

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of April 26, 2010**

Call to Order:

- President Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Roll Call:

- Village Clerk, Devona Martin, called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Steve Gudgel (arrived at 7:13pm), Phillip Thompson, Terry Woodcock, David Skinner, Mark Gleason, Steve Condon, new trustee appointment.
- Trustees absent: Tom Bowen
- Also in attendance: Attorney John Meyers, Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Amy Condon, Andrea Condon and Sydney Condon

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- None

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of April 12, 2010 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve minutes of April 12, 2010 as presented.
Second made by Trustee Gleason
Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-present, Woodcock-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Bills payable were presented for the week ending April 26, 2010 in the amount of \$92,078.09
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to accept bills payable for week ending April 26, 2010 in the amount of \$92,078.09
Second made by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-yes, Woodcock-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)
- Treasurer Kelly Thein presented the Budget Comparison Report through March 31, 2010 which is 11 months into the fiscal year.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the Budget Comparison Report as presented by Treasurer Kelly Thein.
Second made by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Condon-yes, Thompson-yes, Woodcock-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)
- Treasurer Thein discussed the budget for the new fiscal year. She wanted the Board to be aware that the newly proposed budget exceeds the amount of money we have in the bank.

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Woodcock

- Trustee Woodcock advised the Board that they had a shut-off meeting tonight. There were 80 red letters that went out on April 20, 2010. They had 2 shut-offs for missing their agreement. There are 12 possible shut-offs for this week.
- Trustee Woodcock advised the Board that the rates are down \$.09/therm from \$.953/therm in April to \$.944/therm in May.
- There will be an ordinance changing the Utility Billing Policies and Procedures at the next meeting relating to how utilities are turned back on following a shut-off for non-payment.
- Trustee Woodcock advised the Board that she received a license renewal from Illinois Midland Railroad for a gas line under IMRR tracks at Mile Post 119. This license is for 20 years and it expired on March 31, 2010. If we do not renew it, we are required to remove the gas line within 30 days. The cost is \$1200 and it is a 20 year agreement.

Motion made by Trustee Woodcock to renew a 20year agreement with Illinois Midland Railroad starting April 1, 2010 – March 31, 2030 for a onetime fee of \$1200.00.

Second made by Trustee Skinner

Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Woodcock-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

- Trustee Woodcock advised the Board of the upcoming meeting that Chad Brenden will be attending. He will be attending the Annual Training Seminar in Springfield on May 12, 2010. The entry fee is \$50 and this training is mandatory. On June 8, 2010, he will be attending the annual Gas and Utilities Alliance meeting. This is also a mandatory meeting. On July 20 and 21, there is a Gas Pipeline Safety conference in Effingham. The fee is \$85. Finally there is a workshop being held in Pawnee May 19, 2010 called Investigating Natural Gas Incidents. It is from 8:30am-3:30pm and there is no cost.
- Trustee Skinner discussed a letter he received from Direct Energy out of Pennsylvania. Direct Energy prepays for energy at a discount and then sells it to municipalities at a discounted rate. He estimated a savings of approximately \$11,000 over the course of one year. He indicated that he believes that we would still be dealing with AmerenCIPS for service. AmerenCIP energy costs are going up approx 20% in June. Trustee Skinner indicated that we would have to sign a one year contract with them. Office Manager Their will call Direct Energy to find out if there are any local communities in this program. She will also follow up with Ameren. Tabled to next meeting.

Streets, Alley and Sidewalk Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- No Report

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gleason

- Trustee Gleason wanted to thank residents for moving the campers, trailers and boats from long side the streets.

Sewer and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Trustee Thompson advised the Board that they are still having problems with the lift station at the State Police. It is requiring nightly monitoring. This is due to a recent lightning strike. They will be looking seriously at redoing this lift station.
- Trustee Thompson advised the Board that the new fence went up around the playground.

- Trustee Thompson advised the Board that they will not be installing the water pits on the square until after Prairie Days. He indicated that if they try to do them now, it could potentially be a muddy mess on the square for Prairie Days. They will install them after Prairie Days and they will be available for next year and the years to come.
- Trustee Thompson advised the Board that the fireworks contract has been signed. They will be at the school again this year. The problem with North Park was falling debris could land in the lagoons.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gudgel

- Trustee Gudgel advised the Board that the Zoning Committee met April 22, 2010 to talk about the revised preliminary plan to the Horse Creek Subdivision. It was approved.
- With the resignation of Trustee Gudgel, Trustee Gleason will become the new Committee Chair for Zoning. With the appointment of Steve Condon as the new Village Trustee replacing Gudgel, Condon will step down from Zoning. Trustee Gleason will look to fill the position.

