

**Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of February 23, 2004**

Call to Order

- President Manning called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

Roll Call

- Village Clerk, Stacy Ashbaker, called roll.
 - Trustees in attendance: Tom Bowen, Steve Gudgel, Joette Manning, Phil Thompson, and Terry Woodcock.
 - Also in attendance: Police Chief Jan Bowsher and Reporter for South County Publications Candy Kramer, Village Attorney John Myers, and Village Treasurer Glenn Smith.
- President Manning led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitor's Comments

- Scott Jenkins requested pinewood derby sponsorship for Pac 73.
Motion made by Trustee Thompson to donate \$150.00 dollars to sponsor to the Pinewood Derby for Pac 73, which will take place on March 20, 2004.
Second by Trustee Manning.
Voice Vote Taken: Bowen-yes, Gudgel-yes, Manning-yes, Thompson-yes, Woodcock-yes.
Motion Carried (5-0).
- Per the request of Luther Lovelace, the Village will provide porta-potties and trash containers for Prairie Days.
- Garry Whitson reported on the water commission. Annual Audit Report will be ready for next meeting. Budgeting for annual replacement of equipment.

Clerk's Comments

- Minutes of February 9, 2004 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Woodcock to approve the minutes of February 9, 2004 as presented.
Second by Trustee Bowen.
Voice Vote Taken: Bowen-yes, Gudgel-yes, Manning-yes, Thompson-present, Woodcock-yes.
Motion Carried (5-0).

Treasurer's Report

- Budget Comparison Report and Investment Report were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Woodcock to approve the Budget Comparison Report and Investment Report as presented.
Second by Trustee Manning.
Voice Vote Taken: Bowen-yes, Gudgel-yes, Manning-yes, Thompson-yes, Woodcock-yes.
Motion Carried (5-0).

Gas & Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning

- Residential rate for February 2004 is 91.6 cents per therm. An average of the past two years indicates that this is normal.
- Candy can mention in the paper that we are workable (three-month payment plan, ...) if residents will come in and try to negotiate regarding their delinquent water/gas/sewer bills.
- There are currently about nine shut-offs.
- Went to the mall to buy gift certificates for prom. The gift cards they offer now will charge you if they are not used. The prom committee decided to do money orders from the bank instead.

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Woodcock

- Received the resignation of Police Officer Barclay Harris. Effective March 2, Barclay Harris will be taking a position with the Secretary of State. Interviews for this opening will be on March 15th and 16th at 6:00 p.m.
- We will be looking at insurance rates soon to see if we can get better rates.
- Finance had a meeting with George Edwards, a representative from the IL State Treasurers Office - IL Funds Division Programs available through municipalities, short term loan programs, ...
- Motion made by Trustee Woodcock to accept bills payable as presented.
Second by Trustee Bowen.
Voice Vote Taken: Bowen-yes, Gudgel-yes, Manning-yes, Thompson-yes, Woodcock-yes.

Motion Carried (5-0).

- Trustee Woodcock went to school board meeting on February 17th and we have permission to use the field, concessions... The Sesquicentennial Board is not condoning the sale of Sesquicentennial items by other vendors. However, this will be handled between the Sesquicentennial board and the vendor. Board is advised to adopt a policy regarding this issue. Trustee Woodcock will contact John Myers about writing up the policy.

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- No problems with metal or burn piles lately.
- Street guys did a good job helping the sewer guys.
- Talk to the guys and see if we can set up a spring-cleaning to remove debris near the storm sewers.

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

- Candy will mention in the paper that it would be helpful for residents to clean the debris from their storm sewers.
- Notices large potholes on Route 104, talked to District Engineer at the Department of Transportation and they will get to them as soon as possible.
- Work has started behind the library and will hopefully finish up soon.
- Torn down house next to AutoWerks. He is waiting for firmer ground so that he can get his equipment in and then he will finish clean-up.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- There will be a meeting Thursday, February 27th regarding the new subdivision development.
- Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to accept sealed bids on the property at 108 S third St, with a minimum bid of \$10,000. In the event that the minimum bid is not received, we will consult with a realtor as to the value of property.
Second by trustee Bowen.
Voice Vote Taken: Bowen-yes, Gudgel-yes, Manning-yes, Thompson-yes, Woodcock-yes.
Motion Carried (5-0).

President's Comments: President Manning

- Possible lease agreement for the AT&T cellular tower was given to Trustees. John Myers made suggestions and will make the discussed revisions.
- Letter from Tasha Mohn, sophomore from Pawnee High School seeking financial sponsorship for a 22-day People-to-People program. Tuition is \$5000.00 and she is asking 30 potential sponsors for contributions of \$25.00 – \$50.00.
Motion made by Trustee Thompson to donate \$50.00 towards the People-to-People program for Tasha Mohn with a presentation upon her return.
Second by Trustee Bowen.
Voice Vote Taken: Bowen-yes, Gudgel-no, Manning-yes, Thompson-yes, Woodcock-yes.
Motion carried (4-1).
- Previously reported that Lake Sanchris had been sited for a violation by the State Liquor Commission, they are back in good standing now.
- The Sesquicentennial committee has asked the Pawnee Fire Department to tap a fire hydrant for the purpose of entertainment during the Sesquicentennial Celebration.

Motion made by Trustee Woodcock to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Trustee Manning.

Voice Vote Taken: Bowen-yes, Gudgel-yes, Manning-yes, Thompson-yes, Woodcock-yes.

Motion Carried (5-0).

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 p.m. on February 23, 2004.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Ashbaker, Village Clerk