

**Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of December 9, 2019**

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: Todd Richeson, Cara Burnley, Pat Murphy David Skinner and Troy Squires
- Absent: Trustee Phillip Thompson, Clerk Devona Martin
- Also, in attendance: Treasurer Kelly Thein, Chief Barclay Harris, attorney Don Craven, Village employee Steve Haney, village resident Jeff Jarrett

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- Chris Korte-Membership Specialist and Jim Closson-Loss Control Specialist, Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association. Korte served as primary spokesperson. Utilizing a handout encompassing RMA (Risk Management Association) services and associated financial information given to all board members, Korte gave an in-depth proposal as to why the village should consider returning to RMA. Closson explained loss control services. A short question/answer period followed with Trustee Pat Murphy asking “what is the lowest cost/figure you can offer?” Korte replied “maybe we can knock off another \$5000, however, we could not agree to that at this time.” Korte and Closson were thanked for their time and departed the meeting a 7:24 p.m. Trustees did discuss the proposal, noting both pro and con, however, the board opted to remain with Gallagher. The board did note that RMA could submit a proposal come November of next year for consideration.

Clerk’s Comments

- Minutes of November 25, 2019 board meeting were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the November 25, 2019 minutes as presented.
Second by Trustee Richeson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Squires-yes and Skinner-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Bills payable presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve Bills Payable of \$173,210.96
Second by Trustee Squires
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Burley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes and Squires-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)
- Motion made by Trustee Skinner to preapprove bills payable for the last two weeks of December as the board will not meet again during the month of December.
Second by Trustee Richeson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Burley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes and Squires-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Squires

- The exposed gas line has been overlaid with dirt and is protected for winter.
- There were 24 shut-offs for the month of November and of this date, all have been reconnected.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Mayor Clarke

- The Monthly Police Report was submitted by Chief Harris for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Murphy to approve the Monthly Police Report as presented.
Second by Trustee Richeson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes and Squires-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

- Ordinance 19-22 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village of Pawnee Establish an Administrative Adjudication Court
Chief Harris attended the meeting pertaining to the above stated matter noting that the questions of cost and what would the village get out of the establishment of such court were never answered. Chief Harris noted that at this point he does not see this being a good thing and in the long run it is going to hurt people more and could there be a continuing rise in cost. Harris also noted that we are getting compliance with enforcement of village ordinances, most people within the village comply or try to comply. Pawnee's compliance ratio is very high. Trustee Troy Squires stated that he did not want to turn Pawnee into a Gestapo state knowing that people don't have a lot of money and compliance is high.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to table the ordinance, and not join in the establishment of an Administrative Adjudication Court at this time, but to take at least a year to see how it goes if a court is established and then revisit the matter at that time.
Second by Trustee Squires
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes and Squires-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

Streets, Alleys and Sidewalk Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Murphy

- No report

Sewer and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- No report

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley

- Pertaining to the abandoned house located at 700 Washington Street attorney Don Craven noted the court hearing scheduled for tomorrow, December 10. As stated by Craven, there is a new lawyer for the bank holding the property and agrees that the house should be demolished, but would like to give it to the village. The village would demolish the house and receive the lot in return. Mayor Clarke asked for a bid to demolish be obtained, if too high, village employees would take down the structure. Clarke noted that even with the cost of a dumpster, that would be the least expensive way to take title to the property for possible auction
- Zoning Committee Chair Cara Burnley noted that due to several residential/home owners complaints about water drainage from one property to another, the Zoning Board should give more thought as to where water travels due to variance requests. Mayor Clarke added that if there is any doubt about drainage, deny the variance or tax payers can take the hit.

New Business

- While not really pertaining to new business, Trustee David Skinner in reference to the Proposed Property Tax Increases for Pawnee Community Unit School District that residents contact a school board member with questions or for more information, as the Village of Pawnee has nothing to do with the proposed tax increase.

Unfinished Business/Correspondence

- Ordinance 19-23, An Ordinance on the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Village of Pawnee, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 11, 2019 and Ending April 30, 2020.
Motion made by Trustee David Skinner to approve Ordinance 19-23
Second by Trustee Squires
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes and Squires-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

Mayor's Report/Comments

- The Village Board of Trustees will not meet Monday, Dec. 23. Mayor Clarke wished all in attendance a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Trustee Murphy to adjourn the meeting
Second by Trustee Burnley

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Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-5, Nays-0
Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2019. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, January 13 at the Pawnee Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer
Deputy Clerk