

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of June 13, 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, Troy Squires
- Trustees absent: David Skinner
- Also in attendance: Attorney John Myers, Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Chief Jan Bowsher, Gary Alexander, Kevin and Melissa Rollins

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- Kevin and Melissa Rollins appeared before the Board. Kevin Rollins is retired law enforcement. With all the recent school shootings and having a daughter in Pawnee Jr. High, he started researching the law enforcement resource officer position for schools. He appeared before the school board and pitched the idea of using a civilian for the law enforcement resource officer. There were 3 opposed, 3 in favor and 1 on the fence until they see the job description. He thinks that funding was more of the issue. He stated that for him to consider the position, it would have to pay at least \$30,000 to have coverage every day, every hour of school time. He spoke with the director of the 186 security as well as other schools. He even contacted the Illinois Chief of Police and was advised of a grant that is available. It would cover 75% for the police department to hire a police officer. A School Resource Officer would qualify. It would have to be a new hire and he would have to rely on Attorney Myers to read the specifics of the grant. It would then cover the salary and benefits for 3 yrs. As opposed to other grants, this also covers the benefits. The term of the grant is 3 yrs. At the end of the 3 years, the officer would have to be retained by the police department for the 4th year. He has reservations about a young inexperienced new hire as a resource officer. He advised that in Madison, Ohio on February 29, 2016, 2 children injured by the shooter and 1 injured by shrapnel. They are a town of 3100; similar to Pawnee. He provided another example where someone went into the school and was approached by an SRO (school resource officer) and the kid ended up committing suicide instead of opening fire. As opposed to other officers, the responsibility of the SRO is the school. The grant application has to be submitted by June 23. He has talked to the administrator of the grant and they will award in 2 categories, 150,000 over and 150,000 under. They will be awarded September 30. At that time, we would have 90 days to accept or decline the grant. Kevin would like us to apply for the grant for the police officer. He advised that we do not have to accept it. There would have to be a MOU between the school board and the village. He suggests a working committee between the School Board and Village Board with Chief Bowsher included to try to make it work. He provided the Board members with a copy of the Chatham SRO job description. He does not feel we should we allow the grant money to stop us from pursuing an SRO. He has a daughter going into 7th grade and he would like to see this move forward. Chief Bowsher does not think that it would pass the police contract. She stated that she has an officer that would be available in the winter and would be willing to fill this position. Chief Bowsher would like to still talk about it. She does not think that she has enough time to try to get the grant application submitted by the deadline. She further

advised that although she has an office in the school, she is more of a liaison between the School and the Village. She is not a resource. Gary Alexander, Superintendent of the Pawnee School advised that they have not talked about it since Kevin appeared a few months back. President Clarke agreed that it was worth discussing with the School Board. Chief Bowsher will get something set up with Gary Alexander.

- Gary Alexander wanted to thank Jan and the officers for running the mock school shooting program. There is a School Board meeting this Thursday.

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of May 23, 2016 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Thompson to approve minutes of May 23, 2016 as presented
Second made by Trustee Squires
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-present, Murphy-yes, Squires-yes, Clarke-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Squires advised the Board that the bills payable for the two weeks prior totaled \$27,299.34. The Board approved Treasurer Thein to pay the bills at the last meeting.
- Trustee Squires advised the Board that the bills payable for the week ending June 13, 2016 totaled \$88,574.94
Motion made by Trustee Squires to approve bills payable for the week ending June 13, 2016 in the amount of \$88,574.94
Second made by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)
- President Clarke advised the Board that we received the new contract for animal control. The annual amount is \$1,134.66
Motion made by Trustee Squires for continuation of services with the Department of Public Health Animal Control in the amount of \$1,134.66.
Second made by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitson

- Trustee Whitson advised that of the 78 red letters that went out, 11 were shut off. All of them have been turned back on.
- Trustee Whitson advised that he is attending the annual gas meeting tomorrow with Andy in Effingham.

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

- Trustee Squires advised that they are catching up on limb pick up and alleys. They are also getting things ready for Prairie Days.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- Chief Bowsher presented her monthly police report.
Motion made by Trustee Burnley to exit regular session
Second made by Trustee Murphy

Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Sewer and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Gary Eby has contacted the guy with the left the business card for prices on the awnings. He was supposed to be here last week. They are in the process of getting the lift station fixed at CIPS. They have been doing square and curb cleaned up for Prairie Days. They have sprayed and ran the weed eater on Rt. 104. They would like for the County to come in and do a street sweep. President Clarke will see if they can get here.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley

- Discussed the property on Washington Street. We now have the deed. We will work on demolition of the home. It is city owned so its demolition would be covered under infrastructure. It is partially located in a floodplain.
- Trustee Burnley advised that there is a house on an alley. Next to the house is a small piece of land that does not belong to anyone. There are 2 trees on this piece of land that need removed. The County said they don't own it but are trying to do an auction. The tree is dead and it is falling on the homeowner's house. The owner of the house does not want the property. The question is "Who owns the property?" Attorney Myers said that we don't own the property and that the County does own it in a limited sense. There is a gentleman in Edwardsville that is the trustee for property. It has been put out into a tax sale but no one has come forward with the money. He owns it in the name of Sangamon County. She will have to either purchase the property and cut down the trees or wait until the property is sold and request the new owner to cut down the trees.
- Discussed the property at 1st street and Jefferson. Trustee Burnley and Attorney Myers will inspect and address.
- Trustee Burnley requested a reminder that posts go on the inside of fence, facing your house and not on the outside. Candy Kramer will put this reminded in the Pawnee Post.
- Trustee Burnley advised that she will need a new zoning board member. Tracy Ondrey moved to Springfield.

Unfinished Business:

- Attorney Myers provided a railroad update. He has a meeting with Joe Greene and the engineer and attorney for the railroad Wednesday afternoon to come to an agreement. Trustee Squires advised that a company out of Peoria is going to have the 8th street crossing closed in July or August for 5 days. They are changing the crossing. That would be a good time to get the repairs completed on the railroad.
- Attorney Myers, President Clarke and Gary Eby and Steve Haney, Joe Green, Randy Rhoades and their attorney will meet tomorrow at 5pm with Hunter Lake tomorrow.

New Business:

- President Clarke advised that he received a letter from Comcast requesting all of our property addresses to make sure they are charging us correctly.
- Treasurer Thein advised that we received an estimate from Tuxhorn Construction to replace all of the ceiling tiles in the Village office. This includes the police department side as well. The estimate totaled \$5,058.00.

Motion made by Trustee Squires to replace the ceiling tiles at a cost not to exceed \$5,058.00 per the estimate from Tuxhorn Construction
Second made by Trustee Whitson

Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

- Trustee Thompson advised that someone asked him if Pawnee has ever considered putting in a windmill. There are lots of requirements that go along with it. He stated that he just wanted to bring it up as no one has ever asked him that before.
- Treasurer Thein asked if everyone received the revised budget. She wanted to make sure that everyone reviewed their departments and advised her if there were questions or changes that needed to be made.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm on Monday, June 13, 2016. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, June 27, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Devona L. Martin
Village Clerk