

**Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of January 9, 2006**

Call to Order

- President Manning called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Roll Call

- Village Clerk, Cynthia Kramer, called roll.
- Trustees in attendance: Steve Gudgel, Tom Bowen, Phillip Thompson, Jeff Thomas and Billy Miller
- Trustees absent: Joette Manning
- Also in attendance: Attorney John Myers, Police Chief Jan Bowsher, Pawnee Township Road Commissioner Stanley Lederbrand

Recognition/Comments of Visitors

- Township Road Commissioner Stanley Lederbrand was the only visitor present. He requested, even though the township paid the bill, that the village pay half (\$21,500) of the \$43,000 bill received by the township for the rebuilding of the Washington Street Bridge. Lederbrand stated that it was quite a shock to both him and Township Supervisor Colleen Scott when the bill arrived as they thought it was a done deal with government paying all of the cost. During the course of the discussion, Lederbrand stated that he was told by the County Engineer that if he could prove that both sides of the bridge were in the village, then the village would have to pay. Lederbrand asked if the ground on the northeast side of the bridge (property formerly belonging to Jim Hill) was ever annexed by the village and was told the land is still county. He then asked does half the bridge belong to the village, stating he was told by Nick Howard that the west approach and half the bridge is mine (Howard's) to take care of. Attorney John Myers questioned if the bridge was in the village or not, and received a "no" reply from Trustee Steven Gudgel. President Manning then asked the waterway/creek belongs to the state, right? Myers replied "is our boundary in the middle of the waterway, which is the question. If our boundary is in the middle of the waterway, then Nick is right, we own to the middle of the bridge. If this is a boundary question the village should contact its engineer, Joe Greene to get this question answered because it not only impacts any prorated share of the bill but future maintenance responsibilities as well.

Trustee Gudgel prior to the meeting and Trustee Bowen during the meeting requested to see contract/s regarding the bridge project. Commissioner Lederbrand stated that he did not have copies of any paperwork regarding the bridge project. Bowen then asked not even minutes of approval, you have nothing? Again Lederbrand replied yes. Trustee Bowen stated he would contact the county the following day to request copies of all pertinent paperwork regarding the Washington Street Bridge project.

Since the village was not involved in any manner with the bridge project we open ourselves up for potential problems if we say yes to the request by taxpayers and the people of Pawnee. Trustee Thompson added we also open ourselves up since we had noting to do with the contracts, if contract liability comes into fault and we pay for part of the bridge, then we are going to be responsible for a portion contract liability as well.

Trustee Bowen stated that once all the information is received from Joe Greene and the county and trustees have a chance to review the information, he will contact Mr. Lederbrand regarding this matter.

Clerk's Comments

- Motor Fuel Allotment and Transactions for November, 2005 were \$6,922.95
- Minutes of December 12, 2005 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to approve the minutes of December 12, 2005, with one correction.
Second by Trustee Bowen
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thompson-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)
**Note: The regularly scheduled meeting of December 26, 2005, Pawnee Village Board of Trustees, was cancelled due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays.*

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning

- No report given

Park Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning

- No report given

Personnel and Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

- Bills Payables were presented for approval.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to accept bills payable dated December 21 as presented.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thompson-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to accept bills payable dated January 6, 2006 as presented.
Second by Trustee Gudgel
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thompson-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve pay raise of a \$1.46 per hour for part-time dispatcher Kelly Thein.

Second by Bill Miller

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

Motion Carried (5-0)

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Miller

Motion made by Trustee Miller to approve the police report as presented.

Second by Trustee Gudgel

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

Motion Carried (5-0)

- Chief Bowsher submitted year report noting crime up 29% and more cases are pending rather than closed for 2005.

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Nothing to report

Streets, Alleys & Sidewalks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

- Trustee Bowen asked if trustees were still interested in providing additional space to the village garage which would include three offices, conference room and bathroom. Bowen stated there is \$40,000 dollars in the budget for the addition. Bowen will put numbers together and have copies sent to all trustees for review.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- Nothing to report

Unfinished Business/Correspondence

- Since Village President Manning will be out of town, Treasurer Glenn Smith will attend the closing on the Brawner property.
- David and Shirley Vick have offered the deed to the burned out property located at 111 Washington Street to the Village in exchange for demolition of the structure and clean-up of the site.

Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to settle the Vick property issue by accepting deed to property located at 111 Washington Street.

Second by Trustee Thompson

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

Motion Carried (5-0)

New Business/Correspondence

- None

Mayor's Comments

- Trustee Joette Manning will serve as mayor pro tem for the January 23 meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Trustee Thompson to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Trustee Miller

Voice Vote Taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays

Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2006

The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, January 23, 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Note: Due to the School District Town Meeting, School Consolidation Feasibility Study, the Village Board meeting was rescheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer
Village Clerk