

Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of March 9, 2015

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: Gary Whitson, Phillip Thompson, Steve Condon, David Skinner and Troy Squires
- Trustee Cara Burnley arrives at 7:08 p.m. and attorney John Myers arrives at 7:06 p.m.
- Absent: Clerk Devona Martin
- Also in attendance: Treasurer Kelly Thein, Chief of Police Jan Bowsher, Pawnee village employee Gary Eby

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- Richard Grooms, Scout Master, Pawnee Boy Scouts Troop 73. The board early in the fiscal year approved a \$1000 stipend to be used to help offset the cost of electrical-heating-cooling for the Boy Scout Hall. Grooms stated that he never stopped by the village office to pick up the stipend but that he would like to do so now. Mayor Clarke told him to see Kelly (Thein) this week at the village office and that she would issue a check. Before departing, Grooms brought village officials up to date on the next Boy Scout project, beautification of the older war memorial on the village square.

Clerk's Comments

- Minutes of February 23, 2015 presented to trustees for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the February 23, 2015 minutes as presented.
Second by Trustee Squires
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-present, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes and Squires-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)

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 \$47,293.32
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes and Squires-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitson

- Ninety-three (93) red letters were sent for the month of April, resulting in eight shut-offs all of which have been reconnected.

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

- No report given.

Police Committee Report: Interim Committee Chair, Village President Jeff Clarke

- Monthly Police Report submitted for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Condon to approve the police report.
Second by Trustee Skinner
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes and Squires-yes.
Motion Carried (6-0)
- In addition, Chief Bowsher noted that several Pawnee police officers will be sent to Springfield to assist during Lincoln's funeral reenactment; and as current vests for police officers are five-years old, Chief Bowsher stated that she would like to add \$1800 to an \$1800 grant in order to purchase new vests for the officers. Mayor Clarke asked about body cams. Chief Bowsher replied that Illinois has not passed a law as of yet, however, she noted that with Pawnee's department body cams will not be a bad thing, but right now it is a wait and see issue.
- Attorney John Myers asked if the police have said anything about union negotiation. Chief Bowsher noted that Officer Eric Bertoni, Union Representative, was in the building. He briefly stepped in to the meeting and told Myers that it was his understanding that a meeting will be scheduled very shortly.

Sewer and Parks Committee Reports: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Sewer: (Thompson) asked about a work crew he noticed. Gary Eby replied that the crew was working for the village looking for water leaks. Eby said the village experiences about an 11 % water loss, which is not bad and that Tim Bliss, Bliss Leak Detection Services did not find anything substantial during the evaluation.
- Parks: (Thompson) informed board members that he received information from Central States Fireworks that the 4th of July date for the annual fireworks display was not an option for Pawnee this year as a crew would not be available for that date. However, alternative dates were given, Friday, July 3 or Sunday, July 5. Trustees opted for the July 3 date. Thompson will clear the date with the school and noted that flyers will go home with school children at the end of the school year as a reminder of the date change.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley

- No report given. However, (Burnley) did ask about the path leading down to the large playground at North Park, noting that the lip of the step-down is damaged. Gary Eby said that he could not do anything at this time, as he must wait for weather to clear and the ground to dry. He would then repair or reform that area using a soft patch.

Unfinished Business/Correspondence

- Railroad Lawsuit: Myers brings trustees up to date, noting that both the Village of Pawnee and the railroad has filed motions and briefly explains the purpose of Ordinance 15-02.
- Ordinance 15-02 An Ordinance Regulating Railroads
Motion made by Trustee Condon to approve Ordinance 15-02.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes and Squires-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)
- Billboard Ordinance: As attorney Myers was present, Mayor Clarke asked if trustees had questions about the ordinance. The ordinance must now go to the Zoning Board for review before it is returned to the Village Board for final review and approval.

New Business

- None

Mayor's Report/Comments

- None

Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Trustee Thompson to adjourn the meeting

Second by Trustee Whitson

Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-6, Nays-0

Motion Carried (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2015. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, March 23, 2015, 7 p.m. at the Pawnee Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer
Deputy Clerk