

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of April 27, 2020**

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

- Village Clerk, Devona Martin called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Todd Richeson, Phillip Thompson, Cara Burnley, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner, Troy Squires
- Trustees Absent:
- Also in attendance: Attorney Don Cravens, Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Chief Barclay Harris, Butch Gudgel, Mike Roate, Tom Tindell, Rich Grooms, Brian Whitlow and Rhona Wall

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- none

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of March 30, 2020 were presented for review and approval
Motion made by Trustee Richeson to approve the minutes of March 30, 2020 as presented
Second made by Trustee Squires
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-present, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Minutes of April 13, 2020 were presented for review and approval
Motion made by Trustee Burnley to approve the minutes of April 13, 2020 as presented
Second made by Trustee Squires
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-present, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Skinner advised the Board that the bills payable for the first two weeks of April totaled \$132,318.85. We had approved Treasurer Thein to pay the bills through the end of April at the last scheduled meeting of March.
- Trustee Skinner advised the Board that the bills payable for the week ending April 27, 2020 totaled \$41,563.40.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to accept the bills payable for the week ending April 27, 2020 in the amount of \$41,563.40
Second made by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)

- President Clarke acknowledged and thanked Treasurer Thien for all of her hard work over the last month.
- Treasurer Thien presented her Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the month ending March 31, 2020.

Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve Treasurer Thien's Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the month ending March 31, 2020.

Second made by Trustee Thompson

Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (6-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Squires

- Trustee Squires advised that on April 20, 2020, 54 red letters were sent.
- Trustee Squires advised they flushed a total of 157 fire hydrants. They found 1 not serviceable and 25 others that need a little maintenance.
- Trustee Squires advised that Maltby Excavation completed the covering of the high pressure gas line on Pawnee Road. They used 4' of cover.

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

- Trustee Richeson advised that the streets are getting ready for repairs.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- Chief Barclay Harris presented his monthly police report.

Motion made by Trustee Murphy to approve Chief Barclay Harris's Monthly Police Report

Second made by Trustee Thompson

Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (6-0)

Sewers and Parks: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Trustee Thompson advised everything is running as it should.
- Trustee Thompson advised that almost every year we get nominated for being one of the best sewer plants in the State of Illinois. The past several years, we have finished second and third. This year, the Village of Pawnee was awarded the 2019 Sewer Plant of the Year. Gary Eby will frame the original. Congratulations to Gary Eby and Steve Haney.
- Trustee Thompson asked about water runoff from flushing the fire hydrants. There is a resident that received water in their garage from the runoff. They will be writing a letter to the Village.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Murphy

- Ordinance 20-07 – An Ordinance Approving an Annexation Agreement

Motion made by Trustee Thompson to approve Ordinance 20-07 – An Ordinance Approving an Annexation Agreement

Second made by Trustee Squires

Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-abstained, Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (5-0)

- Ordinance 20-08 – An Ordinance Approving Annexing Certain Land to the Village of Pawnee in Accordance with an Annexation Agreement
Motion made by Trustee Thompson to approve Ordinance 20-08 - An Ordinance Approving Annexing Certain Land to the Village of Pawnee in Accordance with an Annexation Agreement
 Second made by Trustee Burnley
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-abstained, Squires-yes
 Motion Carried: (5-0)
- Trustee Murphy advised that we will have additional public meetings on the construction portion.
- Trustee Burnley advised that with spring coming, we should talk about buildings that need repaired. We had a handful at the end of last year with residents indicating they would take care of the repairs in the spring. She requested that Candy put in the paper to remind people to complete the repairs.

