

**Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of January 28, 2008**

Call to Order

- Trustee Bill Miller called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call

- Clerk Cynthia Kramer called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Steven Gudgel, Phillip Thompson, Tom Bowen, Terry Woodcock, Lindsey Young and Bill Miller
- Absent: Village President/Mayor Kenton Manning
- Also in attendance: Chief Jan Bowsher, Treasurer Glenn Smith, Water Commissioner Garry Whitson, Pawnee resident Danny Pearce, Pawnee Boy Scout Troop Leader Rich Grooms and assistant Tim Gosteli

Motion made by Trustee Thompson to appoint Trustee Bill Miller to serve as mayor pro tem in the absence of Mayor Kenton Manning

Second by Trustee Bowen

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

Motion Carried (6-0)

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- Rich Grooms, Leader, Boy Scout Troop 73, thanked the village for the use of the flags used during the welcome home ceremony for Aaron Patton. He noted the Boy Scouts purchased a new energy efficient furnace for the Boy Scout Hall, but the Scouts are looking for help with heating this year. He stated that anything received would be appreciated. The Scouts received \$1200 or \$100 monthly last year and Treasurer Glenn Smith said funds would be available after May 1 of this year. Grooms when asked stated that he did not have a written request with him but would submit one to the village. He also asked if there was any thing the Scouts could do for the village this year. While trustees did not have request at this time, Police Chief Bowsher requested that people attending meetings at the Scout Hall park more appropriately, which in turn sparked a brief discussion regarding the number and placement of handicapped parking.
- Garry Whitson, Pawnee Water Commissioner, Otter Lake Water Commission gave an update on the plant upgrade noting that there will be a meeting for the General Public on February 11, 3:00 p.m. at the Virden office. The Commission is looking at the following dates: Final design, April 1, 2008, bidding, July 15 and possible start date of construction, July 15, with a completion date of approximately December 15, 2009. He noted the plant would discontinue the use of lime. The upgrade will allow the plant to go to a chlorine dioxide system thus cutting down on pure chlorine. In closing Whitson stated that once the new upgraded plant is up and running, everyone will see a great improvement in the water.
- Pawnee resident Danny Pearce asked how the village is going to handle hiring once Nick Howard retires. Personnel Committee Chairman Tom Bowen replied the committee is not sure whether the position will be open to all or if the position would be filled by an employee promotion. Bowen stated regardless there will be another position open and that Pearce could pick up an application at the village office the next day.

Clerk's Comments

- Minutes of January 14, 2008 and January 21, 2008 Special Board Meeting were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Young to approve the minutes of January 14, 2008 and January 21, 2008 with minor corrections.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Young-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)

Budget Comparison and Investment Report: Village Treasurer Glenn Smith

- The December 31, 2007 Budget Comparison Report and Investment Report were presented for approval.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to accept the December 31, 2007 Budget Comparison and Investment Report as presented
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)
- Treasurer Smith stated CDs come due February.

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Woodcock

- Forty-three red letters delivered this month, resulting in one shut-off.
- There was a boil order during this last period, a water leak, Hinkle Drive. It has been repaired.
- (Woodcock) still waiting to hear from Mike Howard regarding changes on the Hydrolic Report. Once that is completed, the report can be reviewed with the Pawnee Fire Protection District.

Park Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Woodcock

- No report

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

- Discussion regarding personnel hiring will continue in committee as well as CD renewal.
- Bills Payable was presented for review and approval. Trustee Terry Woodcock had several questions regarding bills listed. She asked about the check to Pawnee K of C (Aaron Patton) and who authorized the \$150 amount. Treasure Glenn Smith was able to answer her question stating that Mayor Manning authorized payment to help offset hall rental for the reception if returning Iraq deployed soldier, Aaron Patton. Apparently, several trustees remember receiving an email about the matter, but Woodcock stated she had not received any information regarding the listed payment so she just looking for an explanation. She also asked if the village received letters of request from the After Prom Committee and the Basketball Sponsorship requests.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve bills payable for January 25, 2008 as presented.
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)

Note: Trustee Terry Woodcock had to leave meeting early, departing at 7:37 p.m.

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

- (Bowen) stated that he received requests from Muck Sisk and Marcie Walters that the Fourth Street traffic pattern not be changed. Trustee Phillip Thompson also noted he has received about a half dozen complaints about the proposed changes as well. Bowen also noted the U. S. Government Post Office has requested that the traffic pattern stay as is. Bowen suggested the issue might require a public hearing.

- The village also received a request for a street closing, K Layne and the end of Seventh Street (Michele) March 1 regarding Anna Langheim estate.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Miller

- Nothing to report other than Chief Bowsher has also received several complaints regarding the proposed traffic pattern changes for Fourth Street in front of Pawnee Schools.

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Everything is going well, but the village still has yet to hear from the IEPA regarding the water treatment plant.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- The sign in the window of the Puzey residence is in violation of the village code in regards to home businesses. Notification sent.

Unfinished Business/Correspondence

- None

New Business/Correspondence

- The village received a thank you card from Karen Lovelace thanking the village for the card and plant received.
- The village received a letter of resignation from Virginia Naufel, Pawnee Zoning Board. Naufel served on the Zoning Board since 1991. The Mayor requested Steve Gudgel, Chariman of the Zoning Committee to think about her replacement.

Mayor's Comments

- None

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Trustee Thompson to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Trustee Young

Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-5, Nays-0

Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m. on Monday, January 28, 2008. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, February 11, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer
Village Clerk