

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of August 11, 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, David Skinner, Mark Gleason
- Trustees absent: none
- Also in attendance: Attorney John Meyers, Chief Bowsher, Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Gary Eby, Don Frontone with Stone River Group, Rich Grooms, Josh Leach

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- Don Frontone with Stone River Group appeared before the Board. He advised that March 2014 had the highest electric rates. Our agreement is up a year from next month. Due to rising rates, he would like to encourage us to get bids to renew and add on additional years; possibly a year or two. He also suggested a resolution to allow the President to sign once they get the lowest rate. He would like to get rates locked in as low as possible in October for a 3 year term. Residents still have the option to opt out. Our goal is to get the best rate possible for the longest term. Consensus was to proceed with obtaining a resolution.
- Rich Grooms advised the Board that the Boy Scouts had a building donated to them. They are currently storing it behind the KC Hall. It is on skids, so it can be moved if needed. Consensus was to allow them to store the building behind the KC Hall.
- Rich Grooms advised the Board that the Boy Scout hall is almost completed. They have plans to make it into a donation coffee shop during the morning hours and to allow the public to use the hall as well. Besides the Boy Scouts and a morning coffee shop, a group of ladies are using it to play cards and most recently the American Legion. They are not charging for its use. Over the years, the senior citizens helped pay for the gas bill. He is asking that we help pay for the gas bill. He is requesting a \$1000 donation to go towards the annual gas bill.

Motion made by Trustee Thompson to donate \$1,000 to go towards the gas bill at the Boy Scout Hall.

Second made by Trustee Whitson

Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes

Motion Carried: (6-0)

- Rich Grooms also asked if the Village has extra internet lines that are not in use. President Clarke advised that we no longer have internet service with the company that provided the extra lines for the Village.
- Rich Grooms advised the Board that he has been working on the city dump truck with the leaking oil pan. The pan is rusted out. He found one at a price of \$600. He thinks this is way too high. He is going to continue to look around.
- Josh Leach appeared before the Board. He asked the Board if we require bartenders to be 21? He has a few employees that are 19yrs old that would be willing to tend bar. It thought they would be allowed if the Village agreed. Chief Bowsher advised that she is not for this.

Josh stated that it was his understanding that a 19yr could serve alcohol if the municipality allowed it. Consensus was that the Trustees are not interested in changing our ordinance.

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of July 28, 2014 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Thompson to approve minutes of July 28, 2014 as presented
Second made by Trustee Whitson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-present, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Skinner advised the Board that the bills payable for the week ending August 11, 2014 totaled \$75,955.64
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve bills payable for the week ending August 11, 2014 in the amount of \$75,955.64
Second made by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Trustee Skinner will talk with Reese Langheim regarding the gutter repairs on North 5th Street. Gary Eby stated that Reese Langheim completed the repairs. He tore it out and then re-poured it. Gary Eby stated that it still does not look right.
- Trustee Skinner advised the Board that the Sangamon County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan had a meeting to put together a plan over the next year. If we are not a member and there is a natural disaster, we would not receive help from this organization. They have requested that each municipality put together a list of items needed plus a list of the major employers in town. The major employers in town are Pawnee Lumber, the Pawnee School, the Village of Pawnee, Pawnee Food Center and Midwest Garage Doors. For storm preparedness, we would need tornado sirens, flood prone properties, storm sewers. President Clarke suggested Trustee Skinner f/u with Scott Day.

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitson

- none

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

- none

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 Skinner
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)

Sewer and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Trustee Thompson advised the Board that the pump across from the 104 Store is down. Joe Greene has since discovered that we do not have a written easement. Consensus was that President Clarke and Joe Greene go to the resident and ask for the easement. It was further determined that it is not on Lake II property. It is located on private property. The pump is approximately 25' down and we currently do not have the equipment to get it out. Trustee Thompson further advised that we have a pump down at Ameren. One of the pumps is original and the other is newer. The conduit is set in concrete which is making it challenging to get out. Gary stated that he is certain one of the pumps was struck by lightning. Treasurer Thein will check into insurance on the lightning strike. Gary Eby stated that they would try to do as much of the repairs as possible.
- Gary Eby asked if he should go directly through Robbie if he needs anything which Jeff Schober is out. Trustee Condon stated that if they need him to call.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley

- No report

Unfinished Business:

- Treasurer Thein advised that on September 13, 2014 Baby Huey's Recycling would like to come to the Village. Examples of items they will take include tires up to 18" at \$5/tire; gallons of paint for \$1/can; TV any size and type for \$5/TV; all electronics or metal at no charge; windows with alum frame at no charge; etc. They will give \$.02/pound back to the Village. Consensus was that the date was fine. President Clarke suggested 9-noon. They will be behind the KC Hall.

New Business:

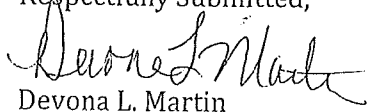
- **Motion** made by Trustee Burnley to approve Ordinance 14-13 – An Ordinance Extending the Authorization to Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois Its Successors and Assigns to Construct, Operate and Maintain an Electric Utility System in the Village of Pawnee County of Sangamon and State of Illinois. This is a 20 year franchise agreement with Ameren
 Second made by Trustee Thompson
 Roll Call Vote: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
 Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Comp time ordinance tabled
- Discussed the home located at 8 Brenda Drive. Attorney Meyers advised that he has ran a title search and will continue to work on it.
- Trustee Gleason thinks that we should start a list of properties that are in need maintenance and/or torn down. Trustee Burnley will start a list.

Motion to Adjourn:

- **Motion** made by Trustee Condon to adjourn meeting.
 Second made by Trustee Gleason
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
 Motion Carried: (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm on Monday, August 11, 2014. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, August 25 2014 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Devona L. Martin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Devona L. Martin
Village Clerk