: Village Treasurer Glenn Smith**

- Treasurer Glenn Smith presented the Budget Comparison and Investment Report for February 2009.

Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve the treasurer's Budget Comparison and Invest Report ending February 28, 2009 as presented.

Second by Trustee Woodcock

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

Motion Carried (4-0)

### **Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Woodcock**

- Gas and Water Committee met during a special meeting March 17 for the second review of policy and procedure for gas and water bills. The committee hopes to have policy in place the second meeting of April.
- There was a large increase in the number of requests for a three-month payment plan from village utility users. Sixty-one red letters were delivered March 20, with a possibility of 32 shut-offs scheduled for tomorrow, April 24, 2009.
- The Gas and Water Committee may be looking at an additional fee for shut-offs as an incentive to reduce the number of red letters delivered each month as well as the number of shut-offs performed.

### **Park Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Woodcock**

- (Chairman Woodcock) submitted a letter to the Pawnee Board of Education on March 19 requesting use of the football field for the annual Fourth of July fireworks display.

### **Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen**

Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve bills payable ending Monday, March 23, 2009 as presented.

Second by Trustee Woodcock

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

Motion Carried (4-0)

- Regarding new police vehicle, Bowen noted the following vehicle models and costs – Chevy Impala, \$18,314, Ford Crown Victoria, \$20,668 and a Chevy Tahoe, \$23,200. The police department has until May to decide upon a vehicle.
- (Bowen) stated he would like to arrange a meeting with Stan Travelstead and Trustees Young and Thompson for sometime this week.
- There is an April 1 meeting regarding union contract negotiation, and since parties seem to agree, he would like a Committee of the Whole present. If things go well April 1, the committee could meet in executive session to approve if warranted. Bowen stated he would like to have a contract in place prior to the start of a new fiscal year.
- (Bowen) stated Butch Devarose, My Way Pub., approached him about putting a beer garden behind the pub.

Note: Trustee Phillip Thompson returns to meeting at 8:12 p.m.

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

- Nothing to report

### **Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Miller**

- Trustees heard request from Chief Bowsher to trade in current Glock side arms due to a problem with the guns hanging up due to the attached light.

Motion made by Trustee Miller to permit police to trade in the current Glock pistols for Glock 45's, holster and cartridge case for each officer at a cost not to exceed \$1200.

Second by Trustee Woodcock

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

Motion Carried (5-0)

**Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson**

- Trustee Thompson noted that Gary (Eby) thinks numbers will be less to get all lift stations done. There will be a lot of future work if village receives stimulus funds.
- David Skinner brought a revised map of Plat 2 of Horse Creek Subdivision. Several large acre lots will now front Dickey Road. However, homes built on those lots will not be able to access the village sewer system, as a lift station is needed. Skinner inquired about process needed to permit the use of a private sewer facility (septic system) for those lots. Trustee Phillip Thompson looked at the Village Zoning Ordinances and told Skinner he would meet with Joe Greene, Gary Eby and village attorney John Myers and that he would get back to him regarding this matter.

**Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel**

- No report

**Unfinished Business/Correspondence**

- Ordinance 09-02, an agreement between the Village of Pawnee and Mottar Electric  
Motion made by Trustee Woodcock to approve Ordinance 09-02, approving an agreement with Mottar Electric for electrical work on the square not to exceed \$11,000.  
Second by Trustee Miller  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes  
Motion Carried (5-0)

**New Business/Correspondence**

- None

**Mayor's Comments**

- The village received a request from the Pawnee Prairie Days Association to use the square on Thursday, June 11 through Saturday, June 13 and the annual donation of \$600  
Motion made by Trustee Thompson to approve \$600 towards the cost of pony ride and to supply porta-potties and hand washing stations as done in the past.  
Second by Trustee Young  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes  
Motion Carried (5-0)

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion was made by Trustee Bowen to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Trustee Miller

Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-5, Nays-0

Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2009. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, April 14, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer  
Village Clerk