

Village of Pawnee  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of September 26, 2016

**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, Cara Burnley, Pat Murphy, David Skinner and Troy Squires
- Absent: Clerk Devona Martin
- Also in attendance: Treasurer Kelly Thein, Chief of Police Jan Bowsher, Department Supervisors Gary Eby, Jeff Schober and Andy Lee, Pawnee Schools Superintendent Gary Alexander, Flea Market Promoter Mickey Tate and Pawnee resident Eric Murray

**Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s**

- **Mickey Tate** of Primary Colors and promoter of the Flea Market and Bazaar held on the village square Saturday, Sept. 24 gave a brief update of the event noting that approximately 600 to 800 people attended the event. Thirty-two vendors were present on the square with most making \$300 plus. Tate also presented a \$104 donation to the Pawnee Fireworks Display Fund. When asked if he would be interested in doing another flea market type event, Tate replied he would like to do one in the spring. He also questioned about the possibility of doing just a craft show or if he could arrange it, a Trick or Trunk event for Halloween. He was given the names of several people to contact in regards to those events. Village officials commented on the very good job he did with the event, noting that it was very well organized and that the square was left clean following the event.
- **Eric Murray**, Pawnee resident had a number of complaints with the property behind his house, most notably that it has become a habitat for a lot of wildlife, including, mice, snakes, raccoons, possums and groundhogs. Foxes and coyotes have also been seen in the area. Years ago the property was known as the clay pit or brick yard, and is surrounded by a residential area. The property is now owned by Langheim and is used as a dumping area for dirt and concrete. Mr. Murray requested that something be done to alleviate the wildlife situation.
- **Gary Alexander**, Pawnee Schools Superintendent attended the meeting as an observer.

**Clerk's Comments**

- Minutes of September 12, 2016 were presented for review and approval.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve the September 12, 2016 minutes as presented.  
Second by Trustee Murphy  
Squires-yes  
Motion Carried (6-0)

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

- A list of bills payable was presented for review and approval.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve bills payable of \$111,805.56  
Second by Trustee Squires  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes and Squires-yes  
Motion Carried (6-0)

**Budget Comparison Report: Village Treasurer Kelly Thein**

- Treasurer Thein presented the monthly budget report, briefly noting that in the fourth month of the fiscal year, everything is very good, with personnel staying way under budget.

**Motion** made by Trustees Skinner to approve the monthly budget report as presented.

Second by Trustee Murphy

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

Motion Carried (6-0)

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

- (Whitson) reported that a shocking number of red letters, eighty-three, were sent for the current month. Trustees felt this to be bad news, especially for this time of the year. This high number of red letters is usually seen during the winter months, not during late summer or early fall. In addition, Treasurer Thein noted that the village is receiving a lot of returned checks due to insufficient funds. Whitson stated that in order to help him have a better understanding of what employees are doing, Gas and Water Supervisor Andy List put together a list of items that employees do on a daily, weekly and monthly basis.

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

- Employees really appreciate the new roller, they are working day to day to keep things running. Now that fall has arrived, employees are working on tiles as it is dry.

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

- The Chamber of Commerce sign is no longer needed as the Chamber is defunct. The sign will be taken down and stored. Received quotes for new wireless marquee event sign. Quotes came in as \$22,000, \$25,850 and \$32,000. Would like sign to have 4 x 8 dimension, multicolor, animation and scrolling capabilities. (Thompson) stated that Trustee Burnley knows of another company the village can receive a quote from, as such, the request was made and trustees agreed to table further discussion or decision until the next scheduled board meeting.

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

- A Zoning Committee meeting will be scheduled.

**Unfinished Business/Correspondence**

- None

**New Business**

- None

**Mayor's Report/Comments**

- **Comp Time:** Mayor Clarke stated that he had Village attorney John Myers draw up three different ordinances pertaining to comp time; using the federal limit, the current 160, or the option to have trustees raise by motion and approval, to increase. While the board was unable to act on any of the ordinances, trustees did speak with the three supervisors present requesting their opinion. Trustee Phillip Thompson gave a brief explanation of the reasoning behind the current policy. The matter was tabled until the next scheduled board meeting. Trustee David Skinner asked to return to a policy of having one supervisor required to attend the village board meeting, noting that the supervisor attending can relay needed information to the other supervisors.

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to adjourn the meeting

Second by Trustee Murphy

Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-6, Nays-0

Motion Carried (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on Monday, September 26, 2016. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, October 10, 2016, 7 p.m. at the Pawnee Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer  
Deputy Clerk