

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of April 13, 2015**

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

- Village Clerk, Devona Martin, called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Garry Whitson, Phillip Thompson, Cara Burnley, Steve Condon, David Skinner, Troy Squires
- Trustees absent:
- Also in attendance: Attorney John Myers, Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Andy Lee, Gary Eby, Jeff Schober, Josh and Jessica Leach, Rich Grooms

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- Josh and Jessica Leach appeared before the Board to discuss a potential "Bike Night" in Pawnee. Halls Harley Davidson is rotating bike night weekly. Locals has been selected for June 5, 2015. They are requesting permission to block off some of the square in order to make room for the expected number of people as well as permission to allow alcohol outside (no glass). Consensus was to allow the closure of the streets in front of Locals, in front of Campos and the street between Carter's and the Laundromat during Bike Night which is from 5pm - 8pm and to allow alcohol outside. They are also making plans to have a "human" roulette table for entertainment after Bike Night. They would like to block the 7 parking spots in front of Locals for the entertainment. Consensus was to allow the street in front of Locals to remain blocked. Attorney Myers requested that they add the Village of Pawnee as an insured under the insurance policy. They will add as requested.
- Josh and Jessica Leach have another request regarding hiring a 19yr old bartender. They would like another bartender but don't need another full-time bartender, only on special occasions. They are asking permission to have a 19yr old bartender if they are under the supervision of an experienced bartender. Our Village Ordinance indicates they must be 21yrs old. Chief Bowsher advised that although she is against having a 19yr old bartender that runs the bar, she is ok with having a 19yr old serve alcohol as long as she is not running the bar. Attorney Myers reviewed our current ordinance and based on the current ordinance, it would not be allowed without a special permit. Attorney Myers advised that he will update the ordinance to allow 19yr old to serve alcohol when food is prepared on sight.
- Rich Grooms advised that we are out of flags. Treasurer Thein will have Michelle order more tomorrow. He also provided Treasurer Thein with a bill for the flag pole.

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of March 23, 2015 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve minutes of March 23, 2015 as presented
Second made by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes, 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 week ending April 13, 2015 totaled \$149,319.33
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve bills payable for the week ending April 13, 2015 in the amount of \$ 149,319.33
 Second made by Trustee Condon
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
 Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Treasurer Thein presented her Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the month ending February 28, 2015. She advised that we are within spending for the month of February which is 10 months into our fiscal year. They are currently working out the bugs with the online payment. She is hoping to get the link added to the website by the end of next week.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve Treasurer Thein's Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending February 28, 2015
 Second made by Trustee Thompson
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
 Motion Carried: (6-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitson

- Trustee Whitson advised that for the month of March, 79 red letters were sent resulting in 6 shut offs. All six are back on.
- Trustee Whitson discussed Madison Street. Andy Lee advised that he obtained an estimate for \$12,500-\$13,000. This includes labor to hook up the 9 locations and cut off the existing 4" line. The Village would pay the materials to avoid mark up on materials. The total bid with material and labor would be around \$15,000. This is an area of routine problems. Treasurer Thein advised that it has been budgeted in. She will forward a copy of the contract to Attorney Myers for review.
- Andy Lee advised that he received a call from someone at Dollar General expressing an interest in purchasing the lot. He gave them the rates for hookups but wanted to know if he needed to offer any incentives. President Clarke advised that he told them correctly.

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

- Trustee Condon advised that it is street repair time. The laser transit is approx 20yrs old and in need of repair. The bid to fix it exceeds \$800 and the cost to replace is \$1,900. It is budgeted and he would like them to purchase it. Consensus was to proceed.
- Resolution 15-01 – Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code
Motion made by Trustee Condon to approve Resolution 15-01 for Resolution of Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code in the amount of \$133,898.66
 Second made by Trustee Skinner
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
 Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Trustee Condon advised that Jeff Schober would like 1 person for summer help to assist with filling in cracks, trimming alleys, cleaning gutters, cleaning out the ditch by the football field, etc. Treasurer Thein advised that it would need to be in the next fiscal year budget.

Treasurer Thein advised that we would need to start advertising and interview in order to have them ready by June. Consensus was to proceed.

- President Clarke advised that Ameren will be trimming trees. He has a map outlining the locations if anyone is interested.
- President Clarke advised that Joe Greene said we could use motor fuel tax for a salt barn. Attorney Myers advised that the Village would need to pass a resolution to approve the salt storage facility to be paid from motor fuel. Then plans would need to be drawn up and approved by IDOT. IDOT would coordinate the bids. Jeff Schober obtained an estimate in the amount of \$45,000 for a salt shed but it looks like IDOT would ultimately decide how much of our motor fuel tax money we spend. Treasurer Thein suggests putting up our own shed and using the Motor Fuel for streets. We will put it in the budget and Jeff will get a full estimate which includes prevailing wage.
- President Clarke advised that Jeff Schober has been talking to the railroad about railroad crossings. Our cost would be 10% for a total of \$120,000. Consensus was that we will not proceed. We have 6 crossing, 3 with lights and 3 without.
- Railroad update....Attorney Myers advised that the hearing in the case is this Thursday. During this hearing, we are asking for a judgment on who owns the pipe. The Judge actually came down and looked at it today.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- Chief Bowsher presented her monthly police report
Motion made by Trustee Squires to accept Chief Bowsher's monthly police report
Second made by Trustee Condon
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Chief Bowsher advised that she is need of a few other part-timers. She would like to hire Matt Burke as a part-timer and put him through the part-time academy. He was on the list.
Motion made by Trustee Burnley to hire Matt Burke as a part time police officer
Second made by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Union update by Attorney Myers. There is no update. He has not heard anything since his last correspondence. Chief Bowsher will discuss with Officer Bertoni.

Sewer and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Gary Eby advised that we are already having problems with the park. He found the toilets were plugged with sticks and toilet paper and it happened 2 nights in a row. Treasurer Thein advised that she saw a bunch of kids going back behind and climbing the fence. Chief Bowsher has an idea who it was and she will talk to the parent. It is occurring in the men's and not the women's. We'll give her 2 weeks to try to resolve the issue before we close the bathrooms.
- Gary Eby advised that he has rocks coming in (riffraff). He's gone through 120,000lbs of rock and only has 1 pond completed.
- The flag at the park is pretty tattered. Gary Eby will take care of replacing it.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley

- President Clarke advised that a special meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 7:00pm to discuss the Billboard ordinance and re-zoning the grocery store from a B1 to B2. Attorney Myers reviewed the billboard ordinance. He has drafted a billboard ordinance that tightly restricts billboards. Limits are placed on location and size. Billboard is a sign that advertises goods and services that are not associated with the lot. They are only permitted in B1 or I zones within the Route 104 corridor. There are only a couple places that you could have a billboard and then there are spacing limitations.

Unfinished Business:

- Scott Day advised that he has heard conflicting reports on the siren at Santara. He had 2 people tell him it was not working and 2 people then his it was. Two new sirens are in the budget.
- Discussed 8 Brenda Drive. Attorney Myers received a letter from the attorney regarding recent repairs. President Clarke and Attorney Myers inspected and there are slight upgrades, but it is far from habitable. Attorney Myers is taking photos and will send to the banks attorney. Also, there is a mold odor coming from the home.

New Business:

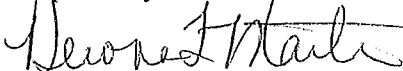
- none

Motion to Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm on Monday, April 15, 2015. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, April 29, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,



Devona L. Martin
Village Clerk