

Agenda

Village of Pawnee Board of Trustees Meeting

Pawnee Village Hall

November 8, 2021

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Visitor's Recognition/Comments
 - Kevin Kuhn – Grooms Street
 - Jessica Leach and Copperheads
5. Clerk's Report
 - Presentation of previous meetings minutes, October 25, 2021
6. Personnel and Finance: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner
 - Bills Payable
7. Gas and Water: Committee Chair, Trustee Squires
8. Streets, Alleys & Sidewalks: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitlow
9. Police: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner
 - Chief Barclay Harris's Monthly Police Report
10. Sewer and Parks: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson
11. Zoning: Committee Chair, Trustee Murphy
12. Bargaining: Committee Chair, President Clarke
13. Energy: Committee Chair, President Clarke
14. Infrastructure: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitlow
15. New Business
 - Reappoint Water Commissioner
 - An Ordinance Amending the Outdoor Tavern Area Permit
 - Approval of Health Insurance for Employees
 - An Ordinance Approving Membership in the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association and Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract
16. Old Business
17. Mayor's Comments
18. Adjournment

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of November 8, 2021**

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

- Village Clerk, Devona Martin called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Steve Gudgel, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner, Troy Squires
- Trustees Absent: Brian Whitlow, Phillip Thompson
- Also in attendance: Attorney Don Cravens, Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Chief Barclay Harris, Jeff Schober, Dominic Campo, Jeff Jarrett, Kevin Kuhn, Sara Clipper and Jessica Leach with Copperheads and their attorney Pamela Hart

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- Kevin Kuhn appeared before the Board regarding Groom Street. It will be just under \$161,000 for the storm sewer project. They tried to get it all to drain at a single inlet but they were unable to get it to do that. There will be 2 inlets. One on 12th Street and then another on 104. This will resolve the 12th Streets drainage problem. He recommends concrete due to semi usage. It is eligible for motor fuel tax. If we are going to use MFT, he will need to work with IDOT. Consensus was that we would use MFT. He will have them out for bid in the next week or so. He might have the bids by the next board meeting.
- Jessica Leach, Sara Clipper and attorney Pamela Hart appeared before the Board. They have submitted another revised building permit application. They advised their gaming license is about to expire. They will be unable to renew their gaming license if they do not have a liquor license. Despite not having a building, they will renew the gaming license if the liquor license is issued. They are asking the Village to issue their liquor license so they can renew their gaming license. The revised building permit meets the criteria and was approved. The Village approved the liquor license.

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of October 25, 2021 were tabled to the next board meeting.

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Skinner presented the bills payable for the week ending November 8, 2021 in the amount of \$228,934.81. He advised the big ticket items were the backhoe, slides, audit, water purchases and gas purchases.
- **Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve the bills payable for the week ending November 8, 2021 in the amount of \$228,934.81.
Second made by Trustee Squires
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel=yes, Murphy=yes, Skinner=yes, Squires=yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)
- Resolution 21-02 - President Clarke would like to re-appoint David Skinner as the water commissioner for the Village of Pawnee.
Motion made by Trustee Murphy to re-appoint David Skinner as Pawnee's representative as water commissioner for Otter Lake.

Second made by Trustee Skinner

Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-abstain, Squires-yes, Clarke-yes

Motion Carried: (4-0)

- Trustee Skinner advised that there is a water meeting. They are voting on a 3% increase that will be an annual increase. Otter Lake will vote on the 3% tomorrow. We will put an ordinance together matching this increase if it passes.

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Squires

- Trustee Squires advised that on the 27th of October, there were 14 shut offs.
- Trustee Squires advised that the yearly gas survey was completed last week. We have 0 leaks in the Village. He stated it has been a while since we've had 0.
- Trustee Squires advised that on December 15 at 6pm, we have our annual gas meeting. The public is welcome to attend. It will be held at the fire department.
- Trustee Squires advised that they found someone that is willing to take all the busted up concrete from all the repairs. A farmer is taking it to dump in a water way. We are saving money by not paying landfill.

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

- Discussed the drainage problem by Trustee Gudgel's house. We are going to do a little more dirt work and then get some rock dumped.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Chief Barclay Harris presented his monthly police report.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve Chief Barclay Harris's Monthly Police Report
Second made by Trustee Murphy
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)

Sewers and Parks: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- President Clarke advised the slides came in. They currently have one of them installed.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Murphy

- Trustee Murphy advised that as of today, we still have zero new residential building permits
- Trustee Murphy advised there was a zoning meeting tonight. They reviewed a variance by Tom Boarman for 403 Carroll St. The variance for an over dimension garage was approved.
- Trustee Murphy discussed the H1 designation on downtown. Attorney Cravens advised he will have it together for the next meeting.
- Ordinance 21-19 – An Ordinance Granting a Variance for A Garage in the Village of Pawnee, Illinois
Motion made by Trustee Murphy to approve zoning ordinance 21-19 – An Ordinance Granting a Variance for a Garage in the Village of Pawnee, Illinois
Second made by Trustee Squires
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)

Bargaining Committee: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- n/a

Energy: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- n/a

Infrastructure: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- n/a

Unfinished Business:

- none

New Business:

- Discussed our ordinance pertaining to noise levels. We will now have 2 bars with outside beer garden entertainment. Discussed updating our ordinances to apply penalties if the noise level gets too high. The question was “Who makes the determination on whether the sound is too high?” Most likely, the Chief of Police or the Liquor License Commissioner. Right now, we can tell them to turn it down but there are no penalties if they do not. Trustee Squires asked about decibels. Attorney Craven advised that creates problems determining the decibels and objectifying them. One person may think something is loud and another does not. Attorney Cravens will check into it. Trustee Murphy thought maybe distance as opposed to decibels. Tabled to the next meeting.
- Discussed our Village employee health insurance
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to renew our current plan with Blue Cross/Blue Shield
Second made b y Trustee Murphy
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)
- Ordinance 21-20 – An Ordinance Approving Membership in the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract
- **Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve Ordinance 21-20 – An Ordinance Approving Membership in the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract
Second made b y Trustee Murphy
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)
- President Clarke advised that November 19 is Santa on the Square. He gave a “Thank You” to the guys for getting the square decorated and the Santa House up here.
- President Clarke advised that November 17 @ 7pm in the school gym is the meeting sponsored by the EPA to discuss the air permit for natural gas for Ember Clear.

Motion to Adjourn:

- **Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to adjourn
Second made b y Trustee Skinner
Roll Call Vote Taken: Gudgel-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm on Monday, November 8, 2021. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, November 22, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Devona L. Martin".

Devona L. Martin

Village Clerk