

Agenda

Village of Pawnee Board of Trustees Meeting

Pawnee Village Hall

October 25, 2021

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Visitor's Recognition/Comments
5. John Sawyer – Fehr Graham
6. Brenda Masters-Stout – Audit Presentation
7. Stan Travelstead – Health Insurance Renewal
8. Chris Korte – Illinois Municipal League Ins Proposal
9. Clerk's Report
 - Presentation of previous meetings minutes, October 12, 2021
 - Ordinance No. 21-18
10. Personnel and Finance: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner
 - Bills Payable
 - Treasurer Haney's Monthly Budget Comparison Report
11. Gas and Water: Committee Chair, Trustee Squires
12. Streets, Alleys & Sidewalks: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitlow
13. Police: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner
14. Sewer and Parks: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson
15. Zoning: Committee Chair, Trustee Murphy
16. Bargaining: Committee Chair, President Clarke
17. Energy: Committee Chair, President Clarke
18. Infrastructure: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitlow
19. New Business
20. Old Business
21. Mayor's Comments
22. Adjournment

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Call to Order

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

Roll Call

- Deputy Clerk Cynthia Kramer called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Brian Whitlow, Phillip Thompson, Steve Gudgel, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner and Troy Squires
Absent: Clerk Devona Martin
- Also, in attendance: Treasurer Kelly Haney, Police Chief Barclay Harris, Sewer Department Supervisor Steve Haney, Stan Travelstead-American Central Insurance Services, John Sawyer-Fehr Graham, Brenda Masters-Stout CPA, Fleming, Tawfall & Company, Eric Little-Illinois Municipal League, Jeff Jarrett, Jessica Leach and attorney Pamela Hart

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- John Sawyer-Fehr Graham. Has success obtaining grants, was used by Otter Lake. Had handouts pertaining to Otter Lake and spoke about grants including Rebuild Illinois and Rebuild Downtown and Main Streets which he noted Pawnee may be well suited for due to the major village square fire. Rebuild Downtown grants range from \$250,000 to 3 million with no matching requirements. There is a tight time frame, grant applications are due Jan. 25 of 2022. The village could try to apply this year, the village can also apply the following year. There is no guarantee however you will receive a grant. The village is looking at about \$6500 plus engineering costs just to get your foot in the door. Trustees decided to take a couple of days, look at the budget before making any decision.
- Brenda Masters-Stout CPA, Fleming, Tawfall and Company presented the annual audit. She noted that this year there were a few things to deal with. The village brought in a little more money than last year, tax revenue is up, and motor fuel brought in \$196,000. Gas revenue was a little bit harder, \$428,000 in the hole due natural gas and the winter Texas ice storm. The village took out a loan, and it is slowly being repaid. A good piece of news, pension liability went down by \$200,000 this year, thank the stock market. She noted that inflation will continue, and the audit bid is going up.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to accept the audit as presented.
Second by Trustee Murphy
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow -yes, Thompson-yes. Gudgel-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, and Squires-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)
- Stan Travelstead-Employee Health Insurance Renewal. He went over options from Blue Cross/Blue Shield, United Health Care and Alliance, noting that neither United or Alliance had plans similar to the current Blue Shield. Keep in mind the following, Health Care plan from Blue Cross is grandfathered in however cost is going up between 12 and 13 %. There is the unsolved conflict with Springfield Clinic and Blue Cross that could be a deal breaker, and the village has yet to meet with the Police Union, so the village should have a back-up plan. The village has time to make a decision, the current plan's anniversary date is Dec. 1. Trustees tabled the health part until the village is able to speak with the union however, trustees decided to stay with the current life, dental and vision plan.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to stay with the current plan for life, dental and vision.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Thompson-yes, Gudgel-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, and Squires-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)
- Eric Little, Illinois Municipal League Insurance Proposal. Gave trustees a hand-out, the Proposal for Coverage and Risk Management Services for the Village of Pawnee and briefly discussed said coverage and answered any questions from board members.

Clerk's Report

- The minutes of Oct. 11 2021 were present for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the Oct. 11 2021 minutes as presented
Second by Trustee Murphy
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Thompson-present, Gudgel-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, and Squires-yes

Motion Carried (6-0)

- Ordinance 21-18, An Ordinance Amending the Liquor Code (Was originally approved as a resolution, should have been approved as an ordinance.)

Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve Ordinance 21-18 as presented

Second by Trustee Squires

Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Thompson-yes, Gudgel-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, and Squires-yes

Motion Carried (6-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Skinner presented bills payable of \$61,138.44 for the previous two weeks

Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve bills payable of \$61,138,44.

Second by Trustee Squires

Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Thompson-yes, Gudgel-yes. Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, and Squires-yes

Motion Carried (6-0)

- Treasurer Haney presented the Monthly Budget Comparison Report

Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve Haney's Monthly Budget Comparison Report

Second by Trustee Squires

Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Thompson-yes, Gudgel-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, and Squires-yes

Motion Carried (6-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Squires

- Seventy-five red letters went out for the month.

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

- Not much going on, just working regular maintenance.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- No report.

Sewers and Parks: Committee Chair, Phillip Thompson

- New playground slides are to be delivered tomorrow and getting quotes for turf to be place around playground equipment,

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Murphy

- Zero for new building permits, however there is a pending zoning meeting, variance for Boarman garage.
- May entertain historic building changes for the Nov. 8 board meeting.

Unfinished Business

- Risk Management

Motion made by Trustee Skinner to retain Risk Management Association (Illinois Municipal League) for village insurance needs.

Second by Trustee Murphy

Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Thompson-yes, Gudgel-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, and Squires-yes

Motion Carried (6-0)

- Jessica Leach appeared with attorney Pamela Hart. Leach was worried about delay in receiving a liquor license. The delay could hamper retaining the gaming license. The architect's plans for rebuilding of the bar did not meet village requirements. Mayor Clarke stated that if the plans for the building complies with the Village Liquor Code, Leach will receive the liquor license. The building can not be approved as the design stands currently.

New Business

- None

President's Comments

- Official population of Pawnee is 2,678
- Christmas on the Square is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 19. Made request for employees to

Motion to Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Murphy
Second by Trustee Squires
Voice Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Thompson-yes, Gudgel-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, and Squires-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m. on Monday, October 25, 2020. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustee is Monday, November 2021, 7 p.m. at the Pawnee Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia S. Kramer
Deputy Clerk