

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of February 9, 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: none
- Also in attendance: Attorney John Meyers, Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Jeff Schober

**Visitor's Recognition/Comments:**

- none

**Clerk's Report:**

- Minutes of January 26, 2015 were presented for review and approval.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve minutes of January 26, 2015 as presented  
Second made by Trustee Squires  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-present, Burnley-yes, Condon-present, 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 February 9, 2015 totaled \$66,196.95  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve bills payable for the week ending February 9, 2015 in the amount of \$66,196.95  
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)
- Trustee Skinner advised that a couple of bills came in after the bills payable was completed. It included our water bill in the amount of \$28,344.50 and our gas bill in the amount of \$83,445.13.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve the water bill in the amount of \$28,344.50 and the gas bill in the amount of \$83,445.13.  
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)
- Trustee Skinner advised that there are 3 old bills that are deemed uncollectable. The total of these bills is \$654.11  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to write off these 3 bills in the amount of \$654.11  
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**

- No report

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

- No report

**Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gleason**

- President Clarke presented Chief Bowsher's monthly police report  
**Motion** made by Trustee Condon to accept Chief Bowsher's monthly police report  
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)
- Attorney Meyers advised that he contacted the Union's representative regarding setting a date to discuss collective bargaining. During the telephone call, he also suggested renewing the current contract for another year due to insurance. At this time, he has not heard back from them.

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

- Discussed the billboard ordinance with Attorney Meyers. He will draft a copy similar to that of Chatham's. It will need to be run through the Zoning Board prior to making it to the Board.

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

- No report

**Unfinished Business:**

- Attorney Meyers advised that the Railroad's brief is due Wednesday. He'll file his brief in 2 weeks and a hearing is scheduled for April. He is hopeful that this hearing will decide who owns the pipe.

**New Business:**

- President Clarke gave a thank you to the businesses that donated to the Fireworks fund and to all those that attended the fundraiser. He also thanked Raymond Poe for donating the food.
- President Clarke advised that he received an email from Don Frontone. A conference call is scheduled for tomorrow at 1:30pm for a Q&A session to discuss prices. Trustee Skinner advised that he spoke with Don and Don indicated that after April, there will be a surcharge that will be dropped onto customers. If we lock in prior to April, he thinks we won't have a surcharge.
- Trustee Thompson discussed the closing of the grocery store. President Clarke advised that ultimately the question is are we going to give the new business an incentive to come here? He asked, "Do we grow the Farmer's Market into something bigger or do we just become a town that does not have a grocery store?" Trustee Thompson asked if we should actively search for a grocery store business or do we set up a town meeting to discuss suggestions,

etc. President Clarke advised that the current owners want to sell the building to another grocer. The "for sale" sign has now been removed so it has possibly been sold. Candy Kramer also advised that the Locker Room is closing at the end of the month. Candy named off several businesses that have been lost over the years. President Clarke also advised that the KC Hall may not remain open either. Attorney Meyers discussed giving a sales tax incentive. There is no state sales tax on grocery stores. The tax is 1% whether selling groceries or pots/pans. We could give a sales tax incentive for improvements also known as Economic Incentive. The business would give us their tax returns every 6 months and we would provide a rebate equal to 50% of their sales tax. He advised that this is very common and very easy to do. Attorney Meyers discussed other possible scenarios including TIF and Business District. President Clarke is attending a meeting with the Springfield Chamber of Commerce on economic development on February 23. We'll discuss further at the next scheduled meeting.

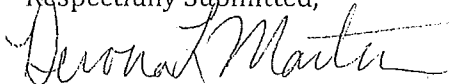
- Discussed the property maintenance code. Attorney Meyers advised that once it's established, we can utilize the County for condemning or demolishing homes. He further indicated that sometimes it works and sometimes it does not.
- Discussed the property at Brenda Drive. Attorney Meyers advised that their attorney is supposed to get a hold of him.
- Kelly Thein advised that the training for the new credit card machine is scheduled for Feb 23-24. They are hoping to be up and running by mid March. She did get a call from the other company and they were very upset. She told them we have been waiting and cannot wait any longer. She further advised that this new company has done more in 2 weeks than the other company has done in 2 yrs.

**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 7:39pm on Monday, February 23, 2015. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, February 23, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,



Devona L. Martin  
Village Clerk