

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of September 25, 2017**

**Call to Order:**

- President Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Roll Call:**

- Village Clerk, Devona Martin, called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Josh Leach, Phillip Thompson, Cara Burnley, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner, Troy Squires
- Trustees absent: none
- Also in attendance: Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Chief Jan Bowsher, Andy Lee, Travis Simpson, John Jokisch

**Visitor's Recognition/Comments:**

- John Jockish with the Lions Club appeared before the Board. They are planning a movie night Friday September 29<sup>th</sup> at North Park. The movie will be the Goonies. They are also planning a movie night on the square Saturday Oct 21 movie on the square. This will be a double feature with the first moving starting at 6-6:30pm. The second movie will be a little scarier to drawn in teenagers. Chief Bowsher suggested we make sure there are no events scheduled at the bars that night. She'll check and let him know. They did this same thing last year around Halloween time and it was a success. They are also doing their 1<sup>st</sup> annual Lions Club haunted house at the scout hall. The Scouts are letting them use it. The line will be formed on the sidewalk with a tent. The dates are Friday, Oct 13, 20 and 27. Trustee Leach commended the Lions Club for getting involved in the community.
- Discussed the sign. Travis Simpson appeared before the Board to discuss the sign. He has been dealing with the sign company since August 28<sup>th</sup>. Carlos is the employer that keeps coming. The last time they came, they determined that the computer had a virus. This computer is only used for the sign. Travis feels the virus came from them through the Team Viewer program. When Steve Haney was dealing with them, they would net op in to our laptop through a Team Viewer program. They would then have control over our laptop. Travis thinks this is how we got the virus but no one really knows. They came up on September 21<sup>st</sup> with new laptop and said the sign was fixed. The next day, LEDs started flashing. He called them again and they told him it was a controller problem. They installed another controller today. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> one they've installed. Each time they replace a controller, they have to put a whole new system on our computer and we have to relearn it. After he installed it today, it still didn't work. They took the controller back out and put another one in and it still has the problem. Now they are saying it's a bad cable. He was supposed to come back tonight but couldn't due to scheduling problems. He is supposed to come in the morning. Before he left, he told Travis to look in the back of the sign and when there is another problem, he can send Travis the part and he can fix it. That way they won't have to come up here. Travis suggested we have Ace take the sign over. Trustee Thompson advised that this is the same sign as the bank has. The bank has someone else helping. We do have a 5yr Gold Warranty. President Clarke would like to sue them and to get our money back. Trustee Leach thinks we should at least follow up with Ace to see if that is even an option. Trustee Squires asked if we are exploring other options, should we contact the guy that stopped by and said he used to work for this company. Carlos is the warehouse manager. Travis thinks Carlos knows what is going on better than Mike. He thinks Mike is

the owner. Trustee Thompson advised he would probably ask the secretary for the warranty information. Trustee Murphy thought we should have our attorney draft a letter that we are giving one last opportunity to repair the sign before taking legal action. Then, we leave the sign until we can get it fixed. Travis stated that with this new controller he installed today, the waving flag is not compatible. Trustee Thompson advised that this sign has not worked since we purchased it. Consensus was that we do not unplug the sign or open the sign. John will start legal proceedings citing it is not designed or functioning the way it was supposed to do. In the morning, Travis will ask if they can bring the old control that will run the flag.

- **Motion** made by Trustee Murphy that we initiate legal action where as they can come and get the sign and we will sue for our money back.

**Amended Motion** made by Trustee Murphy that we maintain the sign and initiate legal action. If the sign becomes unusable, we will shut the sign down. They can refund our money and we will return the sign.

