

Agenda

Village of Pawnee Board of Trustees Meeting

Pawnee Village Hall

November 14, 2022

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Visitor's Recognition/Comments
5. Clerk's Report
 - Presentation of previous meetings minutes, October 24, 2022
6. Personnel and Finance: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner
 - Bills Payable
7. Gas and Water: Committee Chair, Trustee Squires
8. Streets, Alleys & Sidewalks: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitlow
9. Police: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner
 - Chief Harris's Monthly Police Report
10. Sewer and Parks: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson
11. Zoning: Committee Chair, Trustee Murphy
12. Bargaining: Committee Chair, President Clarke
13. Energy: Committee Chair, President Clarke
14. Infrastructure: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitlow
15. New Business
 - Auto/Property/Workers Comp Insurance Renewal
 - Agreement with the school for an SRO Officer
 - A Resolution reflecting the Village Treasurer and Village Clerk are appointed and not elected for the purposes of IMRF enrollment
16. Old Business
 - Update on Carroll Street liquor license
17. Mayor's Comments
18. Adjournment

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of November 14, 2022**

Call to Order:

- President Clarke called the meeting to order to 7:21pm.

Roll Call:

- Village Clerk, Devona Martin called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Brian Whitlow, Phillip Thompson, Steve Gudgel, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner, Troy Squires
- Trustees Absent: none
- Also in attendance: Attorney Don Cravens, Treasurer Kelly Haney, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Chief Barclay Harris, Andy Lee, Kim Well, Jessica Leach, Josh Leach

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- Josh Leach appeared before the Board asking when they will be given their liquor license. Attorney Cravens stated that when the repairs are completed, a final inspection is done. Josh Leach stated it is completed and that his attorney advised Attorney Cravens it was completed over a week ago. Attorney Cravens advised he received an email from their attorney but there as no mention that the work was completed. Josh Leach provided Attorney Cravens with a copy of the email thread between his attorney and Attorney Cravens. She did make mention that she was sure Josh and Jessica would not be opposed to an inspection but it did not specifically say the work was completed. Attorney Cravens stated he called the County to get the process started and the County stated they will not do the inspection. He is now looking for someone else to complete the inspection. The inspection is needed to be certain everything is up to code. Attorney Cravens advised that since they are attorney represented, we cannot discuss it with him and he will contact their attorney tomorrow. Josh Leach indicated he is frustrated as he had a liquor license and then it was taken from him. Attorney Cravens advised it was not taken from him. It was issued illegally when we realized they are not in the Village limits. He stated they got annexed and did everything they were supposed to do. He wants to know what the problem is. He asked if the new bourbon bar on the square had to have an inspection before their liquor license was issued and Attorney Cravens advised no. If the repairs are completed and does not meet code, they license will be revoked. Josh Leach advised the Board that this is not right and that something needs to change. Attorney Cravens advised that since they hired an attorney, we have to go through their attorney and that we are moving forward with inspection, we are just looking for someone to do the inspection. He further advised that it was his understanding that because we had an Intergovernmental Agreement with Sangamon County, that they would do the inspection. He found out Friday, they will not do the inspection because there was not a certain code. Trustee Gudgel asked if we could have the same person inspect the new bourbon bar. Trustee Thompson asked if we can give a liquor license to someone else, why can't we give it to them and then if it doesn't meet code, we would revoke it. Attorney Cravens advised it would need to be discussed in closed meeting.

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of October 24, 2022 were presented for review and approval
Motion made by Trustee Murphy to approve the minutes of October 24, 2022 as presented

Second made by Trustee Skinner

Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Thompson-present, Gudgel-present, 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 November 14, 2022 in the amount of \$411,946.95.

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Second made by Trustee Squires

Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Thompson-yes, Gudgel-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes,

Squires-ye

Motion Carried: (6-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Squires

- Trustee Squires advised Andy Lee has finished the main on Henkle. There are working on meter upgrades. Andy would like to purchase 120 meters totaling \$47,514. The lead time is 6-7 months on some of the parts we need. We need to order them now to have for spring. Of the total, \$15,255 would come off this budget and remaining would be on 2023's budget. There are only about 30 meters that are going to Henkle. This will be the project this year.

