

**Village of Pawnee  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of June 8, 2009**

**Call to Order**

- President Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Roll Call**

- Village Clerk, Cynthia Kramer, called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Steve Gudgel, Phillip Thompson, Tom Bowen, David Skinner and Mark Gleason
- Trustee/s absent: Terry Woodcock
- Also in attendance: Chief Jan Bowsher, village attorney John Myers, Pawnee Otter Lake Water Commissioner Garry Whitson, Devona Martin, Lew and Glenda Thomas, Miranda Galloway

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

- Otter Lake Water Commissioner Garry Whitson-Pawnee spoke briefly to the board, especially new board members, giving a very brief update on the water plant upgrade. He noted that the water still has a funny taste and odor, but once the update of the plant is complete, the issue of taste and odor should be resolved.
- Lew and Glenda Thomas appeared before the board. They told trustees that they plan to build a house on property located at 510 Eighth Street. They requested that the village take down two, old soft maple trees located on the west edge of the property but within the village easement. Trustees agreed to do so stating the village would contact Tom Maupin to remove the trees.
- Devona Martin was present for clerk training.
- Miranda Galloway attended as an observer.

**Clerk's Comments**

- Minutes of May 25, 2009 were presented for review and approval.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Gudgel to approve the minutes of May 25, 2009 as presented.  
Second by Trustee Bowen  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-present, Bowen-yes, Skinner-yes and Gleason-yes  
Motion Carried (5-0)

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

- No report given

**Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner**

- **Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve bills payable as presented ending Wednesday, June 3, 2009  
Second by Trustee Thompson  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Skinner-yes and Gleason-yes  
Motion Carried (5-0)
- An ordinance establishing prevailing wage for the Village of Pawnee was introduced. Attorney John Myers explained the process used to determine prevailing wage and the reason why the village approves the ordinance to new trustees. He added that the village is required to pass the ordinance each year during the month of June; and that contractors are provided a copy of said ordinance.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Bowen to approve Ordinance 09-07, An Ordinance Establishing Prevailing Wage for the Village of Pawnee  
Second by Trustee Thompson  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Skinner-yes and Gleason-yes  
Motion Carried (5-0)

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

- (Trustee Bowen) presented a letter from Greene and Bradford, Inc. with attached bid from Louis Marsch Inc. to provide seal coat and seal coat aggregate for the Village of Pawnee.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Bowen to approve the following bid from Louis Marsch, Inc., Morrisonville for \$34,161.90 for seal coat and \$15,788.75 for seal coat aggregate.

Second by Trustee Thompson

Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Skinner-yes and Gleason-yes

Motion Carried (5-0)

- Bowen stated he met with Pawnee Schools Superintendent Lyle Rigdon last week; and since the village has money, we will try to incorporate sidewalk work for the school's Safe Route to School Program as well as sidewalk work for the village.
- Bowen stated as a committee, we would like to revitalize the entire square, more parking, more handicapped parking, and lighting, something with the turn of the century look. We have approximately \$45,000 to spend, but we may be able to do only one side of the square at a time.

**Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gleason**

- The monthly police report was presented for review and approval.

**Motion** made by Trustee Gleason to approve the monthly police report as presented.

Second by Trustee Thompson

Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Skinner-yes and Gleason-yes

Motion Carried (5-0)

- Chief Bowsher added the following: June 3, 2009 she attended the Sangamon County Chiefs meeting at Sheriff Neil Williamson's office in reference to the Multi Agency STARCOM radio grant. The Pawnee Police Department will receive three (3) STARCOM radios valued at \$2,814.80 each. The Office of the Attorney General selected Pawnee Police Department to receive a digital camera as part of a grant their office received from the US Justice Department. The camera will enable law enforcement agencies to move quickly in transmitting sex offender photos to the Illinois State Police and to ensure timely posting to the Illinois Sex Offender Registry website. Value of the camera was not given. Chief Bowsher received \$17,999 funding from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority towards the purchase of an administrative vehicle, a 2009 Chevrolet Malibu Hybrid 4-door sedan. This is a 75% Federal/25% Village match. The village match is \$5,999 however; the police department has \$3,480 in vehicle fine money from the Circuit Clerk's office to be used just for vehicles. Use of the fine money will reduce the amount of money coming out of the budget to \$2,520.
- With the opening and continued success of Locals, a drinking establishment adjacent to the police department building, it has become almost impossible for police officers to find open parking spaces immediately in front of the police department. Chief Bowsher asked that the village designate at least two parking spaces in front of the police building for police parking only in order to allow officers quick entry to and exit from the building. Trustees agreed to her request for police parking only.
- Returning to the hiring of a part-time and a fill-in dispatcher, Chief Bowsher recommended the board hire Chastity Albers, already trained and a full-time dispatcher at Virden and Matthew Roberts, a med student to fill the positions.

