

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of August 13, 2018**

**Call to Order:**

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

**Roll Call:**

- Village Clerk, Devona Martin, called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Todd Richeson, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner, Troy Squires
- Trustees absent: Phillip Thompson, Cara Burnley
- Also in attendance: Attorney Don Cravens, Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Chief Jan Bowsher, Jeff Thomas with the Sangamon County Board, Randy Williams, John Jockisch, Gary Eby, Steve Haney, Jeff Jarrett

**Visitor's Recognition/Comments:**

- Jeff Thomas with the Sangamon County Board appeared before the Village of Pawnee Board. He advised that the Sangamon County and SMART (Sangamon Menard Area Resident Transport) has agreed to transport senior citizens in the entire Sangamon County. He wanted to share the good news with us. Kate Downing is the director of the program. They have been working on this for quite some time and it is a huge deal for senior citizens, people with disabilities and those without cars. The cost is \$2 one way. It is funded by rural transportation.
- John Jockisch appeared before the Board. He is asking that the Pawnee Youth Baseball and Softball Association be allowed to take care of the ball diamond at North Park. He spoke with Chris Hennemann on what is needed to get the field in useable condition. He was told it would take 4 pallets of conditioner and a truckload of red dog clay. The conditioner from FS is \$1450 and red dog clay \$900. There is red dog clay on the field but it needs to be built up. He has an anonymous person that is willing to pay half. PYBSA had a down year. Out of 6 scheduled tournaments, they only had 1. They are also down in kids playing. Consequently, they only broke even this year. He is asking if the Village would be willing to invest in the field and donate the additional \$1250 for the field. Consensus was that there will only be 4 individuals allowed to maintain the field. It will be John Jockish, Gary Butler, Tim Patterson and Rob Wangen. The Village will mow the grass. The PYBSA will also obtain a certificate of insurance with the Village listed as an additional insured and they will use their own equipment. They already take care of the fields at the school for summer school leagues. They have a 4 wheeler stored at the school and John asked if he could drive it on the roads back and forth between the school and North Park. He was advised he will have to trailer the 4-wheeler as it is not allowed on village streets. President Clarke asked if we wanted to pay for half of the supplies. Trustee Squires asked how many years we plan to do this. President Clarke advised he thought it would be just a year agreement. Mr. Jockish also advised that anything done to the field will only benefit the field. It has been 20yrs since the conditioner has been added to the field. President Clarke advised the field is currently not playable. Gary Eby advised the conditioner should be applied 2 yrs back to back and then alternate years. Agreed that anything PYBSA uses, they pay for. Currently, they do not get anything from the school but instead they invest back into the school fields. Their goal is to begin every year with \$3,000. This year, they only have \$3,000. Mr. Jockish asked about other teams using the diamond. President Clarke advised full Pawnee teams take precedence. Mr. Jockish advised that it is out of town leagues that are taking players from

them and then use our fields. He thought maybe we could charge. He also asked if scheduling will stay with the Village and the answer was yes it will. He also asked about watering down the field. There is no spigot accessible to them. President Clarke suggested installing a spigot by the field. Trustee Murphy asked if they would be willing to accept the spigot that is going to benefit the Village also instead of the field materials. He advised they do not have the money to purchase the materials. They only broke even last year. He advised they would have to try to raise the money. Trustee Skinner out of his own funds donated the several pallets of condition. Gary Eby advised the Board can do whatever it wants in paying for the conditioner, but the Village already pays for stuff for youth baseball. We pay for the electricity on the middle field and lights. He believes we have purchased pallets in the past that went to the school diamonds. Trustee Squires advised he was here April 9<sup>th</sup> and we told them to purchase the materials and we will pay for it. President Clarke advised he keeps hearing how they can't play on the field. He advised Trustee Skinner donated 3 pallets and the Village will put in a water spigot. PYBSA donation will pay for the additional amount. We will get a cost to install the spigot and go from there. Attorney Cravens will put an agreement together.

**Clerk's Report:**

- Minutes of July 18, 2018 were presented for review and approval.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to approve minutes of July 18, 2018 as presented  
Second made by Trustee Skinner  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-present, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
Motion Carried: (4-0)
- Minutes of August 6, 2018 were presented for review and approval.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to approve minutes of as presented  
Second made by Trustee Skinner  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
Motion Carried: (4-0)

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

- Trustee Skinner advised that the bills payable for July 19 – July 30 totaled \$233,252.33. It was approved at the prior meeting.
- Trustee Skinner presented the bills payable for the week ending August 13, 2018 in the amount of \$135,917.32  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$135,917.32 for the week ending August 13, 2018  
Second made by Trustee Squires  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
Motion Carried: (4-0)
- Treasurer Thein presented her Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending June 30, 2018. We are over in expenditures due to this only being the 2<sup>nd</sup> month of our fiscal year.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve Treasurer Thein's Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending June 30, 2018  
Second made by Trustee Squires  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
Motion Carried: (4-0)

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

- Trustee Squires advised that 78 red letters were sent out and of those, 6 were shut off. 5 have been turned back on. 1 moved out of town and we will be pursuing that.
- Trustee Squires advised on the water line project, we have \$75,000 budgeted for this year. He will be working on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, north to Cotton Hill Road and then down Cotton Hill Road to Davis Rd. It will be more expensive because we have to do more boring. To date, we've changed out 6200 ft of cast iron since the start of the project.

