

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of February 28, 2011**

Call to Order:

- President Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Roll Call:

- Village Clerk, Devona Martin, called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Steve Condon, Tom Bowen, Terry Woodcock, David Skinner, Mark Gleason
- Trustees absent: Phillip Thompson
- Also in attendance: Attorney John Meyers, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Chief Bowsler, Treasurer Kelly Thein, Jeff Jarrett, Brad Townsend with Ehler's and Associates, Bill Goyke, Shawn Burnley

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- Brad Townsend with Ehler's & Associates appeared before the Board to introduce himself and to discuss his background. He advised the Board that he will look at our financials with an unbiased professional opinion. He will research and come to an understanding of our business. He will then offer suggestions byway of a detailed report. The Board had no questions for him at this time.

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of February 15, 2011 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Condon to approve minutes of February 15, 2011 as presented.
Second made by Trustee Gleason
Roll Call Vote Taken: Condon-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Bills payable were presented for the week ending February 28, 2011 in the amount of \$3,173.00
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to accept bills payable for week ending February 28, 2011 in the amount of \$3,173.00
Second made by Trustee Gleason
Roll Call Vote Taken: Condon-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)
- Trustee Skinner advised the Board that we have a \$100,000 CD coming due on the March 8th, 2011. He suggested renewing it and the Board agreed.
- Trustee Skinner advised the Board that he has been price checking electric rates. He has contacted Stone River Group which is a broker for Ameren Energy. Our current rate with Direct Energy is \$.07/kw. Stone River Group is at \$.0517/kw for 3 years. Our contract expires June and September with Direct Energy. Attorney Meyers suggested a contract which renews annually for 3 years.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to purchase electric through Ameren Energy Marketing brokered by Stone River Group at \$.051/kw with yearly renewals for 3 years.
Second made by Trustee Gleason
Roll Call Vote Taken: Condon-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes

Motion Carried: (5-0)

- Treasurer Thein presented her monthly comparison report through January 31, 2011 which is 9 months into the fiscal year.

Motion made by Trustee Skinner to accept Treasurer Thein's monthly comparison report through January 31, 2011

Second made by Trustee Gleason

Roll Call Vote Taken: Condon-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes

Motion Carried: (5-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Condon

- Trustee Condon advised the Board that there were 2 shut-offs in January and they are both back on. There were 78 red letters sent out for February. Of these, there were 12 shut offs and all but 5 are back on.
- Trustee Condon discussed the water tower inspection. Jason Clauser looked into it further and the recommendation is an inspection every 3 to 5 yrs. He discussed it with the servicing company and they'll do 4 yrs which will be next year.

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

- No report

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gleason

- Chief Bowsher presented her monthly police report. She also discussed the Starcom radios. They are still not working and she was advised that without installing a tower, they will not work. Trustee Bowen will investigate further. At this point, to make the radios work, repeaters need to be installed in each car which is \$9,000/car.

Motion made by Trustee Gleason to accept Chief Bowsher's monthly police report.

Second made by Trustee Condon

Roll Call Vote Taken: Condon-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes

Motion Carried: (5-0)

- Trustee Gleason received an anonymous letter for abandoned vehicles. Chief Bowsher has taken care of this.
- Trustee Gleason will be reviewing sidewalk repairs with Treasurer Thein.
- Trustee Gleason advised the Board that Barclay Harris is interested in becoming a part-time officer for the Village of Pawnee. Trustee Gleason would like to start him at \$13/hr.

Motion made by Trustee Gleason to hire Barclay Harris at \$13/hr as a part-time officer for the Village of Pawnee

Second made by Trustee Bowen

Roll Call Vote Taken: Condon-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes

Motion Carried: (5-0)

Sewer and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- No report

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gleason

- No report

Unfinished Business:

- Discussed the fireworks. There is no additional insurance that we need for fireworks. We would have to pay for 3 guys at the school and then the police

department. Kelly did a rough figure on overtime of the police officers and it would be around \$500.00.

The Board agreed.

- ORDINANCE 11-1 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF PAWNEE PERTAINING TO GAS, WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION CHARGES - tabled
- ORDINANCE 11-2 – AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN ALLEY IN THE VILLAGE OF PAWNEE, ILLINOIS (Block 12 of Victor Coal Company Second Subdivision)
Certified letters were sent out the indicated landowners and we are waiting on their return. OK to pass. All letters must be returned giving the Village easements before this ordinance takes effect. They have 30days to return the letters.
Motion made by Trustee Gleason to accept Ordinance 11-2 - AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN ALLEY IN THE VILLAGE OF PAWNEE, ILLINOIS (Block 12 of Victor Coal Company Second Subdivision)
Second made by Trustee Skinner
Roll Call Vote Taken: Condon-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)
- ORDINANCE 11-3 – AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN THE VILLAGE BOARD AND OTHER PUBLIC MEETINGS AND AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF PAWNEE CODE OF ORDINANCES
Motion made by Trustee Bowen to accept Ordinance 11-3 - AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN THE VILLAGE BOARD AND OTHER PUBLIC MEETINGS AND AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF PAWNEE CODE OF ORDINANCES
Second made by Trustee Woodcock
Roll Call Vote Taken: Condon-yes, Bowen-yes, Woodcock-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)
- ORDINANCE 11-4 – GREENE & BRADFORD RATE ORDINANCE – The Board participated in an in-depth discussion regarding our satisfaction with Greene & Bradford, Inc. Treasurer Thein advised the board that we do pay a retainer fee per month. The Board members were unaware that we paid a retainers fee. tabled
- Treasurer Thein is still working on locating a Village website administrator.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm on Monday, February 28, 2011. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, March 14, 2011 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Devona L. Martin
Village Clerk