

**Village of Pawnee  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of May 22, 2006**

**Call to Order**

- 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, Jeff Thomas and Bill Miller
  - Trustees absent: Phillip Thompson, Joette Manning
  - Also absent: Village President Kenton Manning
  - Also in attendance: Treasurer Glenn Smith, Sangamon County Board Member Andy Goleman, Pawnee Water Commissioner Garry Whitson, Boy Scouts Troop 73 Scout Master Richard Grooms
- Motion made by Trustee Steven Gudgel to appoint Trustee Bill Miller as mayor pro tem.  
Second by Trustee Thomas  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes  
Motion Carried (4-0)

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

- Sangamon County Board Member Andy Goleman made his yearly visit to the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees recapping Sangamon County Board business. He noted residents should see a reduction in taxes due to the fact that the County Complex will be paid off in December 2006. He touched on such topics as new election equipment, the merging of the City of Springfield and the County Health Departments, Sangamon County Drug Investigation Response Team, County Smoking Ban and Fireworks licensing. He noted that Sangamon County Jail will be a topic for future action, possibly the board going to taxpayers as the jail is very close to capacity. He also noted that at the June meeting, Sangamon County Board members will be voting on a contract for a new integrated criminal justice system (computers) as the current system is outdated. The board is also working on a plan to help financing for municipalities who need new units as well, noting this is where Pawnee is ahead of the curve. In closing he thanked board members for all their hard work.
- Boys Scouts, Troop 73 Scout Master Richard Grooms requested (both oral and written) a donation to help defray fuel and other Summer Camp 2006 related expenses. Troop 73 will travel to Texas where scouts will visit the historic WWII aircraft carrier Lexington and then on to Dallas to visit the Scouting Museum as well as other points of interest. The scouts will camp each day through the duration of the trip. Through the years Troop 73 has produced a number of Eagle Scouts, two last year, and two more next year, with the troop being active in many community service projects. The scouts will be available for the Memorial Day Service on the square but will not be able to serve as Color Guard for the annual Fourth of July Celebration Fireworks display at the school due to the summer camp trip.  
Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to donate \$250 to Troop 73 to defray fuel and other expenses associated with Summer Camp 2006.  
Second by Trustee Thomas  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes  
Motion Carried (4-0)
- Grooms switched from Scouting to a residential issue. He stated he wanted to widen and pour a new concrete drive way and asked about the procedure to obtain a new driveway culvert and what was the maximum length concrete could be poured. Streets Committee Chairman Tom Bowen told Grooms he would have to speak with Nick Howard regarding both questions and either he or Nick would get back to him.
- Pawnee Water Commissioner Garry Whitson having just returned from Otter Lake reported that three of the four SolarBees, solar circulators to help rid the lake of blue-green algae, were put in the lake that day with the fourth going in tomorrow. He cautioned that it could take up to two months before residents notice any significant difference in the water. He also told trustees that the Otter Lake Water Commission had acquired the last easement for the damn improvement project.

#### **Clerk's Comments**

- Minutes of May 8, 2006 were presented for review and approval.  
Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to approve the minutes of May 8, 2006 as presented.  
Second by Trustee Bowen  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes  
Motion Carried (4-0)

#### **Budget Comparison & Investment Report: Village Treasurer, Glenn Smith**

- The April 2006 Budget Comparison and Investment Report as presented for approval.  
Motion made by Trustee Thomas to approve the April 2006 Budget Comparison and Investment Report (end of fiscal year) as presented.  
Second by Trustee Gudgel  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes  
Motion Carried (4-0)

#### **Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning**

- The cost of gas is down by 3.9 cents per therm.

#### **Park Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning**

- Nothing to report other than the large planters are ready for the potting of flowers.

#### **Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen**

- No Personnel issues to report.
- Bills Payable was presented for approval.  
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to accept the bills payable as presented.  
Second by Trustee Thomas  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Bowen-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes  
Motion Carried (4-0)

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

- Nothing to report other than employees are still doing culvert work and preparing for the oil and rocking of village streets.

#### **Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Miller**

- Trustee Gudgel asks if summer employees could be used to help deliver "red" utility letters as approximately 60-70 letters go out each month.
- Burke family requested permission for outdoor music with DJ from 7 until 10:30 p.m. at 1201 Sixth Street, Pawnee, June 3 for the Burke Family Reunion. Neighbors agreed to the 10:30 p.m. time. Trustee Bowen stated he would like to see time limit adjusted, possibly from 6 until 9:30 p.m. Even though immediately adjacent neighbors agreed to the 10:30 time Bowen stated he was concerned that sound carrying at night could be disruptive to other residents in the neighborhood. After some discussion trustees agreed that the DJ should end the music no later than 10 p.m.
- Trustee Bill Miller reported that village dispatchers are no longer answering funeral home calls.

#### **Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson**

- No report given

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

- Nothing to report at this time

#### **Unfinished Business/Correspondence**

- Trustee Bill Miller read a thank-you note from Milly Henry, Pawnee Senior Citizens Daily Bread Program, thanking the village for its generous contribution.

#### **New Business/Correspondence**

- None

#### **Mayor's Comments**

- None

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion was made by Trustee Gudgel to adjourn the meeting

Second by Trustee Thomas

Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-4, Nays-0

Motion Carried (4-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2006. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, June 12, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer  
Village Clerk