

**Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of January 23, 2006**

Call to Order

- The Village Clerk called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call

- Village Clerk, Cynthia Kramer, called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Steven Gudgel, Tom Bowen, Phillip Thompson, Joette Manning and Jeff Thomas
- Trustee/s absent: Bill Miller
- Also in attendance: Pawnee Water Commissioner Gary Whitson, Police Chief Jan Bowsher and Treasurer Glenn Smith

Motion made by Trustee Phillip Thompson to appoint Trustee Joette Manning to serve as president pro tem due to the absence of Village President Kenton Manning.

Second by Trustee Jeff Thomas

Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thompson-yes, Manning-yes, and Thomas-yes

Motion Carried (5-0)

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- Pawnee Water Commissioner Garry Whitson attended the meeting reporting the Otter Lake Water Commission is still struggling with the blue-green algae problem. He also brought a copy of a report for Water Committee Chairman Joette Manning stating other Midwest states, including Kansas and Ohio are experiencing the same algae induced problems. They are like us, stated Whitson, throwing chemicals at it. The only solution is, hopefully we will get enough rain to turn the water over. The Commission is looking into moving the time schedule up for putting in clean-comb filtration. Whitson continued stating the water is safe, meeting or exceeding what is required; it is an odor problem. Trustee Manning asked Whitson if the Water Commission board had to vote on stepping up the time table to install the new filtration, he replied yes. Trustee Manning with agreement from other trustees stated Pawnee would like Commissioner Whitson to vote to do just that, step up the schedule. Trustee Manning stated she spoke with Joe Greene over her concern of the taste of the water, and that the new telemetry system may not help if the water continues to come from the plant with the same problem. If the water comes fresh the telemetry system will keep it fresh. She also spoke to Mr. Green about chlorination, since the Village is going to get a chlorinator, which would make the water taste better, but according to Mr. Greene it will still be the same water underneath. The village needs a chlorinator because by the time the water gets here, the chlorine is depleted. Trustee Manning also added that she was informed by Water Department Supervisor Mike Howard that Tovey is going to begin selling water to the Dominion Power Plant and asked will that help Pawnee's water problem? Mr. Whitson said he thought it would as Pawnee would no longer be at the end of the line. Trustee Manning asked Mr. Whitson to keep the Village appraised. Trustee Manning added the Village will begin flushing hydrants as a prelim to initiating a previously discussed hydrant system, and that the final step-increase from Otter Lake Water Commission became effective Jan. 1 of this year.

Clerk's Comments

- Minutes of January 9, 2006 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Thompson to approve the minutes of January 9, 2006 as presented.
Second by Trustee Gudgel
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thompson-yes, Manning-yes and Thomas-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

Budget Comparison & Investment Report: Village Treasurer, Glenn Smith

- The November 2005 Budget Comparison Report and Investment Report and the December 2005 Budget Comparison Report and Investment Report were presented for approval.

Motion made by Trustee Thompson to approve the November 30, 2005 Budget Comparison and Investment Reports as presented.

Second by Trustee Gudgel

Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thompson-yes, Manning-yes and Thomas-yes

Motion Carried (5-0)

Motion made by Trustee Thompson to approve the December 31, 2005 Budget Comparison Report and Investment Reports as presented.

Second by Trustee Bowen

Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thompson-yes, Manning-yes and Thomas-yes

Motion Carried (5-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Woodcock

- Trustee Bowen stated he had nothing to report regarding personnel; he then presented Bills Payable for review.

Motion made by Trustee Bowen to accept the bills payable as presented Monday, Jan. 23, 2006

Second by Trustee Thompson

Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thompson-yes, Manning-yes and Thomas-yes

Motion Carried (5-0)

- Treasurer Glenn Smith tells trustees he will probably have budgets ready for the next Finance Committee meeting, as such, trustees should be thinking of what you are going budget for the next year.
- Trustee Bowen comments the committee will review employee insurance and raises sometime in March.

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- We received three bids for a slit seeder, the lowest bid was \$4,649.36, and the next bid was \$6,000, while the highest bid was \$6,455.23. Employees if possible would like to purchase the one for the lowest bid. I would like to split the cost 50/50 between the Gas, Water and Sewer Departments.