**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to hire Chastity Albers and Matthew Roberts to fill the positions of part-time and fill-in dispatchers.

Second by Trustee Gleason

Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Skinner-yes and Gleason-yes

Motion Carried (5-0)

- Chief Bowsher stated the square would close (for Prairie Days) before noon on Wednesday and that, the beer tent will move to the west side of the square.
- Committee Chair Gleason commended Chief Bowsher for a job well done in receiving funds for the police department.

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

- Trustee Thompson stated that work has yet to start on the San Terra Lift Station renovation. There has been a lot of rain and we may have to wait until the area dries.
- While the village has yet to receive the EPA permit for the water treatment plant due Dec. 2008, Gary Eby received the application for the coming year permit. The village continues to operate, as instructed, on the existing permit.
- For Parks, Miranda Galloway requested a scoreboard for Schultz Park (also known as North Park). Thompson stated he thought it a good idea and will probably stair-step this along in order to get it done. He added that the village owns property on the southeast side of the village, as such, he is looking to use the property for t-ball diamonds, as parking is available

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

- Trustee Gudgel noted that the Zoning Board recommended granting the Dillow variance; however, the Dillows will have to join three properties.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Gudgel to grant a variance to Dave and Linda Dillow, 910 Madison Street, Pawnee for the construction of a 30 x 40 foot garage with the Dillows joining three properties to do so.  
Second by Trustee Gleason  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Skinner-yes and Gleason-yes  
Motion Carried (5-0)

### **Unfinished Business**

- Trustee Gleason did contact Lake Area Disposal, and Lake Area does offer recycling, for a fee.
- Trustee Gleason noticed that the village web site was out of date and asked whom to contact regarding the web site.

### **New Business/Correspondence**

- Ordinance 09-08, an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Pawnee Pertaining to Liquor Control. Mayor Clarke stated the ordinance would permit Pawnee bars to remain open until 3 a.m. on the Sunday of each year that is the last day of the annual Pawnee Prairie Days festival. Clarke stated he spoke to all bar owners regarding this matter informing them that all alcoholic beverages must be served in plastic or cans, no glass on the square and in addition, all patrons in order to bring liquor out of the bar and onto the square during Prairie Days must purchase and wear the bracelet sold by the Prairie Days Committee for the purchase of alcohol during the event.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Thompson to approve Ordinance 09-08, Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Pawnee Pertaining to Liquor Control.  
Second by Trustee Skinner  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Skinner-yes and Gleason-present  
Motion Carried (5-0)
- Trustees briefly discussed the sidewalk dining tables in front of The Stables, if they should be allowed. Mayor Clarke stated he spoke with owner and proprietor Steve Rhoades, informing him that drinks either alone or with meals at the tables, must be served in plastic containers. Additionally, he asked that the tables be permitted as Mr. Rhoades complies with the no-smoking law.

### **Mayor's Comments**

- Mayor Clarke asked if any board member planned to attend the Rockies Express Pipeline Restoration Tour. Only the Clerk planned to attend, the Mayor and trustees noted that they would be unable to attend the tour.
- Due to vacation, Mayor Clarke stated he would like to appoint Trustee Steve Gudgel to serve as Mayor pro tem in his absence.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Gleason to appoint Steve Gudgel as Mayor pro tem June 19 through June 28, 2009.  
Second by Trustee Bowen  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Skinner-yes and Gleason-yes  
Motion Carried (5-0)
- The Bargaining Committee will meet Wednesday, June 7 at 7 p.m. at the village hall.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

**Motion** made by Trustee Gudgel to adjourn the meeting  
Second by Trustee Thompson  
Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-5 Nays-0  
Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2009. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, June 22, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer  
Village Clerk