

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of July 13, 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: Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Chief Barclay Harris, Jim Wilson, Gary Eby, Jessica Leach, Kendra Steele, Deloris Cronander and Robert Cronander.

**Visitor's Recognition/Comments:**

- Jessica Leach with Copperheads and Kendra Steele appeared before the Board asking for use of the square for a benefit. It will be for Debbie Bowen to help with funeral expenses. They are looking at August 22, 2020. It would not be hosted from a specific bar but all bars can participate if they choose. Each bar would need to get their own special license and insurance. Trustee Murphy suggested blocking off 4 spots on each side of the square for crossing. The requested time is 3pm – 8pm. They will draw up their map and get it to Chief Harris. Each bar would need liability insurance and possibly a port-a-potty if there is a high volume of people. Also, no glass bottles. The Village will waive the special event permit fee. We will not mention to Mark Iverson at this time.
- Robert Cronander and his mother Deloris Cronander appeared before the Board. He stated his mother resides at 1108 Madison Street and wanted to put a fence up for the dogs. They applied for a building permit and we turned them down. He cited several properties where fences were installed. He believes Brian Whitlow denied it because it was 10' from the house. Trustee Burnley advised it should have been 10' from the road. Trustee Murphy advised them on behalf of the zoning committee, if they are denied a permit, they can attend the Zoning Variance meeting to request a variance. Trustee Murphy advised them of the variance meeting and fee associated with the meeting. Mr. Cronander was angry and he and his mother Deloris left the meeting.
- Jim Wilson appeared before the Board. He has a piece of property that has been zoned industrial and because of this he pays more in taxes. He believes it was zoned industrial because we have a lift station on it. He is proposing collecting \$500 once a year from the Village for 6 years and then we will go over it again. This is for the taxes that are higher because of our lift station. The lift station has been there at least 50yrs. This property is not in the village limits but rather Sangamon County. Trustee Murphy advised he is not sure what we can do since it's in the county. We cannot ordinance or legislate since it's not in the village. Trustee Murphy suggested he go the county and request it be rezoned. Trustee Skinner advised the village would have to have an easement. President Clarke suggested he call Jeff Thomas since that his County Board member. He bought the property 32yrs ago and the lift station was there. The township or county can rezone it. Trustee Squires asked if he knew why it was zoned industrial. He thinks it was zoned industrial because of the lift station. Trustee Skinner said we could annex it into the

village and then change the zoning. Trustee Squires thinks it is zoned incorrectly. Consensus was that Mr. Wilson should talk to the county about having it rezoned.

**Clerk's Report:**

- Minutes of June 22, 2020 were presented for review and approval  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve the minutes of June 22, 2020 as presented  
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)

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

- Treasurer Thein has been on vacation. We approved her to pay the bills at the last meeting. She will provide the amount at our next scheduled board meeting.
- Treasurer Thein's Monthly Budget Comparison Report was tabled to the next meeting.

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

- Trustee Squires advised the Board that Andy Lee sent in their infuser and it was unrepairable. It was very old. The cost to replace is \$3,800-\$3,900. This tool is needed for water taps. It melts the PVC pipe connections.
- Trustee Squires advised they are still working on gas leaks. There is one on Sherman and the welder will be here Thursday for the repairs.
- Trustee Squires advised we are having water tower issues again. There is a leak on the north side of the highway that they haven't been able to locate. They are going to bring in a camera guy. They did take 8 or 10 samples in to Otter Lake to make sure it was our water and it was.

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

- Trustee Richeson advised they are getting ready for rock and chip.
- Trustee Richeson advised the water tank on the grader went out and they are working on repairing it. Because of this, they might not get some of the patch work done before the rock and chip. Without the water tank, the tires of the grader pick up everything you put down. There is a handful not done. They found the pump today. We have about a week before the rock and chip.

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

No report

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

- Gary Eby advised we were not out in Mr. Wilson's field. He also advised the pump in front of the lift station is totally gutted and Petersburg has bids. It has never been touched since he has been here. It is on a float system. It should be done in 7-10 days. He further advised they will oil and chip the lagoons and lift station roads in 2 weeks.
- Trustee Thompson advised he had family members out at North Park and there were several 12-13yr old kids with some pretty inappropriate language. His 1yr old grandson was there and the kids were out of control. It was mostly language that was out of control. Gary Eby advised the kids are leaving garbage and not putting it in the trash can. Trustee Thompson suggested putting that in the paper.

- Treasurer Thein has received the fireworks contract but hasn't had a chance to do anything with it. She talked to Brent at the church and they are aware she just got back from vacation. She will take care of it.

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

- Trustee Murphy advised he signed a demolition order at 409 Carroll Street. It was a garage west of the funeral home. It is completely gone.
- Trustee Murphy advised forwarding grossly non-compliance properties to the Sangamon County Health Department. We will finalize that when our attorney gets back. He has 3 properties that need to go. The addresses are 507 4<sup>th</sup> Street; a garage at 210 10<sup>th</sup> Street; and 11 Tamaroa in San Terra Trailer Park. Treasurer Thein advised the attorney is on the last one and he is getting the run around because there is a mortgage on that one. He has a list of properties that he will share with the Chief.
- Discussed 700 Washington Street. This is surplus property. We will open the bids the first meeting in August which is August 10<sup>th</sup>. President Clarke believes Michelle Featherston put an ad in the paper. The beginning bid will be \$8,900 which is how much we have incurred this far.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Thompson to approve Resolution 20-02 – A Resolution to Sell Surplus Property  
 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)

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

- none

**Energy: Committee Chair, President Clarke**

- none

**Infrastructure: Committee Chair, Trustee Richeson**

- none

**Unfinished Business:**

- none

**New Business:**

- Approval of the annual Budget – Ordinance 20-14 – An Ordinance Making Appropriation for all Corporate Purposes for the Village of Pawnee, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of May, 2020, and Ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2021  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to accept Ordinance 20-14 – An Ordinance Making Appropriation for all Corporate Purposes for the Village of Pawnee, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of May, 2020, and Ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2021  
 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)

- Discussed an ordinance approving a cable television franchise agreement with Comcast. We originally signed this in April 2010. It's a 10year agreement where we receive a percentage. Our annual income is roughly \$43,000/year. It is a 10yr agreement. Trustee Skinner asked about negotiating the price. President Clarke advised we could negotiate but they will probably just raise everyone's cable bill. Trustee Murphy asked about a 5yr agreement and then revisit it after the 5yrs. He thought it was flat fee. He is good with the 10yr agreement since it was a percentage.

**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve Ordinance 20-15 – An Ordinance Approving a Cable Television Franchise Agreement with Comcast of Illinois/Indiana/Ohio, LLC

Second made b y Trustee Murphy

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

Motion Carried: (6-0)

- President Clarke discussed an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Animal Control Services. Our cost is based on calls from the prior year. The cost is \$988.14.

**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to accept an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Animal Control

Second made b y Trustee Thompson

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

Motion Carried: (6-0)

- Gary Eby asked about the Duvall Lot on Washington St. He stated we mow the property but Treasurer Thein advised that is not out property. Treasurer Thein advised she called the number on the for sale sign. They answer the phone "Sangamon County." She talked to a person and they are selling the property for taxes. She thought it was our property and found out it was not our property. They are selling property in a flood plain and the buyers are backing out. They are then keeping the earnest money. She is planning to ask our attorney if this is legal. We should keep mowing it for now. Trustee Skinner said we should put a lien on it. Consensus was we should put a lien on it.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm on Monday, July 13, 2020. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, July 27, 2020 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Devona L. Martin  
Village Clerk