Unfinished Business:

- The Board discussed the Village health insurance increase. Trustee Skinner advised that Health Alliance is a 10% increase over last year. They have not been able to find another insurance provider that is cheaper than Health Alliance. Dental and life are unchanged from last year.

Motion made by Trustee Skinner to stay with Health Alliance as our health insurance provider through American Central Insurance.

Second made by Trustee Gleason

Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-yes, Woodcock-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes

Motion Carried: (4-0)

- Trustee Skinner advised the Board that every year we, the Village give a \$2,000 donation to the school for the Pawnee Education Foundation.

Motion made by Trustee Thompson to give a \$2,000 donation to the Pawnee Education Foundation

Second made by Trustee Skinner

Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Woodcock-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes

Motion Carried: (5-0)

- Ordinance 10-05 – An Ordinance Approving a Cable Television Franchise Agreement with Comcast of Illinois/Indiana/Ohio, LLC.

Motion made by Trustee Thompson to accept this franchise agreement, Ordinance 10-05

Second made by Trustee Gleason

Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Woodcock-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes

Motion Carried: (5-0)

Mayor's Comments:

- President Clarke thanked Steve Gudgel for his many years of service.
- Trustee Woodcock has stepped down from Committee Chair of Gas and Water.
- Discussed the trees along 104. President Clarke advised the Board that he received a \$750 estimate from Tom's Tree Service for trimming them back. Office Manager They will discuss with Ameren on whose responsibility it is to trim the trees.

New Business:

- President Clarke would like to appoint Steve Condon as Village Trustee to replace Steve Gudgel for the remainder of his term.
Motion made by Trustee Thompson to approve President Clarke's appointment of Steve Condon as Village Trustee to replace Steve Gudgel for the remainder of his term.
Second made by Trustee Gleason
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Thompson-yes, Woodcock-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)
- Steve Condon was sworn in as Village Trustee.
- Discussed Horse Creek Subdivision. Attorney John Meyers discussed the Ordinance 10-12 – An Ordinance Approving A Revised Preliminary Plan For Horse Creek Subdivision. He advised that the ordinance is contingent upon a covenant requiring this easement area be mowed. The developer would have the responsibility of mowing this until plat 3 is developed. It also says that when plat 3 is developed, at that time, the roadway will be built. The developer would also give a water main easement.
- Ordinance 10-12 – An Ordinance Approving A Revised Preliminary Plan For Horse Creek Subdivision.
Motion made by Trustee Thompson to approve Ordinance 10-12 – An Ordinance Approving A Revised Preliminary Plan For Horse Creek Subdivision subject to the conditions as outlined by Attorney John Meyers.
Second made by Trustee Gleason
Roll Call Vote Taken: Condon-yes, Thompson-yes, Woodcock-yes, Skinner-abstain, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)
- Ordinance 10-13 – An Ordinance Annexing Certain Property into The Village of Pawnee (Horse Creek Subdivision – Plats 2 and 3)
Motion made by Trustee Thompson
Second made by Trustee Gleason
Roll Call Vote Taken: Condon-yes, Thompson-yes, Woodcock-yes, Skinner-abstain, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)
- Ordinance 10-14 – An Ordinance Approving the Final Plat of Subdivision of Horse Creek Estates Subdivision, plat 2.
Motion made by Trustee Thompson
Second made by Trustee Condon
Roll Call Vote Taken: Condon-yes, Thompson-yes, Woodcock-yes, Skinner-abstain, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)
- David Skinner stood before the board to voice his concerns over zoning member Tom Tindell. At the zoning meeting, Mr. Tindell advised the zoning board the people are building \$300,000 homes with substandard construction, particularly the plumbing. He also indicated that the developer of this property should be responsible for monitoring the construction of the homes to be certain that builders/homeowners are using licensed skilled craftsmen for the property. Mr. Skinner advised that he is certain that all builders are using licensed plumbers and that he believes that Mr. Tindell made this false statement for personal gain. Attorney Meyers advised that now that the plats are annexed into the Village, the county building codes do not apply. President Clarke and Trustee Gleason will discuss.

- Discussed electric rates and electric tax. No decisions were made.

Motion to Adjourn:

- **Motion** made by Trustee Condon to adjourn meeting.
Second made by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Condon-yes, Thompson-yes, Woodcock-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm on Monday, April 26, 2009. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, May 10 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Devona L. Martin
Village Clerk