

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of April 14, 2014**

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, Mark Gleason
- Trustees absent: David Skinner
- Also in attendance: Attorney John Meyers, Chief Bowsher, Treasurer Kelly Thein, Gary Eby, Gary White, Doug Syes, Chris McWhorter

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- Gary White appeared before the Board. He recently received a letter regarding his level payment. He first wanted to apologize for getting upset with Michelle and Kelly. He is upset that the letter he received indicates he owes \$452 and that it was not even on letterhead. He is a resident of Pawnee and has lived here for 37yrs. He has never been behind on any bills. He has lived in 3 different homes and paid off 2 different homes. He has been on level pay for quite some time. The letter he received indicated that he was behind and would be responsible for \$452 by May 31. He stated that 3 or 4yrs ago, he was on level pay and he had a heavy credit. Winter came and went and the Village still owed him over \$1000. He went to Treasurer Thein and he asked to be paid by check. Treasurer Thein advised that we cannot issue payments that it would adjust it in June. He took it upon himself to adjust by not paying the monthly bill. He did that on his own. He is very irritated the Village owed him and he had to wait for his money. But now, it's the other way around and we are asking for our money. Trustee Thompson address the letter and indicated that the "behind" verbiage was a poor choice of words. President Clarke advised that level pay is based on last year and that we have no way to predict what this year will be. He feels that he should not have to pay this but that it should be evened out the following year. He is looking at a contract from '06 which indicated that it would be leveled out the following year. Treasurer Thein advised that he was looking at an outdated contract. She provided him with a copy of the contract he signed in May 2013. He would like continue to pay his level pay and then in June, his level pay be adjusted over the following year. Treasurer Thein advised that this would be a breach of contract. Trustee Whitson indicated that he should pay as requested. Trustee Thompson asked if he could pay out 6 months. Treasurer Thein advised that it would not work because in the summer months, they are building up credit. Treasurer Thein advised that this is a voluntary agreement. Consensus was that he should pay as required by the contract. He requested a grace period of 2 months. Trustee Thompson advised that he doesn't have to pay the balance until June 1 as indicated by the letter he received. He indicated that he would have the balance paid by June 1.
- Gary White's 2nd issue is regarding the 4th street Sherman sewage problem. He advised that he has problems with the drainage. He believes it is the result of not keeping ditches clean. During the fall, leaves fall and plug up the ditches. He believes that due to the restrictions on burning, people leave the leaves in the ditches. This is a problem in the fall that shows itself in the spring. He spent several days with his own tractor digging out ditches and not one city employee offered to help or even noticed there was a problem. He indicated that

our Village employees are young and inexperienced. He has never seen anyone do any work on the south side of the ditches. President Clarke advised that we will look into a solution. He advised that the burn pile is inaccessible for the working man. He believes that the police should sit at the burn pile all weekend so that the burn pile can remain open. Trustee Condon will take care of the ditches in front of his house.

- Doug Syes advised that his wife owns many rental houses across the board. He has a \$750 credit with the village. He feels that he shouldn't have a \$50 penalty. Treasurer Thein advised that we do not charge that \$50 reconnect fee to the landlord. Lastly, he stated that people live paycheck to paycheck and that we should keep that in mind when we charge these fees. He would like to reduce the penalty of \$50 to reconnect fee. No action taken.

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of March 24, 2014 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Whitson to approve minutes of March 24, 2014 as presented
Second made by Trustee Burnley
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-president, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Gleason-president
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Gleason advised the Board that the bills payable for the week ending April 14, 2014 totaled \$187,122.13
Motion made by Trustee Gleason to approve bills payable for the week ending April 14, 2014 in the amount of \$187,122.13
Second made by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitson

- Trustee Whitson advised that the month of March had 9 shut offs and one is still off.
- Trustee Whitson advised that gas rates will go down \$.03/therm the first of May. The new rate will be \$1.17/therm.

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

- Motor fuel tax resolution 14-01 in the amount of \$87,793.70
Motion made by Trustee Condon to accept the motor fuel tax resolution 14-01 in the amount of \$87,793.70
Second made by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)
- Trustee Condon advised the Board that they are currently working on spring clean up.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gleason

- Chief Bowsher presented her monthly police report
Motion made by Trustee Gleason to accept Chief Bowsher's monthly police report
Second made by Trustee Condon
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

- Discussed ILES and Ordinance 14-05 – An Ordinance Approving A Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement
Motion made by Trustee Gleason approve Ordinance 14-05 – An Ordinance Approving A Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement
 Second made by Trustee Whitson
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Gleason-yes
 Motion Carried: (5-0)
- Chief Bowsher discussed the Hummer. She indicated that the vehicle is completed. She further advised that it was given to the police department. It would cost \$65,000 to purchase.

Sewer and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Trustee Thompson advised that the flags will be replaced at the park once the weather permits.
- Trustee Thompson discussed the Ameren project. He has filled out the paperwork but would rather discuss this during the franchise agreement first. He will wait until May.
- Trustee Thompson advised that they are working on the electronic sign and he is waiting the quote so that he can finalize it.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley

- No report

Motion to Exit Regular Session: 8:14pm

- **Motion** made by Trustee Gleason to exit regular session.
 Second made by Trustee Condon
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Gleason-yes
 Motion Carried: (5-0)

Motion to Enter Executive Session: 8:20pm

- **Motion** made by Trustee Burnley to enter executive session for collective bargaining and personnel issues.
 Second made by Trustee Gleason
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Gleason-yes
 Motion Carried: (5-0)

Motion to Exit Executive Session: 8:30pm

- **Motion** made by Trustee Thompson exit executive session
 Second made by Trustee Condon
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Gleason-yes
 Motion Carried: (5-0)

Motion to Enter Regular Session: 8:31pm

- **Motion** made by Trustee Thompson re-enter regular session.
 Second made by Trustee Burnley
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Gleason-yes
 Motion Carried: (5-0)

Unfinished Business:

- The fireworks fundraiser has been changed to May 10, 2014. The cost of the insurance is built into the cost of the fireworks.

New Business:

- Treasurer Thein advised that we have the credit card machine and they are coming May 1 to train them.
- Treasurer Thein advised that in order to get a grant they have to get a SAMS. It has to be done every year. The cost is \$600. Trustee Gleason advised that you don't have to pay that. He will stop by sometime and show Treasurer Thein how to complete it.
- Trustee Gleason asked about comp time and the last meeting. President Clarke advised that it will be on next month's agenda.
- Trustee Gleason discussed the burn pile. He asked if Trustee Condon and Trustee Thompson could discuss an alternative schedule.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm on Monday, April 14, 2014. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, April 28, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Devona L. Martin
Village Clerk