

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of June 28, 2021**

**Call to Order:**

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

**Roll Call:**

- Village Clerk, Devona Martin called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Brian Whitlow, Jan Bowsher, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner, Troy Squires
- Trustees Absent: Phillip Thompson
- Also in attendance: Attorney Don Cravens, Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Chief Barclay Harris, Steve Haney, Jay Smith with Locals, Dominic Campo, Don Gray Sangamon County Clerk, Andy Goleman Sangamon County Auditor, Jeff Jarrett, Jessica Leach

**Visitor's Recognition/Comments:**

- Andy Goleman, Sangamon County Auditor, appeared before the Board. He advised the Board that he tries to do a semiannual appearance to keep the local municipalities up to date. He handed out a brochure and gave a brief update on his duties as Sangamon County Auditor. He also indicated that Sangamon County has a balanced budget. Their budget is \$121.5M for the county. He also advised they have some Covid specific programs.
- Don Gray, Sangamon County Clerk appeared before the Board. He advised that election integrity is what he has been speaking most about. They have been working to provide the best security, transparency and accountability. His office is accountable for the procedures on how we cast ballots and register to vote. Pawnee has a high level of participation, locations and election judges. He provided an update on some recent changes, most notably, congressional maps. They have tentative maps but they are just tentative. He advised they have pushed back the primary date of 2022. Instead of March 2022, it will be June 28, 2022. They believe there will be greater participation if the climate is better. There will be a permanent vote by mail list and that you will only have to register once. It will be received by mail as long as the address and name do not change. He believes this is a greater protection in the vote by mail. The vital records mobile unit is always on the road and will be back in Pawnee in the fall. They are also planning to start to do something more for each community. In the fall, they will honor law enforcement which will include lunch.
- Jessica Leach appeared before the Board. She advised Sara Clipper wanted to know what they can or cannot build. President Clarke advised he hasn't talked to her. He has only talked to Jessica. He further advised the front of any building will need to match the front of the square. The rest of the building must meet county code. Jessica stated that Sara is asking about fire wall requirements. President Clarke advised that probably comes under the county code. Dominic Campo asked if they can build in the middle of the 2 lots they own. Trustee Murphy advised they would need to bring that to the zoning board. Jessica asked if the buildings have to be attached. President Clarke advised it would be up to the board but probably yes; otherwise, there will be a gap for garbage. Trustee Murphy advised the Zoning Board is meeting July 12. He can also email him a copy of the ordinance we will be looking to pass. Dominic indicated that said since they

own 2 lots, he thinks it might hinder the sale of the lots if they can't build in the middle. Campo's are not rebuilding but are selling their lots.

- Jay Smith with Locals appeared before the Board. The Peacekeepers ride is July 18. They are expected to arrive between 3:30-4pm and will stay approximately 1hr. They are expending 300-400 bikes and jeeps. They would like to use the square. He'll talk to 1854 so they are prepared also. He will talk to Chief Harris as well.

#### **Clerk's Report:**

- Minutes of May 24, 2021 were presented for review and approval  
**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to approve the minutes of May 24, 2021 as presented  
Second made by Trustee Squires  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Bowsher-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
Motion Carried: (5-0)
- Minutes of June 14, 2021 were presented for review and approval  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve the minutes of June 14, 2021 as presented  
Second made by Trustee Murphy  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Bowsher-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
Motion Carried: (5-0)

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

- Trustee Skinner presented the bills payable for the week ending June 28, 2021 in the amount of \$183,403.26. He advised that approximately half is to the Library.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to accepted the bills payable for the week ending June 28, 2021 in the amount of \$183,403.26.  
Second made by Trustee Squires  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Bowsher-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
Motion Carried: (5-0)
- Treasurer Thein presented the Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the month ending May 31, 2021. This is the first month of the year. Supervisors are well within their budgets and we will start to see real estate taxes.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve Treasurer Thein Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the month ending May 31, 2021.  
Second made by Trustee Squires  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Bowsher-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
Motion Carried: (5-0)

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

- Trustee Squires advised there were 64 reds letters sent out and on May 28<sup>th</sup>, there were 4 shut offs. They are getting ready to disconnect utility services on the house off 104.
- Trustee Squires advised their 20yr old truck broke down over by the lumber yard. They are going to start looking for pickup trucks. It will come out of water and gas since it's split between the two departments.

#### **Streets, Alley and Sidewalk Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitlow**

- Trustee Whitlow advised they have been doing regular maintenance preparing for the overlay.

#### **Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Bowsher**

- No Report

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

- President Clarke fireworks will be at dusk Saturday night at the Assembly of God Church. The port-a-potties have been ordered.
- Trustee Squires discussed the walking path. They have a couple different scenarios for a path leading to Neala Drive. He thinks they have settled on going directly between the soccer fields as it has less linear feet.
- Steve Haney advised they have ordered the 2 slides. It should take 6-8 weeks to arrive. He also has phone calls into turf companies to put turf around playground equipment instead of the mulch as it gets washed away so easily.
- Treasurer Their advised the insurance has been notified on the vandalism.

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

- Trustee Murphy advised July 12, 2021 is the next zoning board meeting. They will be discussing the Don Kern garage variance and the uptown facade. Year to date, they up to 20 building permits, garages, fences, etc.
- Discussed the telecommunication statute. It has changed and thus our ordinance will need to be updated. Under the changes, the village has statutory authority to impose up to a 6% tax. Currently, we are at 1%. From this 1%, we collect approximately \$4,000. Riverton has a 4% tax and they collect \$22,000. President Clarke thinks we should update our ordinance but leave it at the 1% and go from there. This is cell phones only. We can increase it at any time but it has been increased in increments of .25% increments. Takes about 90 days to get implemented.

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

- none

#### **Energy: Committee Chair, President Clarke**

- none

#### **Infrastructure: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitlow**

- none

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- none

#### **New Business:**

- Ordinance 21-14 – 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, 2021, and Ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2022
- **Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to pass the budget as written - Ordinance 21-14 – 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, 2021, and Ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2022

Second made by Trustee Bowsheer

Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Bowsheer-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (5-0)

**Exit Regular Session: 7:35pm**

**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to exit regular session for personnel

Second made b y Trustee Squires

Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Bowsher-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (5-0)

**Enter Executive Session: 7:38pm**

- **Motion** made by Trustee Squires to enter executive for personnel

Second made b y Trustee Skinner

Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Bowsher-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (5-0)

**Exit Executive Session: 7:44pm**

- **Motion** made by Trustee Squires to exit executive session

Second made b y Trustee Skinner

Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Bowsher-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (5-0)

**Re-Enter Regular Session: 7:45pm**

- **Motion** made by Trustee Squires to return to regular session for unfinished business

Second made b y Trustee Bowsher

Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Bowsher-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (5-0)

**Motion to Adjourn:**

- **Motion** made by Trustee Bowsher to adjourn

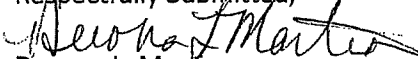
Second made b y Trustee Squires

Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Bowsher-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm on Monday, June 28, 2021. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, July 12, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,



Devona L. Martin

Village Clerk