- Motion made by Trustee Thompson to purchase the slit seeder from Sloan Implement Company at a price not to exceed \$5,000 with the 50/50 split in cost by the Gas, Water and Sewer Departments.

Second by Trustee Bowen

Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thompson-yes, Manning-yes and Thomas-yes

Motion Carried (5-0)

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- Don Kern wants to rezone the property at 1106 Carroll Street from R3 to B2. There will be a Zoning Hearing Feb. 16 at 7 p.m.

- I was approach by Jason Martin regarding Fourth Street and 104. I spoke to Tom and he said hopefully within a week or so we will see some improvement in that area

Stanley Lederbrand contacted me. He has yet to hear from the Village about the status of his request regarding the Village paying half of the township cost to rebuild the Washington Street Bridge. Tom Bowen stated he had an answer but thought the issue should be discussed by the board first and then a written answer would be sent to Mr. Lederbrand following the discussion.

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

- Tom Bowen stated he contacted the County Engineer and basically the story he told me was that the township approached the County about 2000 about co-building the bridge with the County and the Township knew up front what their cost would be. At that time I think there was a question about where our boundaries are on that and the agreement seems to be with the county that ours (Village of Pawnee) ends where the road comes up, that runs north-south, at east-west, which would be the Black Diamond. The approach to the bridge is really not ours, but we have helped maintain it in the past, as far a snow removal and things along that line. If we want to assume the approach, we can, but we take it up to the point of the bridge and not the bridge itself. The only way the bridge would become ours, would be if we annexed the property on both sides of the bridge. Cost belongs to the township.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Miller

- Chief Bowsher stated she had a police vehicle overheating and had Vince Donaho put a new oil pan, gasket and water pump in. Four hours later the engine blew while officer Harris was driving the vehicle. Officer Harris was unaware a new water pump had been installed. Vince ordered a brand new motor. Vince paid \$1500 and did not charge for labor, the Police Department paid \$1500 since there was 50,000 miles on the engine and everyone is satisfied with that arrangement stated Chief Bowsher
- Trustee Manning stated she received a complaint that after 24 hours after notifying the police department that an animal carcass, larger than a dog, had not be removed from Route 104. Chief Bowsher stated the probable reason as to why the carcass was still there is that the State had yet to pick it up. If there is a carcass within the village the police will discard of it, otherwise we notify the Street Department who in turn notifies the state for pick-up.
- Since the village had to change its drug testing company, Treasure Glenn Smith and Trustee Joette Manning met with John Hickman of Illinois Testing Services on Jan. 12 at 9 a.m. While the new company is a little more expensive, the service comes to the employee rather than the employee having to leave work to go to Springfield for drug testing.
- Part-time dispatcher applicants will be interviewed Jan. 30 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning

- Fifty-six “red” letters were sent resulting in two shut-offs.
- Regarding gas, the Feb. 1, 2006 residential rate is 141.0; the Jan. 1, 2006 rate was 149.9 for 8.9 cents per therm decrease.
- Panel has been put in for the water tower telemetry system.

Park Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning

- Trustee Jeff Thomas will be meeting with a representative from DNR about looking for grants for park equipment.
- The Village stated getting plants from the Store last year. We will order the same amount of ferns and red geraniums as we did last year. Don Kern is also going to give me the cost of wrapping the posts and installing new downspouts as well.

Unfinished Business/Correspondence

- Resolution 06-01, Establishing A Capitalization Policy for the Village of Pawnee, Sangamon County, Illinois
Motion made by Trustee Manning to approve Resolution 06-01, establishing a capitalization policy for the Village of Pawnee, Sangamon County, Illinois.
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thompson-yes, Manning-yes and Thomas-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

New Business/Correspondence

- None

Mayor’s Comments

- Mayor received a letter from Jim Stone, Director of Public Health, regarding protocol for the 2006 Sangamon County Pre Disposal Program noting no changes from last year’s protocols.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Trustee Manning to adjourn the meeting
Second by Trustee Thompson
Voice Vote Taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays
Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8.04 p.m. on Monday, January 23, 2006. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, February 13, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer
Village Clerk