

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of February 27, 2017**

**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, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner, Troy Squires
- Trustees absent: none
- Also in attendance: Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Chief Jan Bowsher, Gary Eby

**Visitor's Recognition/Comments:**

- none

**Clerk's Report:**

- Minutes of February 13, 2017 were presented for review and approval.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve minutes of February 13, 2017 as presented  
Second made by Trustee Murphy  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-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 presented the bills payable for the week ending February 27, 2017 in the amount of \$27,497.26  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$27,497.26 for the week ending February 27, 2017.  
Second made by Trustee Thompson  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Trustee Skinner thinks that we should get ahead of the ball and start taking applications for summer help. The guys will let Treasurer Thein know how many they will need and we'll talk about it at the next meeting.
- Trustee Skinner advised that he was approached by someone that is going to coach summer ball. The person asked if they could help maintain the field at North Park. Consensus was that this would not be allowed for various reasons.
- Treasurer Thein presented the Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending January 31, 2017. This is the 9<sup>th</sup> month of our fiscal year.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve Treasurer Thein's Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending January 31, 2017  
Second made by Trustee Murphy  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
Motion Carried: (6-0)

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

- Trustee Whitson advised that 99 red letters went out and 9 were shut off. Only 3 have been turned back on.
- Trustee Whitson advised that Andy Lee would like to purchase 2 items. These items are in his budget. He would like to purchase a gas sniffer (one was replaced last year) for \$1200-\$1500 and a metal detector for \$800-\$1500. Consensus was to proceed.

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

- Trustee Squires advised that they have been working on getting the storm basins cleaned up in preparation for the upcoming rains. Other than that, they are just working on general maintenance. They are also working on a tractor.

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

- Chief Bowsher presented her Monthly Police Report. Chief Bowsher will get with Attorney Myers on the JFL Fundraiser resolution.

**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to accept Chief Bowsher's Monthly Police Report  
Second made by Trustee Thompson

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

Motion Carried: (6-0)

**Sewer and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson**

- Gary Eby advised that vandalism has already started at North Park. The bike rack has been drug around to the north side of the basketball courts and the rungs broken off.

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

- Trustee Burnley advised that there is a zoning meeting on Thursday for an addition exceeding the square foot requirement.

**Unfinished Business:**

- none

**New Business:**

- Discussed Ordinance 17-04 – An Ordinance Relating to Protection of Village Water Meters and Amending the Pawnee Code of Ordinances. This is the cost of the unit and labor to install. It will be added to the next billing. They can appeal by attending the next Village Board meeting  
Ordinance 17-04 – An Ordinance Relating to Protection of Village Water Meters and Amending the Pawnee Code of Ordinances  
**Motion** made by Trustee Whitson  
Second made by Trustee Thompson  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Discussed Ordinance 17-05 - An Ordinance Relating to Hours for Sales of Alcoholic Liquors on Sundays. The ordinance indicates that alcoholic beverages are available during serving of food. They have to eat while they drink. Trustee Burnley provided her opinion that if we are

going to allow alcoholic sales at 9am, it shouldn't matter if there is food or not. Consensus was to have the ordinance changed to remove the food requirement.

- President Clarke advised that we received the new 3 year contract for Panhandle Eastern Pipeline. It currently expires March 31, 2018. They like to have the agreement prior to the expiration.

Motion made by Trustee Thompson to approve the Panhandle Eastern Pipeline agreement per our UGM consultant's suggestion to renew for 3years.

Second made by Trustee Whitson

Motion retracted by Trustee Thompson until we have the opportunity to consult with our Attorney.

Tabled to the next meeting

- Gary Eby would like to commend Steve Haney for his work he did on the house removal on Washington Street. He did an excellent job.

#### Motion to Adjourn and Reconvene Thursday March 2 at 6pm

- Motion made by Trustee Burnley to adjourn and reconvene on Thursday March 2, 2017 at 6pm  
Second made by Trustee Murphy  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
Motion Carried: (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm on Monday, February 27, 2017 and will reconvene on Thursday March 2, 2017 at 6pm.

#### Call to Order: Thursday March 2, 2017

- President Clarke called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

#### Roll Call:

- Village Clerk, Devona Martin, called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Garry Whitson, Phillip Thompson, Cara Burnley, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner, Troy Squires
- Trustees absent: none
- Also in attendance: Attorney John Myers, Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Andy Lee, Chief Jan Bowsher

#### New Business:

- President Clarke advised that we have been contacted by a company named Emberclear. They are a company that turns natural gas into electricity and then sells it back on the grid. They are going to build a plant and are looking at 4 communities as possibilities. Pawnee is one of them. They will use 750,000 gallons of water per day. They will flush away 70,000 – 100,000 gallons a day and the rest will be evaporated. They want to know what water rate we will charge them. The infrastructure cost will be approximately \$4,864,788 as estimated by Otter Lake. President Clarke advised that per the conversations we have had with them, he believes that Emberclear is planning to pay all the costs. Otter Lake is not interested in paying for this project. Otter Lake will not discount our cost of water. They would like to know the rate by tomorrow. The Village currently pays \$4.59/1000 and will pay \$5.09/1000 beginning in December 2017. Trustee Skinner advised we should provide a

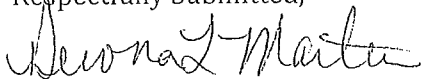
- margin such as "our cost + x." They would run a 16" line from where we tap in near Interstate 55 to Pawnee. It would have its own meter. Trustee Thompson asked how they are getting rid of the 70,000-100,000 gallons of water. Joe Greene said build a line to our sewer or since its clean water, it could be sprayed on fields possibly. But he doesn't really know for sure as the person he needs to speak with at the EPA is on vacation. President Clarke thought we would have room to expand our lagoons if needed. If we had to expand the plant, we would have to charge through the rates for the plant expansions. There are 2 kinds of expansions: raw sewage treatment or more room to hold stuff. We would probably be talking about the latter. We would need more capacity. Attorney Myers stated that right now, it would not be within the village limits due to the enterprise zone. Materials inside an enterprise zone are not subject to sales tax. This means at least until the plant is complete, up and running and possibly 10yrs. The school would still get the tax. This would be a huge boom to the school district and a wonderful thing for the school. The Village would not get property tax. The profit to the Village would be in the utilities. Discussed that out of town rates are higher than in town rates. This project would bring in labor jobs for 24months while it was being built. Attorney Myers advised that we could also drop the residential rates due to the influx of profit. Returning the Village profit to the rate payers. Attorney Myers suggested using Trustee Skinners thought of our cost plus. Common law utility law states that different rates for different groups must to be reasonably related to differences in cost of service. Rate should be uniform for residential and commercial. Discussed our bottom amount. Attorney Myers advised that a rate study may be necessary by Rural Water Association, accountants or engineers. Consensus was to advise here are our rates; here is what we pay; it will be somewhere in the middle but we are having a rate study conducted.
- President Clarke advised that they would like us to host an open house town meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> for the developer to answer questions. The school is not available so the meeting will be held in the sanctuary at Pawnee Assembly of God church. They want to judge public opinion before taking it their regional planning commission.

**Motion to Adjourn :**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm on Thursday, March 2, 2017. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,



Devona L. Martin  
Village Clerk