

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of March 14, 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:
- Also in attendance: Attorney John Myers, Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Jim Wilson, Tony Delgorno, Betty McCarrel, Mary Reynolds, Jim Wilson

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- Tony Delgorno appeared before the Board. He is running for State Representative. He introduced himself. The reason he is running is because he grew up in Springfield and his family had to rely on public assistance. He understands the struggles to make ends-meet.
- Betty McCarroll appeared before the Board to request that the Village legalize golf carts. Chief Bowsher advised that she would give in to the golf carts. She is not interested in legalizing ATVs. She went onto say that you do have to have insurance, a valid driver's license, turn signals, horns. Pretty much everything except windshield wipers. Golf carts do not have to have license plates. Most municipalities charge for yearly permits. Auburn and Divernon both allow golf carts. This would require an ordinance to allow. Chief Bowsher also stated that we would have to have a crossing over the highway. She stated that she has received a lot of requests. She also stated that we can make some revenue from the permits and all the rules of the road still apply. Consensus was to proceed with drawing up an ordinance to allow golf carts. Attorney Myers will proceed.
- Jim Wilson appeared before the Board to discuss Dollar General. He believes that they are going to be dumping water into his basement. They want to build a 5' trough. The gutter will also be about 5' on his property. The building is 4'6" from him now. Their lot is approximately 160' x 180' plus the lot for parking. Instead of running it into the storm sewer at the street, they are running it only his property. President Clarke will call Joe Greene with Greene & Bradford and have him call Mr. Wilson and inspect.
- Mary Reynolds appeared before the Board. She advised that there are multiple families that feed into the sewer in the alley behind her house. They've had the sewer plugged up multiple times. The problem is that when they unblock the sewers, sewer water shoots out through her sinks and toilet about 3' high. She talked to a couple plumbers that said check valves do not work. They suction it out and then blow out the line. It's happened 4 times now. Trustee Thompson will talk with the sewer department and see what other options there are.

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of February 22, 2016 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve minutes of February 22, 2016 as presented
Second made by Trustee Murphy
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-present, 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 March 14, 2016 totaled \$123,788.62
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve bills payable for the week ending March 14, 2016 in the amount of \$123,788.62
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 that he has a request from the After-Prom committee for a donation. Last year, we did 4 gift cards and the police to monitor After-Prom at the YMCA. Consensus was to proceed with the same again this year.
- President Clarke advised that the Food Pantry is requesting that we replace the carpet which is over 15yrs old. Trustee Thompson suggested that we wait until the next fiscal year and that we put in laminate. The Board agreed.

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitson

- Trustee Whitson advised that 59 red letters were sent out and 8 were shut off. All were turned back on.
- Trustee Whitson advised that Andy is starting this week with moving the meters out of the basements. They are going to start taping in lines to the new water line that has not been used. They will be getting rid of about 2200 feet of old lines. It will cost about \$45,000.

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

- Trustee Squires advised that they have been rocking some alleys. He also advised that we are having problems with some culverts where people are cutting corners short.
- Trustee Squires advised that they will change the banners as soon as the truck is back up and running. This is probably going to be the last year of the banners due to their age. Consensus was to get estimates on new banners as well as replacement Christmas decorations. Trustee Thompson suggested just a generic banner. President Clarke suggested business sponsor with business names. They will get estimates.
- Trustee Squires requested 2 guys for summer help to hot tar Michelle Drive, cracks in asphalt as well as alley trimming, tree trimming, etc. Treasurer Thein will put an ad in the Post.
- Chief Bowsher advised that she received a call about us purchasing an AED for North Park. Chief Bowsher advised the person that we would not be purchasing but that if they wanted to purchase and train all the coaches they could do that. They would, however, need to come to the Board to ask permission first. The Board agreed.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- Chief Bowsher presented her monthly police report.
Motion made by Trustee Murphy to accept Chief Bowsher's monthly police report
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)

- Discussed the new police building. President Clarke asked Chief Bowsher to see about getting an estimate for a pitched roof. Bolash presented their estimate for replacement of the flat roof at \$59,000. Chief Bowsher has a few other bids for about \$20,000 for the flat roof replacement. She is still working on the bids.

Sewer and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Trustee Thompson advised that everything is running as expected. He got a call from the fireworks guy. We will be doing them July 3rd at a cost of \$6,500. If the Board will approve, he can have Kelly start the process. Trustee Thompson gave compliments to the mayor and Raymond Poe but indicated that we still need more support from the community as a whole. He stated that the two fundraisers do not cover a third of the cost. Sponsors do donate, but we are probably only at about 50% of the \$6,500.00. We did roll over last years monies in the amount of \$3,746.00 but we still have not hit the amount needed.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley

- Trustee Burnley advised that they are still working on the same list as last year.

Unfinished Business:

- none

Motion to Exit Regular Session: 7:43pm

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

Motion to Enter Executive Session: 7:50pm

- **Motion** made by Trustee Burnley to enter executive session to discuss collective bargaining and ongoing litigation
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)

Motion to Exit Executive Session: 8:05pm

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

Motion to Re-Enter Regular Session: 8:10pm

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

New Business:

- Discussed how the police agreement will affect the non-union employees. Attorney Myers advised that basically the non-union employees will be pigged backed onto the union employees.

Motion made by Trustee Murphy to accept the tentative agreement between the police department and bargaining committee.

Second made by Trustee Skinner

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

Motion Carried: (6-0)

Motion to Adjourn:

- **Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to adjourn meeting.

Second made by Trustee Murphy

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

Motion Carried: (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm on Monday, March 14, 2016. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, March 28, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Devona L. Martin
Village Clerk