

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of November 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, Patrick Murphy, Troy Squires
- Trustees absent: David Skinner
- Also in attendance: Attorney John Myers, Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Joe Greene with Greene & Bradford, Steve Roethe, Ted Meckes Division Manager with City, Water, Light and Power, Christina L Crites, John Drake and Bill Brown with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Gary Alexander Superintendent of the Pawnee Schools, Andy Lee, Scott Day

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- Steve Roethe appeared before the Board to voice his concerns over residents burning on the edge of the streets, in the gutters and blowing grass and leaves into the street. He was asking if there is anything in the ordinances that would prevent this. Chief Bowsher advised that there is an ordinance which prohibits these types of activities. Trustee Murphy advised that there is a motor vehicle statute that could potentially play into affect. Chief Bowsher advised that she will put a memo out to the officers and they will police it closer.
- Bill Brown, Christina L Crites, John Drake and Ted Meckes appeared before the Board to discuss the Hunter Lake project. Bill Brown advised that he has been working on the Hunter Lake project since the '70s. Ted Meckes spoke before the Board. He advised that in the '60s, '70s and '80s, CWLP purchased approximately 7200 acres of the 7800 acres needed. Currently, they are in need of 2 permits in order to move the project forward. One from the US Army Corps of Engineers and the other from Illinois EPA. He further indicated that over the years, many engineers have worked on the project and that the drought of 2012 brought the plan back. Their main reason for coming to the Village Board is to discuss their plans and to be transparent. They are planning to study this again and to discuss options for the Village of Pawnee. Bill Brown advised that they are trying to update the costs of the project. A study in 1998 identified several options as well as a combination of options. For example, we would most likely lose our lagoons. We would have to either pump to another shed or built our own sewage treatment plant. CWLP would be paying the costs but we have to agree which option works best for the community and agree on what CWLP is willing to pay for. Again, Ted Meckes advised that their goal in 2015-2016 is to be more transparent. They will be meeting with the EPA to make sure the identified options in 1998 are still options. They will also be working to update their costs. Although CWLP is funding this project, they will first look at options most feasible for the City of Springfield. They will then meet with the Village of Pawnee to start negotiations. Joe Greene asked about a lift station we are improving just north of 104. He pointed out flood elevation discrepancies on different maps they have provided. They advised that they will make sure their numbers are accurate across the different maps. President Clarke asked about silt and mosquitoes and if this the lake portion at Pawnee will to be a marsh area. They said it will not be a marsh area, a mud flat or unsightly. They do not foresee any problems with

mosquitoes as they believe the water will be flowing in this area. Ted Meckes further advised that they do not want homes on this lake. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources will be involved to manage the land around the lake. Once this is done, it cannot be changed. President Clarke asked if it would be logged. Ted Meckes advised that the DNR recommends logging and clearing out the lake area but that they will leave trees on the tributary. There was discussion regarding roads and bridges around Pawnee. Some roads would have to be closed and approximately 6 bridges will need rebuilt. Davis Road and Dickey Road will be impacted. Trustee Thompson asked about run off behind the school. Ted Meckes advised that they would build a berm behind school. Candy Kramer inquired into discussion regarding a tap fee of approximately \$400 per resident. They indicated that the City of Springfield would be in charge of the rates but that this is something that could be negotiated. Discussed the timeframe. A realistic timeline would be 4-6 yrs. Ted Meckes advised that they also have to work with the area farmers. Joe Greene inquired about our current utilities. They advised that CWLP would pay to relocate or reinforced them. This is something that would be budgeted. Gary Alexander, Superintendent at the Pawnee School asked about flooding at the school. Ted Meckes indicated that they are hoping to eliminate flooding with the use of a berm and channel straightening. However, they may need to do some more studies and check elevations and calculations. Trustee Thompson asked about fire safety. Ted Meckes advised that he will send over a map showing the roads etc. However, this has not yet been finalized. He advised that their intent is to make it better than what it is now. The next steps: They are meeting with the EPA and then will come back to the 3 communities with what they think is most feasible and start negotiations.

- Joe Greene advised the Board that they have been using an old cost estimate for years and we would like to see the updated estimate. He thinks there will be riprap required on the east side that won't be on any plans and then 3-4 years later, they'll tell us it will be needed. They gave Divernon a cost estimate of \$108 Million. Joe Greene advised that his honest opinion regarding the school is that they will have to build a "huge" berm in order to eliminate flooding.
 - Discussed the 104 Lift station. Joe Greene advised that with some refurbishing, the lift station can last a few more years. His recommendation is to refurbish the lift station at a price under \$45,000 and wait to see how Hunter Lake plays out.
- Motion** made by Trustee Thompson to rehab the current lift station #4, which is just north of 104 for an amount not to exceed \$45,000.

Second made by Trustee Whitson

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

- Joe Greene advised that he does have the Dollar General plans for review.
- Joe Greene advised that we have a bill for water tower. President Clarke has signed the copies.
- Scott Day appeared before the Board to discuss the sirens that have been intermittently going off. Two other agencies have our same tone code. Our sirens have now been reprogrammed with a longer code. They are going to do test pages to make sure we are good.
- President Clarke requested that we will buy magnets with our emergency numbers.
- Chief Bowsheer advised that when the power goes out, 911 is not accessible by landline.

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of October 26, 2015 were presented for review and approval.

Motion made by Trustee Squires to approve minutes of October 26, 2015 with changes of removing Attorney Myers from attendance and the dirt to fill the pond at the lift station came from Sangamon County and not Pawnee and Cotton Hill Townships.

Second made by Trustee Thompson

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Squires advised the Board that the bills payable for the week ending November 9, 2015 totaled \$90,868.53

Motion made by Trustee Squires to approve bills payable for the week ending November 9, 2015 in the amount of \$90,868.53

Second made by Trustee Thompson

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitson

- Trustee Whitson advised that of the 83 letters that went out last month, 5 were shut off. They have since been turned back on.
- Andy Lee advised that he is still moving meters from basements.

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

- Trustee Squires advised that rock salt is coming tomorrow. They will also be working on decorations.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- No report

Sewer and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Trustee Thompson advised that they are doing maintenance on the park.
- President Clarke advised the Board that the Department of Natural Resources has authorized the Village to lease property at the conservation near 13th and Washington for a playground. At this time, we should move forward with putting the Boone lot up for sale. We will need prices and pictures on the equipment we want on the playground. It will cost us gravel for the parking lot and the playground equipment. We will not be required to have a fence or restrooms since we don't own the property. We will be required to carry liability insurance since we will lease the property.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley

- Attorney Myers advised that regarding 8 Brenda Drive, the opposing council is in the process of obtaining bids to demolish the home. We are giving them 90 days to complete the demolition. Once the home is demolished, they will likely put the vacant lot for sale.

Unfinished Business:

- Attorney Myers advised that the railroad is in the process of getting bids.

New Business:

- President Clarke advised that he received a letter acknowledging that on October 31, 2015 the Pawnee Senior Citizens Corporation dissolved. He would like to say "Thanks to Bill

Sandige for his years of delivery." The Senior Services of Central Illinois will take over the servicing of Pawnee.

- President Clarke congratulated the football team on their winning season.
- President Clarke gave a special Thank You to the veterans.
- Trustee Thompson thanked the Village for a successful tournament and for allowing them to use the sign.

Motion to Adjourn:

- **Motion** made by Trustee Thompson to adjourn meeting.
Second made by Trustee Murphy
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm on Monday, November 9, 2015. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, November 23, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,



Devona L. Martin
Village Clerk