Bargaining Committee: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- none

Energy: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- none

Infrastructure: Committee Chair, Trustee Richeson

- Trustee Richeson discussed the estimate for security at the police department. The total is \$2,744 from IlliniTech. This includes remote call in service, firewall protection and 8 cameras with recording capabilities.
Motion made by Trustee Richeson to approve the \$2,744 for security plus cameras at the police department
 Second made by Trustee Thompson
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
 Motion Carried: (6-0)

Unfinished Business:

- President Clarke discussed the “Resolution Granting a Special Liquor License scheduled for May 15, 2020.” This was for Bike Night to be held at Locals.
Motion made by Trustee Richeson to not allow Bike night on May 15, 2020 due to Covid- 19
 Second made by Trustee Thompson
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
 Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Discussed the street overlay project. It has been on hold due to Covid 19.
- Discussed the up and coming rock and chip project. President Clarke asked if we should move forward with the project or put it on hold for now. Consensus was that we will put it on hold. The project totals \$380,000 for the 2 projects.
- Trustee Thompson advised we need to look at the runoff behind Steve Gudge’s house. Right now, the erosion is so bad, it has undercut the concrete. Trustee Thompson discussed jersey blocks or tear out and use riprap. Trustee Skinner thinks we should use riprap for now. Trustee

Skinner would like to be involved but someone else overseeing it since it is water running off of his field. Trustee Skinner advised he was against what they put in from the onset. He suggests packing riprap in there for now to buy time until fall. He further advised he had Maltby put in a 24" tile to try to keep some of the water underground. Trustee Squires and Trustee Richeson will work with the residents.

New Business:

- A Hedge Agreement between UGM and the Village of Pawnee. This puts us into a group for pre-purchase
Motion made by Trustee Thompson to accept the Hedge Agreement between UGM and the Village of Pawnee
Second made by Trustee Squires
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)
- **Motion** made by Trustee Squires to allow Treasurer Thein or Andy Lee to sign the hedge fund agreement on the Village's behalf
Second made by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Ordinance 20-09 – An Ordinance Authorizing Village Expenditures Pending Adoption of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to accept Ordinance 20-09 – An Ordinance Authorizing Village Expenditures Pending Adoption of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance
Second made by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)
- President Clarke presented Ordinance 20-10 – An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Village of Pawnee Water and Sewer Rates. He advised that with this ordinance any water line larger than 2" will have a hookup fee of \$2,000. This would be at an industrial level. The largest water line in town is 1".
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to accept Ordinance 20-10 – An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Village of Pawnee Water and Sewer Rates
Second made by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)
- President Clarke discussed our Memorial Day Event. The stay at home ends May 30. Rich Grooms advised that even if we cancel, the Boy Scouts will still put up the flags, wreaths and etc. Trustee Squires asked about having a banner and encourage people to do a drive by. Consensus was that the event would be cancelled.
- President Clarke asked about summer help. He advised that Jeff Schober said he could use them. Consensus was to hire a couple of high school students if he can keep them busy. The golf cart worked last year. We rented it for \$1500. We will look about purchasing one this year.


- Treasurer Thein discussed the ATM/island removal at the police station. They originally discussed having this done the first of May. She spoke with Attorney Don Cravens and she can talk it out of infrastructure if we wanted to go ahead and do it. Consensus was we should proceed with having that work completed.
- Treasurer Thein advised she received a call from Pawnee Schools Superintendent Scott Cameron. He advised they were a little surprised bill that we billed them for March and April for the SRO. She advised the contract is based on month per month whether or not he was working there. She advised she would bring it up at the board meeting tonight and get back to him tomorrow. She did talk to Josh Ward, President of the School Board and he confirmed that they agreed to pay September – May and we would pay June – August. That is why we went into the agreement with them. Trustee Thompson asked if other contracted work was being paid and Trustee Skinner confirmed based on his conversation with Scott Cameron. Trustee Skinner advised we should revisit paying for the lights. Treasurer Thein advised Ameren started charging us for turning them off and turning them on. That is how it blossomed into year round. Consensus was that we pay the summer months SRO and they pay the school year.

Motion to Adjourn:

- **Motion** made by Trustee Richeson to adjourn
Second made by Trustee Murphy
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm on Monday, April 27, 2020. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, May 11, 2020 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,


Devona L. Martin
Village Clerk