

**Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of March 8, 2004**

Call to Order

- President Manning called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Visitor's Comments

- Joe Green was present to discuss the possibility of being hired by Dave Skinner as his engineer for the new subdivision. Trustee Gudgel mentioned that he didn't see a problem with the mentioned arrangement. Trustee Woodcock expressed that she felt this would be a conflict of interest and that she would like to see Joe Green remain in the position as the representative for Pawnee's best interest.

Motion by Trustee Gudgel to waive any actual or perceived conflict of interest if Joe Green accepts the position with Dave Skinner to design his subdivision subject to review by some other registered professional engineer to be retained by the Village.

Second Trustee Bowen

Voice Vote Taken: Bowen-yes, Gudgel-yes, Manning-yes, Miller-yes, Thompson-yes, Woodcock-no

Motion Carried (5-0)

Clerk's Comments

- Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for February 2004 were \$6,583.98.
- Minutes of February 23, 2004 were presented for review and approval.

Motion made by Trustee Bowen to approve the minutes of February 23, 2004 as presented.

Second by Trustee Thompson

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

Motion Carried (6-0)

Gas & Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Manning

- We have not finalized the budget yet, will meet again.
- Went to Rochester to view their park.
- Will be meeting with Dave and Glenn to go over the gas & water budget.
- Prices for gas Feb-91.6 Mar-95.2 cents per therm. Up 3.6 cents. April 93.8 a decrease of 1.4 from March. 1 year ago, 84.1, two 88.6, three 88.5.
- At the committee meeting, talked about adding sidewalks and if they can get plans together they will add more sidewalk in the park on the square.

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Woodcock

- Motion made by Trustee Woodcock to accept bills payable as presented.

Second by Trustee Manning

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

Motion Carried (6-0)

- They've been installing new computers and ran into several problems but hopefully all will be worked out soon.
- Spoke with Stan Travelstead of American Central Insurance Company. He said we won't start getting quotes until the end of March. The trend this year is a 14-15 % increase. However, we might be able to get a little lower rate based on our history.
- Trustee Woodcock will call John Myers regarding the policy to be made on vendors at the fireworks event.
- Interviews on the 15th & 16th for police vacancy. There are six confirmed interviews out of eight total.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Miller

- Police Chief Jan Bowsher presented the Police Report.
 Motion made by Trustee Miller to approve the Police Report as presented.
 Second by Trustee Gudgel
 Voice Vote Taken: Bowen-yes, Gudgel-yes, Manning-yes, Miller-yes, Thompson-yes, Woodcock-yes
 Motion Carried (6-0)

Sewer Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Commended Police for doing a nice job regarding the Karate club window being broken.
- Met with sewer committee and Gary to get the budget established. There are a few changes that have been worked out. They are going to work with street guys to start cleaning storm sewers.
- Pump went down & we chose to buy a new pump for about \$1500.00 more for the one-year warrantee.
- Motion made by Trustee Thompson to allow the Sewer department purchase a bucket for the small John Deere tractor for an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00.
 Second by Trustee Manning
 Voice Vote Taken: Bowen-yes, Gudgel-yes, Manning-yes, Miller-yes, Thompson-yes, Woodcock-yes
 Motion Carried (6-0)
- It was previously discussed that when we bought new trucks we would have decals put on them. Committee has decided to let Officer Wangen design the decals. Would like to offer him something for his time and efforts.

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

- Guys have started putting rock along side the roads and will start patching.
- Signs are going up fairly quickly.
- Reviewed part of the budget and it looks good.
- They would like to trade in or sell the tractor used for mowing and buy a new John Deere tractor for around \$33,000.00.
- There is sidewalk money left in the budget so if you have suggestions get them in soon.
- There will be a letter to go out to a property discussed for tires, trash, and etc.
- Working on another alley problem concerning a semi.
- Commend sewer guys for a great job unplugging the manhole.

New Business

- Ordinance No 04-02: An Ordinance Regulating Development In A Floodplain Areas And Amending Title 11 Of The Village Of Pawnee Code Of Ordinances to be presented for a approval at the next meeting.

Old Business

- Motion made by Trustee Woodcock to approve the fireworks contract with a new paragraph 13, which makes the contract contingent upon adoption of the appropriation ordinance.
 Second by Trustee Manning
 Voice Vote Taken: Bowen-yes, Gudgel-yes, Manning-yes, Miller-yes, Thompson-present, Woodcock-yes
 Motion Carried (6-0)
- The fireworks rain date set for Monday, July 5th.

President's Comments

- Received a letter from Jack Andring with the Pawnee Senior Citizens to thank us for our donations of \$100.00 monthly.
Motion made by Trustee Gudgel to continue the donation of \$100.00 per month to the Pawnee Senior Citizens
Second by Trustee Manning
Voice Vote Taken: Bowen-yes, Gudgel-yes, Manning-yes, Miller-yes, Thompson-present, Woodcock-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)
- Communications tower. John made the changes we discussed at the last meeting and we haven't heard back from them yet.
- Nangle Property at 108 3rd Street commonly known as the Nangle Property was posted in the paper to announce that we would be receiving sealed bids.
- Luther Lovelace is probably going to retire. Does the village have any interest in Luther's building?
- Can the Mayor put his \$5000.00 towards Sesquicentennial expenses?

Motion made by Trustee Thompson to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Trustee Bowen

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

Motion Carried (6-0)

Meeting Adjourned at ___ p.m. on March 8, 2004.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Ashbaker, Village Clerk