Motion made by Trustee Squires to purchase meters not to exceed \$50,000

Second made by Trustee Thompson

Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Thompson-yes, Gudgel-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes,

Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (6-0)

- Trustee Squires advised that with the underground fiberoptic, they may take Tim from time to time to help locate utilities. Attorney said to be aware, they've been in Carlinville and had some problems with gas lines and things.

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

- Trustee Whitlow advised they have been doing street maintenance, limb pick up and the Christmas decorations.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Chief Barclay Harris presented his monthly police report.

Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve Chief Barclay Harris's Monthly Police Report

Second made by Trustee Murphy

Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Thompson-yes, Gudgel-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes,

Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (6-0)

- Chief Harris advised that regarding the SRO, Cory Reynolds would like to come back and be the SRO. He talked with the other officers and no one wants it. He's talked to the school and received a Memorandum of Understanding. He is still working on reviewing it. The school is meeting tomorrow night. He would like to get everything resolved with the agreement so that he can get Cory hired this week. He has already enrolled him in an SRO class in December. An example of something to resolve is they want him to commit that someone will be in the school if the SRO is

not there. He cannot commit to that as it will be schedule permitting. They also say that they can cancel the SRO at anytime with 30 days notice. He wants to make sure everything is correct first but would like the OK to hire Cory Reynolds. This agreement is only up to June 2023. So far, he is working well with Superintendent Tim Kratchovil. He confirmed the school pays 9mos and we pay 3mos. He would be hiring Cory back at the salary he was making before he left.

Motion made by Trustee Thompson to give approval to Chief Harris to hire Cory Reynolds to fill the SRO position pending changes to the agreement and approval of the school board

Second made by Trustee Murphy

Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Thompson-yes, Gudgel-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (6-0)

- Chief Harris stated that the State Standards Board can not dictate when he is actually a certified SRO. It is more than just taking and passing the class.
- Chief Harris also advised that Officer Devan Delay graduated Saturday with his class. Chief Harris called him and Officer Delay stated he has already taken a full-time job with Southern View. We will get reimbursed.

Sewers and Parks: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Trustee Thompson advised the Board they worked on lift station at police academy and it is up and running. They have also winterized the new baseball field.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Murphy

- Trustee Murphy advised the board that prior to next board meeting, there will be a zoning variance meeting. He is still working with county on the 3 problem properties.

Bargaining Committee: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- No Report

Energy: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- No Report

Infrastructure: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- No Report

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- President Clarke advised the Board that we need approval for renewal of our auto, property and workman's comp insured. The company is the Illinois municipal league and it will be the same coverage as we currently have. We signed a two year agreement that guaranteed the same rates. The cost will be \$49,114.43 if paid prior to December 16, 2022. Treasurer Haney advised the did come out and looked at value of property and what we have covered right now is not enough. There is an option to increase our coverage by 25% to bring it up where it needs to be. Consensus was to stay with our current coverage and next year, we will put it back out for bid.

Motion made by Trustee Skinner to renew at the current coverage not to exceed \$50,000

Second made by Trustee Squires

Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Thompson-yes, Gudgel-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (6-0)

- Resolution 22-10 – A Resolution Relating To The Termination Of Participation By Elected Officials In The Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. Treasurer Haney advised we were recently audited by IMRF. This resolution updates what they have on record. They had that the treasurer and clerk are elected positions. This resolution updates it to the treasurer and clerk are appointed. With this update, the treasurer and clerk could be participate in IMRF.

Motion made by Trustee Skinner to accept Resolution 22-10 – A Resolution Relating To The Termination Of Participation By Elected Officials In The Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

Second made by Trustee Thompson

Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Thompson-yes, Gudgel-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (6-0)

- President Clarke reminded the board that December 12th meeting has been changed to December 5th. There will be only 1 meeting in December.
- Attorney Cravens advised the Board that the property at 1110 Tamaroa is being foreclosed on by Wells Fargo. This is the property that we have been mowing for years. Wells Fargo has paid all our liens except our most recent one. He further stated that both the property owners were deceased but one of them was still getting social security that was being deposited into a checking account that was paying the mortgage. This was going on for over 7 years. They have finally discovered this error so now the property is being foreclosed. The property should be up for sale soon.

Motion to Adjourn:

- Motion made by Trustee Murphy to adjourn

Second made by Trustee Thompson

Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Thompson-yes, Gudgel-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm on Monday, November 14, 2022. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, November 28 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,



Devona L. Martin
Village Clerk