

**Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of March 22, 2004**

Call to Order

- President Manning called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Visitor's Comments

- Garry Whitson reported on the Water Commission. Letter was received from the Otter Lake Water Commission referring to an upcoming Ordinance to raise water rates. Gas & Water Committee will take the letter for discussion to see how the rate increase will be handled.

Clerk's Comments

- Minutes of March 8, 2004 were presented for review and approval.
 - Motion made by Trustee Miller to approve the minutes of March 8, 2004 with the mentioned changes.
 - Second by Trustee Thompson
 - Voice Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Manning-yes, Miller-yes, Thompson-yes, Woodcock-yes
 - Motion Carried (5-0)

Budget Comparison/Investment Report: Village Treasurer, Glenn Smith

- February 2004 Budget Comparison & Investment Report was presented for approval.
 - Motion made by Trustee Woodcock to approve the February 2004 Budget Comparison & Investment Report as presented.
 - Second by Trustee Thompson
 - Voice Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Manning-yes, Miller-yes, Thompson-yes, and Woodcock-yes.
 - Motion Carried (5-0).
- Any changes to the budget must be in by the next meeting.

Gas & Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning

- Met with Dave Aumiller and Mike Howard (Gas & Water Committee) to go over budget and decided to address the new subdivision. Estimated on the number of homes to be put in and what would be coming in and going out in order to budget for it.
- Sent 56 red letters but got it down to 5 shut offs.
- Had a few disgruntled customers. It was explained that the policy is the same for everyone.

Parks

- Budget is completed.

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Woodcock

- Motion made by Trustee Woodcock to accept bills payable dated March 19, 2004 as presented.
 - Second by Trustee Thompson
 - Voice Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Manning-yes, Miller-yes, Thompson-yes, Woodcock-yes
 - Motion Carried (5-0)
- Got a call from Stan Travelstead of American Central Insurance. Rates will vary from last year from 10-14%. He is getting information on higher/lower deductibles... Terry and Glenn are scheduled to meet with Stan to discuss the new proposed insurance possibilities.
- Interviewed six candidates for the police position and narrowed it down to Three who will come for final interviews on

March 23, 2004. Terry would like to get a verbal ok to let the final person know they have been chosen so that they can go ahead and give two weeks notice to their current employer in order to start on April 13, 2004. Verbal ok was given by the board.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Miller

- Motion made by Trustee Miller to contribute \$2500.00 to Pawnee Senior Citizens Incorporated to be paid after May 1, 2004.
Second by Trustee Woodcock
Voice Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Manning-yes, Miller-yes, Thompson-yes, and Woodcock-yes.
Motion Carried (5-0)
- Bertoni will be back Thursday, which will put the staff back to 10-hour shifts instead of 12.

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Gary will be checking in to the new bucket that was discussed last meeting.
- He is also pricing the double-sided sign to be placed on the Police property.
- They have started picking up the burn pile product.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- There was a fire north of town, the sewer guys came out to get firefighters unstuck. They did a good job.
- Regarding the engineer for Skinners property. Steve and Tom spoke with Gina Fuhrmann who sent information on what they do. Her rates are \$75.00 per hour.
Motion made by Trustee Gudgel that Gina Fuhrmann be hired to oversee Village interest on the possible Skinner Development.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Voice Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Manning-yes, Miller-yes, Thompson-yes, and Woodcock-yes.
Motion Carried (5-0)

Thompson wanted to thank the department for finding the person responsible for breaking the window at the Karate Club.

New Business

- Resolution No. 04-02: A Resolution Authorizing Interfund Loans
- Resolution No. 04-03: A Resolution Forgiving An Interfund Account Balance
- Resolution No. 04-04: Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code

Old Business

Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to approve Ordinance No 04-01: An Ordinance Regulating Development In A Floodplain Area And Amending Title 11 Of The Village Of Pawnee Code Of Ordinances.
Second by Trustee Manning
Voice Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Manning-yes, Miller-yes, Thompson-yes, Woodcock-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

President's Comments

- Received a letter written to contact local elected officials in central Illinois to involve them in an upcoming visit from Governor Blagojevich to speak on his Opportunity Returns program.
- Old Monument has been damaged and we will try to get it repaired with a possible overlay of brass.
- Engraving of bricks for veterans, if interested, contact Danny Adams of the Pana Monument Company. Would like to provide them for the Police Officers also.
- We have budgeted \$5000.00 for the website. We will start planning what we want on it at the next meeting.
- Have we set any dates for bids on the tractor that is going to be replaced? Not yet, it may be able to be traded in.
- 108 3rd Street, commonly known as the Nangle property. We advertised a minimum bid of \$10,000. We received one bid, which was opened at 8:15 p.m. Marc Bourne of 10476 Henkle Creek Rd., Divernon, IL, 62530 bid \$10,101.00.
Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to accept the bid from Marc Bourne for the property located at 108 3rd St. commonly known as the Nangle property.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Voice Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Manning-yes, Miller-yes, Thompson-yes, Woodcock-yes

Motion Carried (5-0)

Trustee Gudgel mentioned that the property on 104 is getting cleaned up.

Motion made by Trustee Woodcock to adjourn the meeting

Second by Trustee Miller

Voice Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Manning-yes, Miller-yes, Thompson-yes, Woodcock-yes

Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:24 p.m. on March 22, 2004.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Ashbaker, Village Clerk