

**Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of October 24, 2005**

Call to Order

- President Manning called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call

- Village Clerk, Cynthia Kramer, called roll.
- Trustees in attendance: Steve Gudgel, Joette Manning, Jeff Thomas and Bill Miller
- Trustee/s absent: Tom Bowen and Phillip Thompson
- Also in attendance: Treasurer Glenn Smith, Police Chief Bowsher and Bob Pulfrey, United Science Industries

Recognition/Comments of Visitors

- Bob Pulfrey, United Science Industries, representing Fanning Oil Company. Re: Village adopting a groundwater ordinance. Pulfrey gives brief background, Fanning Oil operated a service station at 308 Carroll Street for a number of years, Fanning had registered the tanks with the Illinois EPA. Once registered there had to have investigation and it was found that the tanks leaked. Within a very short time notification was sent to Illinois EPA, permission by the State Fire Marshall was given to have the tanks removed. While in the process of removing the tanks, floor and wall samples were taken and found to be contaminated. Further investigation was required. Site investigation using salt borings and monitor wells; found that the property itself was contaminated with both soil and groundwater and there was off-site contamination as well. Once we determined the extent of the contamination we then developed a corrective action plan. In the recent past we have removed the soil however the groundwater contamination remains. There are a number of options but very limited due to an ongoing business at the location and a very clayey-silty type soil making water difficult to remove. If you can't remediate it by cleaning it up, there is another way of protecting human health and environment by preventing anyone putting a portable well there, hence the request for the groundwater ordinance. If the ordinance (groundwater) is passed Fanning Oil would be able to receive a no-further remediation letter which clears Fanning Oil with the EPA. Trustee Steve Gudgel asked Mr. Pulfrey, groundwater remediation can not be done or it can not be done cost effectively by Fanning Oil? Mr. Pulfrey replied it can not be done. Mr. Pulfrey brought more information to the meeting as well as a model ordinance. The village will send all the information to Green and Bradford and to attorney John Myers for further review

Clerk's Comments

- Minutes of October 10, 2005 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to approve the minutes of October 10, 2005 as presented
Second by Trustee Manning
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Manning-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (4-0)

Budget Comparison & Investment Report: Village Treasurer, Glenn Smith

- The September 2005 Budget Comparison Report and Investment Report were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Manning to approve the September 2005 Budget Comparison and Investment Report as presented.
Second by Trustee Thomas
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Manning-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (4-0)

Personnel and Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowen

- Bills Payable was presented for approval.
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to accept warrant list of September 24, 2005
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Manning-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (4-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning

- Mike Howard, Gary Kunzman from Green and Bradford and I met on Oct. 21. We discussed three projects; the telemetry project, the water hydrolic study and the chlorine project. The telemetry project work is schedule to begin the second week in November and work is to be completed in December. The water hydraulic project is the study of the town, how the water flows, including all the hydrants, which will be very beneficial to the fire department. The study will tell us where all the weaknesses are instead of waiting for things to break. The cost is about \$16,900, however we did not anticipate doing this and it is not in the budget. However we are going to start with what we can afford to do, gathering existing data and preparing the base sheet for the study at a cost of about \$5000 leaving the bulk until April 30, ensuring this project is in the budget for next year. Lastly, the village needs to get a chlorinator for the town. Again this is an expensive project but the EPA regulates us. It doesn't matter if the water comes from Otter Lake without the chlorine that it is supposed to have in it, by the time it gets here; the village is responsible for having the correct amount of chlorine in the water. Our employees have to get certified to put the chlorine in the water and we will get two certified. The total cost for this project is \$53,000, we did not budget for this and we need to get this in the budget for next year as well.
- Sixty-two red letters went out and there were only three (3) shut-offs.
- The village will offer a plan to allow people who are not currently on the level payment plan to do so, due to projected high winter heating costs. Their bills will not be low, but they will stay consistent throughout the winter. It is a one time offer only and they must be done with their commitment by May. The deadline for enrollment is November 21, 2005.

Park Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning

- Nothing to report

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Miller

- The Police Committee met Oct. 17 to talk about animal control. Chief Bowsher and Gary Eby were also present. Gary said he would continue serving as dog catcher, however, he would like to get comp time if he could get it, and if not, time and a half, after regular work hours.
- Tabled amending Animal Control Ordinance until Mayor Manning speaks with attorney John Myers regarding ordinance.
- Miller requested executive session to discuss personnel issue.

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- No report give

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

- No report given

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- The Zoning Board met Oct. 13 in reference to Herpstreith and Andring variances, both of which passed.

Unfinished Business/Correspondence

- None

New Business/Correspondence

- None

Mayor's Comments

- Read letter from Christine Reed, IDOT, regarding drainage problem along Route 104 west of Pawnee, stating what may be the best alternative is to construct a ditch along east side of County Highway 28 (Thirteenth Street) from Illinois 104 to the tributary of Horse Creek, approximately 1100 feet north. Cost and time line contingent to many factors.
- Mayor has estimates for possible demolition of (flood plain) property at 110 and 111 Washington Street and for the burned-out property at 404 Nelson Street (in court process for demolition). Demolition of Brawner property already approved and must be done before the first of the year.
- Tabled discussion regarding amending Personnel Ordinance, Comp Time until November
- Mayor submitted for trustee review items to be included in information packet supplied to all persons submitting application for new construction.

Executive Session

- Motion made by Trustee Miller to enter executive session at 8:29 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. Chief Jan Bowsher granted permission to attend.
Second by Trustee Gudgel
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Manning-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)

Regular Session Reconvenes

- Trustees re-enter regular session at 8:50 p.m.
Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to extend a disciplinary 5-day suspension to a 10-day suspension for Village Employee Donna Alexander.
Second by Trustee Miller
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Manning-yes, Thomas-yes and Miller-yes
Motion Carried (4-0)

Motion to Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. on Monday, September 26, 2005

The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustee is Monday, November 14, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer
Village Clerk