

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of October 13, 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, David Skinner, Troy Squires
- Trustees absent: Steve Condon
- Also in attendance: Attorney John Meyers, Chief Bowsher, Treasurer Kelly Thein, Stan Travelstead, Brenda Stout-Masters with Fleming, Tawfall & Co., Denny Clarke

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- Village Auditor, Brenda Stout-Masters with Fleming, Tawfall & Co appeared before the Board. She presented the 2014 Financial Statements for the Village of Pawnee. She completed a summary of the report. She advised that our general fund has increased. She feels that we are in a good position. Our cash balance as of April 30 was almost \$219,000 and that has been steadily climbing upward. Motor fuel fund has been climbing and probably won't increase much more. Our library revenues are increasing. Our gas fund also increased mostly due to the cold winter. Overall, she feels we are doing very well. She also added that most Villages seem to have water/sewage funds that are doing better than the general funds since rates can be raised when needed. She will file the report with the State on behalf of the Village of Pawnee.
- Stan Travelstead appeared before the Board. Last year, we changed our contract date to get us through 2014. They announced several months back that employers with less than 50 employees, we can keep the plan we have for another year if they don't make any changes. The last several years, we have been covered by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois. The renewal offer through Blue Cross Blue Shield will go up \$2,751 or 21.41% with no changes. Staying with Blue Cross Blue Shield in an ACA program, the cost is be almost \$6,000 higher. Although a 21.41% increase is high, it is still less than all the other choices. The comparison's used were plans close to what we currently have. If we make any changes, we have to go to the Affordable Care Act program. Brenda Masters-Stout advised that some of her municipalities have selected a higher deductible program to bring down the cost but then offer a deductible refund program. Dental, vision, life has a renewal of May 1, 2015. They have agreed that we will renew May 1, 2015 for 7 months to get on the same renewal date of December 1, 2015 for all insurance.

Motion made by Trustee Skinner to renew our health insurance using our current plan option with Blue Cross Blue Shield

Second by Trustee Squires

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of September 22, 2014 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve minutes of September 22, 2014 as presented
Second made by Trustee Whitson

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

- September 8, 2014 minutes were tabled to the next scheduled Board meeting.

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Skinner advised the Board that the bills payable for the week ending October 13, 2014 totaled \$100,599.08
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve bills payable for the week ending October 13, 2014 in the amount of \$100,599.08
Second made by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitson

- none

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

- Trustee Skinner presented President Clarke and Denny Clarke with a Memorial Sign honoring their father Coy Clarke. The nomination was anonymous. The sign will be located on Madison Street. The family grew up at 1108 Madison Street.
- President Clarke advised that they were scheduled to inspect the drainage issue off K. Layne today. Due to rains, it was postponed until this Friday.
- President Clarke advised that he had requested Joe Greene with Greene & Bradford obtained bids for cleaning the water tower. They received a bid in the amount of \$3500 for just cleaning. They received another bid starting at \$7000 to clean and repair. We will discuss in more detail at the next scheduled Board meeting.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, President Clarke

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

Sewer and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Trustee Thompson advised that due to excessive rainfall, there was an increase in pump duty. He wanted to make the Board aware that there were no pumps that were down. The increased was solely related to rainfall.
- Attorney Meyers indicated that he is filing a "Judgment for Summary Suspension" against the railroad. Due to the size of the motion, the court will need at least a month to respond. He indicated that the exhibits alone are 300 pages. He is hopeful the court will find in favor of the Village.
- Attorney Meyers discussed the property at 8 Brenda Drive. He has filed a lawsuit and is trying to get it served. He attempted to serve the bank but had the incorrect address. He will be attempting again.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley

- Trustee Burnley advised that another member of the Zoning Committee has resigned. They are currently down 3 members. She would like to appoint Tracy Ondrey to fill one of the open positions. President Clarke advised that he would like to recommend Tracy Ondrey to fill one of the vacant seats on the Zoning Committee..

Motion made by Trustee Burnley to appoint Tracy Ondrey to the Zoning Committee.

Second made by Trustee Squires

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

Unfinished Business:

- none

New Business:

- President Clarke gave a reminder that we will have 4 trustee positions up for election this spring. Trustees up for re-election include Burnley, Condon, Skinner and Squires.
- Treasurer Thein advised that she would like to attend a seminar entitled "IRS Qualifications for 1099s" on November 7, 2014. The cost is \$349. Consensus was that she should attend.
- President Clarke advised the Board that Gary Eby received a call from Ameren. They would like to bring a 110,000 lb piece of equipment down Washington Street. Joe Greene with Greene & Bradford will handle obtaining the required permits. The Village will administer a fee to cover all of our costs.

Motion to Adjourn:

- **Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to adjourn meeting.

Second made by Trustee Thompson

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm on Monday, October 13, 2014. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, October 27, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,



Devona L. Martin

Village Clerk