**Motion** made by Trustee Squires to allow the water dept to continue with the 10" water main project

Second made by Trustee Murphy

Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (4-0)

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

- Trustee Murphy advised they are getting ready for oil and chip. Currently, we don't have the finalized bid yet from IDOT. He is hoping to have done by Oct 1. He has received the final estimate on 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Ameren project. We have submitted the information to Ameren and are currently waiting to hear back. Trustee Squires advised before they start on the 13<sup>th</sup> Street project, they have some gas valves they need to replace between 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Monroe Street. They will try to do at the same time as the 13<sup>th</sup> street Ameren repairs.
- Discussed sidewalk forms. President Clarke advised someone wants to buy them. Gary Eby stated Tindell borrowed them and never returned them. There are still a few out at the village. President Clarke asked if we are interested in getting rid of them since we haven't used them in years. Consensus was to retrieve them and then sell them.

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

- Chief Bowsher presented her Monthly Police Report

**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to approve Chief Bowsher's Monthly Police Report

Second made by Trustee Richeson

Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (4-0)

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

- No report

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

- President Clarke provided the drawings for Locals Beer Garden. They were asking what the Village thinks. He suggests getting with Cara to give their opinion and then they would schedule a zoning board meeting. It will be a cinder block wall. Treasurer Thein asked if they have plans to fix the Library wall at the same time. President Clarke advised they do. Candy Kramer feels like they could come to the next Library Board Meeting which is tomorrow. President Clarke will let Locals know of the Library Board meeting tomorrow.
- Chief Bowsher advised the garage behind the old PD has had holes in the roof that she's been complaining about and now the roof has completely fallen in. Chuck Curtis owns it. Trustee Murphy advised there is another garage in town that is dilapidated that maybe they can do at the same time. We'll send the addresses to the Attorney tomorrow.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Trustee Murphy advised we sent a letter to Reese Langheim a few months back on our requirements to bring the property into compliance with zoning and ordinance. Trustee

Murphy looked at it prior to this meeting and it has improved but is still not up to code. Area residents appeared before the board. They believe there are EPA violations. There is also an increase in wildlife including raccoons, snakes, ground hogs and bobcats. Mosquitoes have also increased making sitting outside unbearable. Attorney said we could file a lawsuit to allow the Village to abate the zoning violations with either our guys or to hire a contractor. His letter had a respond by date and it has passed. Candy Kramer advised the dumping has been going on for over 10yrs. She is certain she has photos that she brought to the Village Board. Trustee Murphy advised our guys have licenses to trap wild animals. Attorney Cravens recommendation is that we file a lawsuit to enforce our ordinance codes and rectify the violations. Consensus was to proceed as recommendation. If someone is in violation of EPA, who's responsibility is it to contact the EPA to request their assistance. Anyone can contact the EPA and report a violation. President Clarke advised if we do not get satisfaction, our attorney will contact the EPA.

- Trustee Squires advised he talked to the company about the flag. The area between Pawnee and the Indian is too small. He wants other ideas or suggestions. Within the next couple weeks, he will be going to Florida to work on projects there. Agreed to table for now.
- Security upgrades by Trustee Murphy. Estimate to complete everything but the window enclosure is \$5,000. It is everything but securing the counter as he has to sublet that out. He is hoping to have the final piece by the end of the week.

#### **New Business:**

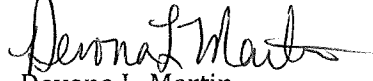
- Intergovernmental Agreement with Sangamon County  
**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to accept the Intergovernmental Agreement with Sangamon County Animal Control and pay our fee in the amount of \$373.53  
Second made by Trustee Richeson  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
Motion Carried: (4-0)
- Chief Bowsher advised there is boat hooked to a truck parked along one of our streets that has not moved since June. The boat had expired tags. She mentioned it to him so he bought the sticker sticker but didn't move the boat. This ordinance will allow a boat to be parked on the street for up to 5 hours and a camper 24hrs. Trustee Skinner asked about just making all the named vehicles 24hrs across the board. Everyone agreed.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to approve the Ordinance 18-13 appended to be a 24hours amendment to Section 515 paragraph c.  
Second made by Trustee Richeson  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
Motion Carried: (4-0)
- Lions Club is requesting donations for the Country Fair. The Village generally donates for the food baskets. They gave away approximately \$1,000 last year. Consensus was we would donate a couple hundred dollars.
- President Clarke updated the committees.

#### **Motion to Adjourn:**

- **Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to adjourn meeting.  
Second made by Trustee Skinner  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
Motion Carried: (4-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm on Monday, August 13, 2018. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, August 27, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Devona L. Martin".

Devona L. Martin  
Village Clerk