

**Village of Pawnee  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of September 22, 2014**

**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, Steve Condon, David Skinner and Troy Squires
- 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**

- Pawnee village residents Gary White and Joe Parker. Gary White spoke to trustees with Parker adding support. White who appeared before the board a number of years ago, appeared at Monday's meeting with the same complaint of drainage and flooding problems affecting his property, Fourth and Sherman Streets, following torrential rains. Now the water just comes in torrents, noting that the old field tile simply cannot handle the amount of water that comes through my area, there is storm sewer backup. He also asked about a proposed plan that the village had at one time to alleviate the drainage/flooding problem in regards to Sherman Street. Mayor Clarke informed White that the proposal was on hold due to the ever increasing projected cost of the project; funds that the village just does not have. However, when he (Clarke) was notified of the flooding issue, he contacted Joe Greene, who in turn contacted a company to scope the pipe to get a view in order to determine what the problem was. Unfortunately they did not have the equipment necessary to scope a 6-inch pipe, however Gary Eby was able to contact the Illinois Rural Water Association and they will be able to view the pipe and determine if and where a collapse is located. Clarke told White that the village should know something within a week and he will be notified of the findings and any corrective measure to be taken. Before leaving, Parker noted that the gutters are full of junk and that he never sees the employees cleaning out the catch basins.

**Clerk's Comments**

- Minutes of the September 8, 2014 Village Board Meeting tabled until next regularly scheduled board meeting (October 13, 2014).

**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 \$122,676.92  
Second by Trustee Condon  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes and Squires-yes  
Motion Carried (6-0)

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

- Treasurer Kelly Thein, due to being out-of-office for several days, gave a brief oral budget report, noting that by the numbers, all funds look good. Trustees to receive printed copy of budget report ASAP after her return to work.

**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve the Budget Report  
Second by Trustee Thompson  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes and Gleason-yes  
Motion Carried (5-0)

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

- Sixty-six red letters were mailed as of this date. There were three (3) shut-offs with one still disconnected for the month of August. Gas rate remains the same, \$1 per therm

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

- After multiple delays due to rain, designated streets were finally oiled and chipped; streets look good. (Condon) sincerely thanks employee Gary Eby and all other Public Works employees for stepping up and filling all the voids over the past several weeks.
- (Condon) noted that at one time trustees discussed enacting an ordinance concerning snow routes. He asked if this is something that the village should consider doing in order to provide more efficient snow removal. Trustees briefly discussed the issue and opted to forego an ordinance at this time and to continue using the village web site and eLert to notify residents about snow removal.

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

- Police Chief Bowsher, even though funds are budgeted, requested permission to purchase a new computer, on-board for police vehicle. She was given permission to do so.
- Trustees also questioned what should be done about the Chevy Impala, agreeing that the village should blind bid it.

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

- Sewers – Not much to report, employees are keeping up.
- Parks – The committee would like to wait until after winter to repair entry to playground areas and replace mulch. Trustee Cara Burnley asked if the committee would consider changing that timeline as many families with young children continue to use the playground area well past October.

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

- No report other than there is a back yard, above ground swimming pool that has not been maintained, it is open and full of gunk.

**Unfinished Business/Correspondence**

- None

**New Business**

- None

**Mayor's Report/Comments**

(Mayor Clarke) asked if there was further information regarding the street light request or the status of the Brenda Drive house. He was told no.

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Motion** made by Trustee Condon to adjourn the meeting  
Second by Trustee Thompson  
Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-6, Nays-0  
Motion Carried (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 2014. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, October 13, 2014, 7 p.m. at the Pawnee Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer  
Deputy Clerk