

**Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of April 13, 2009**

Call to Order

- President Manning called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call

- Village Clerk, Cynthia Kramer, called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Phillip Thompson, Tom Bowen, Terry Woodcock, Lindsey Young and Bill Miller
- Trustee/s absent: Steven Gudgel
- Also in attendance: Chief Jan Bowsher, village attorney John Myers, Pawnee Otter Lake Water Commissioner Garry Whitson, Village President Elect Jeff Clarke, Village Trustee Elect Mark Gleason, Trustee Candidate Steve Condon, Jessica Oakley and Kristin Midiri of Locals, Dana Tindell, Miranda Galloway and Cara Burnley

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- Attending as observers were Village President Elect Jeff Clark, Trustee Elect Mark Gleason, Trustee candidate Steve Condon, and Pawnee residents Miranda Galloway and Cara Burnley
- Garry Whitson, Pawnee Otter Lake Water Commission. Whitson stated he call Plant Supervisor Dennis Ross regarding the water (taste and odor). Ross stated that it takes a couple of days to filter down; however, the recent rain will turn the lake over some. We are really looking at the upgrade of the plant to improve the taste and odor of the water, but we are still several months away from that. Trustee Terry Woodcock asked that Ross call Jason Clauser when the water is tested.
- Jessica Oakley and Kristin Midiri, owners of Locals were present due to a request for use of the square May 16, 2009 during a fundraiser to benefit the Central Illinois Black Bear Society. The request was granted during the last board meeting however, the question of taking alcohol on the square during a live auction, one feature of the fundraiser that was contingent upon receiving a license or special use permit to do so was continued. Village President Kenton Manning would have to sign and remit a letter to the Illinois Liquor Control Commission that would constitute evidence of village approval for a special use permit to be issued to Locals for the event.

Motion made by Trustee Thompson to approve the letter and authorize Village President Kenton Manning to sign said letter with the following stipulations that a dram shop rider will include the village as an additional insured and that the rider will include the village square as an additional location insured.

Second by Trustee Young

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

Motion Carried (5-0)

- Trustee Bowen stated at the last board meeting that My Way Pub owners Butch and Karen Devarose, requested permission to place a beer garden at the rear of the pub.

Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve Ordinance 09-04, An Ordinance Amending the Liquor Control Chapter of Village of Pawnee Code of Ordinances to Permit Permanent Outdoor Tavern Areas and Erection of Outdoor Smoking Areas Within Such Outdoor Tavern Areas.

Second by Trustee Thompson

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

Motion Carried (4-1)

- Dana Tindell, Pawnee Boy Scouts, informed trustees that Pawnee Boy Scouts would be taking over the Village Wide Garage Sale, previously sponsored by the Pawnee Area Chamber of Commerce, June 6. She requested if the Scouts could not locate at FNB, could they use the pavilion on the square. All features of the event will remain the same. Sellers are to register at Snelling-Chevalier Real Estate. Trustee granted permission for use of the pavilion. Trustee Thompson told Tindell that the village would bring in several porta-potties in addition to a hand-washing station. The village will do the same for the Black Bear fundraiser.

Clerk's Comments

- Minutes of March 23, 2009 were presented for review and approval.

Motion made by Trustee Young to approve the minutes of March 23, 2009 as presented.

Second by Trustee Miller

Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-present, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Woodcock

- Of the thirty-two shut-off scheduled for March 24, 2009, only two shut-offs were required.
- The gas rate continues to decline, down .4 cents per therm for May
- (Woodcock) will meet with Glenn Smith and Michelle Featherston to discuss shut-offs before the next scheduled board meeting.

Park Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Woodcock

- (Woodcock) sent letter to Pawnee School requesting use of the football field for the Fourth of July, 2009 Fireworks display. The school granted the request with the stipulation that the area be cleaned up following the event. (Woodcock) noted the football field was not cleaned up last year and she stated that she might ask summer employees to do so after this year's event.

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve bills payable as presented ending Friday, April 10, 2009
Second by Trustee Thompson

Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

- **Motion** made by Trustee Bowen to approve Ordinance 09-03, 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.

Second by Trustee Thompson

Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

- **Motion** made by Trustee Bowen to approve from Greene and Bradford, Inc. a Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code, Municipal Estimate of Maintenance Costs, and Maintenance Engineering to be Performed by a Consulting Engineer.

Second by Trustee Thompson

Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

- Moving on to Personnel, Trustee Bowen reported to trustees that Stan Travelstead estimated the cost of village employee insurance could increase by 28 percent. As such, Bowen stated that information has been submitted to another provider for an estimate, Blue Cross/Blue Shield.
- The village received only one internal submission for the position of Gas and Water Supervisor/Superintendent. It was received from Jason Clauser. At this time, no consideration has been given as to what the salary might be. Trustees briefly discussed the appointment.

Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve the appointment of Jason Clause as Gas and Water Supervisor.

Second by Trustee Young

Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

- Trustee noted that only a regular staff position remains open for the Gas and Water Department.

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

- Nothing to report

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 Thompson

Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes, and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

- Trustee Elect Mark Gleason compliments the Pawnee Police Department noting police department involvement in a number of law enforcement and community programs; time spent by the chief re: meetings and seminars attended.

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Trustee Thompson had nothing to report for Sewer, he did however return to a topic brought up at the last meeting noting that David Skinner asked about property not tied to the village, a portion of Horse Creek Subdivision. He wanted to know if he could sell the property, if so, would the village require he install a sewer line in or could he use a septic system. Thompson noted that since the property in question is outside the corporate limits, the City of Springfield, due to the proposed Hunter Lake (Lake Springfield II) might have put a limit on septic systems. Even though village ordinance states that if there is no access to a public sewer system, a septic system could be approved. Mr. Skinner was advised to start the process with the City of Springfield and Sangamon County due to jurisdiction. A septic system is only okay with the village if it is okay with the City of Springfield and Sangamon County. Thompson also noted that effluent from the sewer treatment plant is very much under normal limits and is only at half of what the plant can turn out.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- No report given

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business/Correspondence

- None

Mayor's Comments

- Mayor Manning stated he would get village information to all newly elected officials, Jeff Clarke, David Skinner and Mark Gleason
- The village received a thank you note from Daily Bread for approving yearly donation of \$1500 to defray the cost of meals and \$1000 for administration of the program.
- Mayor Manning spoke briefly about an abandoned mobile home located on Third Street. Mayor Manning learned that the tax bill is in the name of a deceased man. He noted that whoever owns the mobile home now, if he/she removes the home, it could not be replaced with another mobile home. The home has been empty since approximately 2002. It would cost the village approximately \$1200 to get rid of the home.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Trustee Miller to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Trustee Thompson

Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-5 Nays-0

Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2009. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, April 27, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer
Village Clerk