

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of January 11, 2016**

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

- Village Clerk, Devona Martin, called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Garry Whitson, Phillip Thompson, Cara Burnley, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner, Troy Squires
- Trustees absent: none
- Also in attendance: Attorney John Myers, Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Rich Grooms, Wade Knepler, Larry Blum, Linda Blum, Jeff and Renee Kruger, Jerry Alexander, Lea Wooddell, Richard Dirksen.

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- Renee Kruger appeared before the Board to discuss the speed limit on Henkle Drive. Neighbors also appeared before the Board to discuss the speed limit in the subdivision. Currently, the speed limit is 30mph. They believe this is set too high. There are a couple of daycares in the subdivision and with the presence of children, joggers, walkers and cars parked along the side of the road, they feel that 30 mph is too high. They would like the speed limit to be reduced in the subdivision. Discussed Ordinance 16-01 – Ordinance Pertaining to Speed Limits on Certain Streets and Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Pawnee

Motion made by Trustee Squires to accept Ordinance 16-01 – Pertaining to Speed Limits on Certain Streets and Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Pawnee with streets Henkle Drive, Ruth Place and Sutherland Lane

Second made by Trustee Thompson

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

Motion Carried: (6-0)

- Rich Grooms appeared before the Board with Wade Knepler. Wade is currently working on his Eagle project and has requested approval to put a flag pole at the West edge of town with a light shining on it. There were some concerns with the location proposal due to the new sign we are planning to install this year. Also property ownership in the area is also a concern. President Clarke advised that we have recently taken possession of the old bank property on the highway. We have plans to make this the new police station and they will also need a flag pole. He will work up plans for both locations and appear back in front of the Board for approval.
- President Clarke discussed the 2 welcome signs at the west end of town. There is a Chamber welcome sign and a Village welcome sign. Discussed removing the Chamber sign since we no longer have a Chamber. Trustee Burnley will discuss with a prior Chamber member about its removal.
- Rich Grooms also requested that the Village donate to the boy scouts by way of paying the utilities as we did last year. Consensus was for the Village to donate the cost of utilities again this year.

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of December 14, 2015 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Thompson to approve minutes of December 14, 2015 as presented
Second made by Trustee Squires
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-present, Murphy-yes, Skinner-present, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Minutes of December 30, 2015 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve minutes of December 30, 2015 as presented
Second made by Trustee Burnley
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-present, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Skinner advised the Board that the bills payable for the week ending December 28, 2015 totaled \$13,092.44. We approved Treasurer Thein to pay the bills at the last regular Board meeting.
- Trustee Skinner advised the Board that the bills payable for the week ending January 11, 2016 totaled \$144,097.22
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve bills payable for the week ending January 11, 2016 in the amount of \$144,097.22
Second made by Trustee Squires
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Trustee Skinner advised the Board that the Village will receive a \$1,000 refund from REA.
- President Clarke advised the Board that we received a letter from Rise Broadband. We currently have a lease with them to allow them to put their equipment on the water tower. They would like to amend the agreement to allow them to upgrade their equipment.
Motion made by Trustee Burnley to allow Rise Broadband to update their equipment.
Second by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Discussed the flag on the water tower and Treasurer Thein advised that none of the guys really like to get up there due to the height. President Clarke advised that the next time it gets ripped and needs replaced, it will come down. Briefly discussed a projector shining an American flag on the water tower. We will look into this.
- Treasurer Thein presented her monthly budget comparison report for the month ending November 30, 2015
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve Treasurer Thein monthly budget comparison report for the month ending November 30, 2015
Second made by Trustee Squires
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)
- President Clarke advised the Board that the State Police issues have been resolved.

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitson

- Trustee Whitson advised the Board that in the month of December, 88 red letters were sent out resulting in 15 shut offs. All are back on.
- Trustee Whitson advised the Board that gas rates are still \$1.00/therm.

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

- Trustee Squires will make sure we get the new speed limit signs for the Henkle Drive area.
- Trustee Squires advised the Board that they have had some problems with one of the pumps and a new one is ordered.
- Trustee Squires advised that they are currently working on equipment maintenance.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- President Clarke advised the Board that Chief Bowsher would like to put an ad in the paper to hire a new part time officer. Consensus was for her to proceed.

Sewer and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- President Clarke advised the Board that the Fireworks fundraiser is set for March 5, 2016. Raymond Poe will donate chicken one more year. Contact Wes Clarke for reservations. The cost is \$20/person for dinner and trivia.
- Trustee Thompson advised the Board that Gary Eby has obtained a list of lagoons in Illinois. Attorney Myers will proceed from here.
- Trustee Thompson advised the Board that with all of the rain and flooding we have recently received, he is concerned with Hunter Lake project. Everyone on the south end of the dam will be affected more often.
- President Clarke is asking residents not to dump grease down their drains as all it does is plug up lines.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley

- No report

Unfinished Business:

- President Clarke advised that he received a letter from the Union to start collective bargaining. They will set something up in February to begin. Attorney Myers will take care of arranging a time.
- Discussed the railroad. Attorney Myers advised that he talked to the railroads attorney and they got their 3rd bid today.
- Discussed 8 Brenda Drive. Demolition has been completed. It is now an empty lot with a driveway and a fence.
- Attorney Myers advised that President Clarke will sign the deed to the 8th street property tonight after the meeting.

New Business:

- President Clarke would like to thank United Community Bank for the property on the highway. It will be the new police station. It will require some work but the police department will do most of the work themselves.
- President Clarke advised that on February 20, 2016 Paul Palazzolo will be at the library 9am – 12:00pm to issue and renew passports. If there are questions, you can call Katelyn Tarr.. They will put it in the paper with requirements.
- President Clarke discussed the property maintenance code. Attorney Myers will put an ordinance together.

Motion to Adjourn:

- **Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to adjourn meeting.
Second made by Trustee Squires
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes,
Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm on Monday, January 11, 2016. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, January 25, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Devona L. Martin
Village Clerk