

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of January 28, 2019**

**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,, Cara Burnley, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner, Troy Squires
- Trustees absent: Phillip Thompson
- Also in attendance: Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Chief Jan Bowsher, Gary Eby, Kenton Manning, Ed Maxey, County Clerk Don Gray, States Attorney Dan Wright, State Representative Mike Murphy

**Visitor's Recognition/Comments:**

- State Representative Mike Murphy appeared before the Board to introduce himself. He grew up in Divernon and his wife grew up in Pawnee. He asked that we keep him abreast of our troubles in the small communities. His door is open and he wants to know how he can help. He left his business card with his cell number.
- County Clerk Don Gray appeared before the Board. He wanted the Board to be aware that starting February 21, 2019, they will start issuing ballots in the County Building. Voting by home is also available and they have redesigned the vote by mail to simplify it and make it easier. He appreciates the election help and any election feedback.
- Sangamon County State's Attorney Dan Wright also appeared before the Board. He advised his job is to work with local law enforcement to keep our communities safe. He is honored to have this opportunity and wants to get out in the communities to make sure everyone knows he is here for all of Sangamon County and not just Springfield. He also made a plug for our police department.

**Clerk's Report:**

- Minutes of January 14, 2019 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, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
Motion Carried: (5-0)

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

- Trustee Skinner presented the bills payable for the week ending January 28, 2019 in the amount of \$14,868.76  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$14,868.76 for the week ending January 28, 2019  
Second made by Trustee Squires  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
Motion Carried: (5-0)
- Trustee Skinner advised that we have recently written off uncollectable bills that go back to 2009. Write offs total \$17,448.43.

- Treasurer Thein presented the Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending December 31, 2018  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve Treasurer Thein's Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending December 31, 2018  
 Second made by Trustee Squires  
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
 Motion Carried: (5-0)

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

- Trustee Squires advised the Board that on January 22, 2019 84 red letters were sent out. It is actually a little lower than past months.
- Trustee Squires thanked the guys for helping Otter Lake over the weekend with pipe breaks on Route 104.
- Treasurer Thein advised that Andy Lee advised that because of the cold temps, we are extending the shut offs to February 4. It was posted on the door and put on the sign.

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

- Trustee Murphy discussed stickers for village vehicles. The Board members agreed on a design. It is roughly \$150/vehicle.

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

- No report

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

- Gary Eby advised they are having problems with a couple submersible pumps for the lift stations. The cost was cheaper to replace than to repair. They replaced them for approximately \$20,000.
- President Clarke read a letter from Prairie Days. They would like to use the square June 6, 7, and 8 for Pawnee Prairie Days. They are also looking for some road closures and a waiver for the special event liquor license as well as the sanitation and water system. Consensus was we will donate the same as we have in the past.

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

- Trustee Burnley advised that she waiting to hear back from Attorney Cravens to discuss the property on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The owner is still paying a village bill but hasn't lived there for 10+yrs. There are complaints the house is not being maintained and that it is an abandoned property. Larry White is the property owner.

**Bargaining: Committee Chair, President Clarke**

- President Clarke advised the contract runs out in May 1, 2019. Officer Bertoni is still the representative but Officer Birks will shadow and eventually take over. Chief Bowsher will pick a date in February to have a meeting with the union.

**Energy: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley**

- No Report

**Infrastructure: Committee Chair, Trustee Richeson**

- No Report

**Unfinished Business:**

- Trustee Squires asked about the status of the roof on the Food Pantry. President Clarke advised that we have two bids. It has been tabled until the weather warms up.

**New Business:**

- None

**Motion to Adjourn:**

- **Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to adjourn meeting.  
Second made by Trustee Richeson  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm on Monday, January 28, 2019. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Devona L. Martin  
Village Clerk