

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of February 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: Todd Richeson, Phillip Thompson, Jan Bowsher, 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, Travis Simpson, David Shaffer, Eric Bertoni, Steve Haney

**Visitor's Recognition/Comments:**

- Chief Harris introduced new officer David Shaffer to the Board. The board welcomed him.
- Travis Simpson has the new sign bids. He's been talking to ACE. He provided the Board members with a print out. They would like to take the angled "Welcome to Pawnee" sign out. It is redundant to have all of the welcome signs and he doesn't think it all goes together. There is an option to have a 1-sided or 2-sided sign. There is also an option to have the sign in the air, like it is now or to have it lower to the ground. The sign in the air is \$31,711.12 for a 1-sided sign and \$44,771 for a 2-sided sign. The sign on the ground is \$29,291 for a 1-sided sign and \$42,426 for a 2-sided sign. There is a 5yr warranty on parts and has an onsite communication hookup and training. The cost to remove the old sign is included in the prices. If we go with the sign in the air, we'll have to rent a bucket truck to work on the sign after the warranty expires. The sign on the ground can be worked on from a ladder. They will do all the work and we will put the landscaping back. The ground sign will not obstruct any view from the stop sign. It's the same warranty whether the sign is 1-sided or 2-sided. They advised that most towns go with 1-sided. In his opinion, the 2-sided signs are more for businesses. Trustee Thompson likes the elevated sign but 1-sided at a cost of \$31,711.12. Steve Haney said they could get exact measurements for how far off the road it will be. Travis advised the screen size is the same as we currently have. The consensus was a single sided elevated sign.

**Motion** made by Trustee Thompson to purchase the elevated single sided sign at a cost not to exceed \$31,711.12

Second made by Trustee Murphy

Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowsher-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-no, Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (5-1)

**Clerk's Report:**

- Minutes of January 25, 2021 were presented for review and approval  
**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to approve the minutes of January 25, 2021 as presented  
Second made by Trustee Bowsher  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowsher-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-present, Squires-yes  
Motion Carried: (6-0)

**Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner**

- Trustee Skinner presented the bills payable for the week ending February 8, 2021 in the amount of \$167,284.62. \$93,000 was gas and of this amount \$15,681 was the actual cost of the gas. \$33,000 was the transportation charge.

**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve the bills payable for the week ending February 8, 2021 in the amount of \$167,284.62.

Second made by Trustee Squires

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

Motion Carried: (6-0)

**Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Squires**

- Trustee Squires advised we, The Village, have not changed our gas price since July 2011. Residents have been complaining about the price of gas and he just wanted to make it known that we have not changed our prices in over 10 years.
- Trustee Squires advised that a few years ago, Travis and Andy removed gas meters from basements. They found another one this week in a basement. They will move it.
- Trustee Squires advised that for the month of January, we had 9 shut offs.

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

- Trustee Richeson advised they are just working on keeping things going.
- Trustee Richeson presented Ordinance 21-03 – An Ordinance Authorizing a Stop Sign at the Intersection of Jana Way and Pawnee Road. This is for the retirement community.

**Motion** made by Trustee Richeson to approve Ordinance 21-03 – An Ordinance Authorizing a Stop Sign at the Intersection of Jana Way and Pawnee Road

Second made by Trustee Thompson

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

Motion Carried: (6-0)

**Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, President Clarke**

- Chief Barclay Harris presented his monthly police report. He advised they have been completing training on line. The new squad is completed but they are awaiting computer parts. Officer Bertoni's truck is losing oil out of the motor. It is a 2018. They have been working with Ford. It is under warranty and they ordered a new motor today.

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

Second made by Trustee Skinner

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

Motion Carried: (6-0)

**Sewers and Parks: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson**

- none

**Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Murphy**

- Trustee Murphy advised there is a pending permit for Bill and Carol Matthews for a pool.

- Trustee Murphy advised there is a pending permit for a Morton style building on Carroll Street.
- Trustee Murphy advised he spoke with the health department regarding the property in the 300 block of Carroll and they will take over the investigation.

**Bargaining Committee: Committee Chair, President Clarke**

- none

**Energy: Committee Chair, President Clarke**

- none

**Infrastructure: Committee Chair, Trustee Richeson**

- Trustee Richeson advised the generator will go in the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month at the police department.

**Unfinished Business:**

- none

**New Business:**

- none

**Motion to Adjourn:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm on Monday, February 8, 2021. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Devona L. Martin  
Village Clerk