

**Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of July 27, 2020**

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: Todd Richeson, Phillip Thompson, Cara Burley, Patrick Murphy, and Troy Squires
- Trustees Absent: David Skinner, also Clerk Devona Martin
- Also, in attendance: Sewer Supervisor Gary Eby, Treasurer Kelly Thein, Chief of Police Barclay Harris, David Miller-Executive Director of the Illinois Association of Water Pollution Control Operators, Scott Cameron, Superintendent, Pawnee Community School District #11

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- David Miller: After being notified in April that Pawnee's water treatment plant was designated Plant of the Year for Group 4-Lagoon Systems, Executive Director of the Illinois Association of Water Pollution Control Operators, David Miller presented the traveling trophy to Sewer Supervisor Gary Eby and a framed Commemorative Certificate to the village, accepted by Village President Jeff Clarke. The trophy will return to the Association next April and the village will receive a bronze plaque commemorating the award for permanent display by the Village. After receiving the trophy, Eby noted that he could not take all the credit, stating that fellow employee Steve Haney was right there too.
- Scott Cameron, Pawnee Schools Superintendent thanked the Village for working with the school and allowing for the use of the Village square and pavilion for the 2020 PHS Commencement ceremony. In addition, he requested that a light be replaced on the highway crossing sign. Infrastructure Committee Chair Todd Richeson stated that he was aware of the problem and that it would be attended to. School will start, but not as normal. Looking at two different shifts, A and B for K-6, with Wednesday as a remote learning day. Jr. High and High School will utilize remote learning. If we drop back to Phase 3, K-2 only for in class learning.
- Village President Jeff Clarke added a thank you as well, commending and thanking the high school football team for helping clean up twigs, limbs and other debris following the June 21 storm.

Clerk's Report

- The minutes of July 13, 2020 were presented for review and approval.
Motion was made by Trustee Squires to approve as presented the minutes of July 13, 2020.
Second by Trustee Murphy
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, and Squires-yes.
Motion Carried (5-0)
- The minutes of the July 22 Special Village Board Meeting were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Murphy to approve as presented the minutes of the July 22 Special Village Board Meeting.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, and Squires-yes.
Motion Carried (5-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- In lieu of Trustee Skinner's absence, Trustee Troy Squires presented bills payable.
Motion made by Trustee Squires to approve June 23, 2020 manual check in the amount of \$7700
Second by Trustee Richeson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, and Squires-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)
Motion made by Trustee Squires to approve bills payable June24 through July 15, 2020 in the amount of \$98,773.13.
Second by Trustee Burnley
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, and Squires-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

Motion made by Trustee Squires to approve the bills payable for the week ending July 27, 2020 in the amount of \$95,440.41

Second by Trustee Thompson

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

Motion Carried (5-0)

- Treasurer Thein presented the Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the month ending May 31, 2020.

Motion made by Trustee Squires to approve Their's Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the month ending May 31, 2020.

Second by Trustee Murphy

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

Motion Carried (-0)

- Treasurer Thein presented the Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the month ending June 30, 2020. She noted that the Village is doing well, still under in spending, however, tax revenue money is slowly coming in probably due to the tax extension.

Motion made by Trustee Squires to approve Their's Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the month ending June 30, 2020

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

Motion Carried (5-0)

- Treasurer Thein notified board members she had received state notification that the Village as a municipality has been released to collect utility payments. She would also like to open the Village Utility Office beginning Aug. 3 unless there is a roll-back from Phase 4. Will follow IDPH guidelines, one customer at a time, social distancing and masks required.

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Squires

- Ninety-four (94) red letters were mailed out on July 20, 2020.
- Gas leak on Sherman has been repaired and will start on 13th Street next week.
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Streets, Alley and Sidewalk Committee Report: Committee Chair, Pat Murphy

- Oil and chipping delayed to sometime in August.
- Limb and storm debris cleanup continue
- Scoping will begin on Rutledge Street and the area behind the apartment complex, northwest edge of village near water tower.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- Chief Harris submitted the monthly police report. In addition, he noted that the July 21 storm left a lot of damage however, no one was hurt, and clean-up continues. Two officers had Guard duty, Officer Bertoni was sent to Chicago while Officer Morgan was sent to Peoria.

Motion by Trustee Murphy to approve the monthly police report.

Second by Trustee Squires

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

Motion Carried (5-0)

Sewers and Parks: Committee Chair, Phillip Thompson

- See Guest/s Comments

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Murphy

- A few building permits are currently pending and Mrs. Cornander's request for a variance hearing has been received.

Ad Hoc Committees

- Committee reports were not given for the Bargaining Committee, Energy Committee, and the Infrastructure Committee.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- None

President's Comments

- Pertaining to the July 21 storm, thanked police officers, both on and off duty, fire department, Scott Day, village employees, Pawnee Assembly of God congregation and Pastor Bennett, and the Baptist Relief Organization from Carlinville and Mt. Vernon that took out at least 20 storm damaged trees free of charge.
- Thanks also went out to the Village of Raymond which sent two dump trucks, backhoe w/claw, and three Village of Raymond employees to help with Pawnee clean-up.
- Will be opening bids for the Washington Street property at the next board meeting
- Everything is in order for the Labor Day fireworks display.

Motion to Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Murphy
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, and Squires-yes
Motion Carried (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2020. The Next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustee is Monday, August 10, 2020, 7 p.m. at the Pawnee Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia S. Kramer
Deputy Clerk