

**Village of Pawnee  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of August 14, 2017**

**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: Phillip Thompson, Cara Burney, Pat Murphy, David Skinner and Troy Squires
- Absent: Trustee Josh Leach, Clerk Devona Martin
- Also in attendance: Treasurer Kelly Thein, Chief of Police Jan Bowsher, Gas and Water Supervisor Andy Lee, attorney John Myers, guests Amanda Fortner, Jay Smith of Locals

**Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s**

- Amanda Fortner-Trustees spent about a half-hour in discussion with Fulton. She initially complained about her neighbor's dogs barking all the time and that the owner revved the engine of his vehicle. The owner of the dogs, nineteen-year-old Beau Donahue, was contacted by Chief Bowsher, he agreed to stop revving the engine and applied a shock and a bark collar to the dogs. Fulton stated the dogs have stopped barking, but now they whine and for as long as the owner remains outdoors upon arrival home, fifteen minutes to an hour; and that an unknown driver, drives slowing by her home also revving his engine. Chief Bowsher told trustees the dogs are kenneled, they are sheltered and have adequate food and water, but they are hunting dogs and they do get excited when the young man arrives home. She noted that Donahue complied with all her requests and that he is also a citizen of Pawnee. Bowsher continued, noting that she has done all she can do, and that this is not a law enforcement issue, but an issue between neighbors. Trustees asked Fortner what she what like done, she replied, mediation. Fulton was told that if the village received numerous complaints about the same issue, or if the dogs barked continuously for at least twenty minutes, then the village could do something. In closing, she was politely told that it is not the village's duty to mediate between neighbors. Chief Bowsher did state to Fulton that she would send an officer to speak with her about the unknown driver. Fortner left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- Jay Smith of Locals-Requested permission to sell alcohol outdoors for the Aug. 26 VFW bike run. The event had been discussed and use of the square granted during a previous meeting. The date was noted, however, not the time of the event. Trustees granted the request noting a resolution for a special events license was needed. It was only after Smith left the meeting did the board realized that they had granted use of the square to the Lions for the same date. Smith was asked to return to the meeting, and after a brief discussion, trustees decided both events could be held on the square due to the end time of one event and the begin time of the other. Clarke stated a special meeting would be called to approve the resolution for the special event liquor license.

- **Clerk's Comments**

Minutes of July 24, 2017 board meeting were presented for review and approval.

**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to approve the July 24, 2017 minutes as presented.

Second by Trustee Skinner

Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-present, Burnley-present, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes and Clarke-yes

Motion Carried (5-0)

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

- Trustee Skinner presents bills payable for review and approval.

**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve bills payable of \$119,319.68

Second by Trustee Murphy

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

Motion Carried (5-0)

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

- Gas and Water Supervisor Andy Lee reported that Gas and Water is running smoothly. The department has approximately 50 old meters yet to replace, but currently at about 99% now and can read the whole town in approximately two hours.

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

- A *Slow Children Playing* sign has been installed behind Madonna's Child Development Center and the sidewalk and south entry of Dollar General is finally completed.

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

- The monthly police report was presented for review and approval.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to approve the police report as presented.  
Second by Trustee Skinner  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes and Squires-yes  
Motion Carried (5-0)
- In addition, Chef Bowsher informed trustees that Officer Cory Reynolds submitted a two-week notice that he would be leaving the Pawnee Police Department.

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

- Sewers – No report
- Parks – It appear that the issues with the new event sign have been resolved and the sign is now working properly. The committee also looked at the possibility of installing an Octagon Ball Pit at North Park.

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

- None

**Unfinished Business/Correspondence**

- Ordinance 17-13  
**Motion** made by Trustee Burnley to approve Ordinance 17-13, An Ordinance Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission Regarding Plat Officer Designation.  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes and Squires-yes  
Motion Carried (5-0)
- Ordinance 17-14  
**Motion** made by Trustee Burnley to approve Ordinance 17-14, An Ordinance Amending the Large Scale Plan Provisions of the Village of Pawnee Subdivision Code  
Second by Trustee Murphy  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes and Squires-yes  
Motion Carried (5-0)

**New Business**

- None

**Mayor's Report/Comments**

- Upon receiving the resolution from the village attorney, he would call a special meeting to approve issuance of a special event liquor license to Locals for the VFW bike run.
- The Lions is bringing back the Old County Fair, Saturday, Aug. 26. It is a family event offering games, prizes, and food.

**Motion to Leave Regular Session and Enter Executive Session**

- **Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to leave regular session and enter executive session for the purpose to discuss personnel.

Second by Trustee Thompson

Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-5, Nays-0

Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m. on Monday, June 12, 2017 for the purpose to enter executive session.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer  
Deputy Clerk