Second made by Trustee Leach

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

Motion Carried: (6-0)

#### **Clerk's Report:**

- Minutes of September 11, 2017 were presented for review and approval.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve minutes of September 11, 2017 as presented  
Second made by Trustee Murphy  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Leach-yes, Thompson-present, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
Motion Carried: (6-0)

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

- Trustee Skinner presented the bills payable for the week ending September 25, 2017 in the amount of \$66,222.06  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$66,222.06 for the week ending September 25, 2017.  
Second made by Trustee Murphy  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Leach-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Treasurer Their presented her Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending August 31, 2017  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve Treasurer Their's Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending August 31, 2017  
Second made by Trustee Murphy  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Leach-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
Motion Carried: (6-0)

#### **Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Squires**

- Trustee Squires advised that on Sept 20, 105 red letters went out. August shut offs were 9 and all 9 are back off.

- Andy Lee advised that we obtained a bid from Petersburg Plumbing for transferring lines to the new main. There are 28 at a cost of \$46,462 for Petersburg Plumbing to come in and transfer and cap the old main. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year we have been doing this project. He stated that we are saving in the winter months on pipe breaks. This project is in the budget. He advised that we are looking at Monroe between 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and Adams between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. This will also help with water pressure.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Squires to allow the water transfer project to continue.  
Second made by Trustee Leach  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Leach-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Andy Lee talked about the USDI leak survey. He stated that the school had a gas leak on their customer side and USDI sent someone up. Last Wednesday at the School Board Meeting, they approved to replace the gas line. USDI will come up and replace the line.

**Streets, Alley and Sidewalk Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Leach**

- Trustee Leach advised that he received 3 different proposals on the rock and chip. They are supposed to start tomorrow.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Leach to approve the rock and chip in the amount of \$31,110.  
Second made by Trustee Thompson  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Leach-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Trustee Squires advised it is that time of year again when people are burning leaves. Last year, we kept the burn pile open every Saturday in October from 9am – noon. He is requesting we do the same. This is for yard waste only. Consensus was that we again have the burn pile open on Saturdays through the month of October from 9am – noon.

**Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, President Clarke**

- Chief Bowsher advised the building is being stucco'd by Hap. She has Shawn back but now Randy is out with his ill mom. He may be back on Wednesday. She stated Danny Pierce has started on the floor. They are going to paint the outside painted dark brown and will then side the wood.

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

- Trustee Thompson advised they have two lift station pumps down but both are gravity flow. It's the lift stations on 104 by Langheim and on 13<sup>th</sup> street. Both are designed to run gravity flow unless it backs up. There is money in the budget. Gary is getting with the engineer to start getting bids. There is \$195,000 budgeted for lift stations.
- Trustee Thompson advised they are about finished on the pond. Steve was going to talk to the mother today. They are  $\frac{3}{4}$  done and wanted to make sure the family was happy before they graded and seeded.

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

- Trustee Burnley advised that she spoke with John about the garage. They tried to serve him but the address was a barn and he wasn't there.
- Trustee Burnley discussed Locals. She talked with Locals and Attorney Myers about where we were with the demo permit. Locals has purchased the Horse Creek Deli building. Attorney Myers would like proof of the EPA permit. Trustee Burney advised they are only

requesting they be allowed to clean up the fire debris and that they are not demoing anything at this time. President Clarke advised that Attorney Myers has requested a structural engineer inspect the integrity of the wall between the restaurant and Horse Creek Deli. If Locals tears out the roof of the restaurant, will the support wall collapse? If the support wall falls, the roof studs of Horse Creek Deli go into the library. Trustee Burnley stated they aren't doing anything with the wall at this time. They are only requesting they be allowed to clean up the debris. Trustee Leach disagrees and thinks they need to hire a structural engineer. President Clarke advised that until they deliver what we need, we will not issue the demo permit. We need something from the EPA and a structural engineer's report.

**Unfinished Business:**

- none

**New Business:**

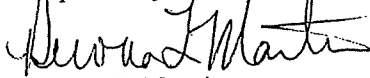
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**Motion to Adjourn:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm on Monday, September 25, 2017. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, October 9, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,



Devona L. Martin  
Village Clerk