

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of November 12, 2018**

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, Phillip Thompson, Cara Burnley, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner, Troy Squires
- Trustees absent: none
- Also in attendance: Attorney Don Cravens, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Chief Jan Bowsher, Gary Russell, Andy Lee, Mark Selhime and the Boys Scouts

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- President Clarke congratulated Chief Bowsher on her article in the State Journal Register.
- Mark Selhime appeared before the Board with the Pawnee Boy Scouts. He is asking for help with utilities at the Scout Hall as the Village has assisted in the past. Consensus was we would again be helping with utilities as usual. He also advised he has one scout finishing his Eagle Scout and two getting ready to start. The two getting ready to start will be looking for projects. President Clarke suggested putting red bricks, 2 deep around the Memorial on the square. It would be for residents who live here but the family member that served does not.
- Gary Russell appeared before the Board about a problem in his neighborhood but thinks it is a problem town wide. There is a resident that is parking vehicles off pavement and off driveway and in their yard. He thinks this adversely affects property values. He lives in Arrowhead Subdivision and this particular resident was sent a copy of the subdivision covenants. This resident just recently moved in. It was a problem when they moved in but has gotten progressively worse. He is hopeful the Board can look to our counsel and come up with an ordinance as simple as all vehicles have to be parked on pavement and not in yards. He thinks this should not be overlooked in order to keep property values up. Recently, the resident had a tractor trailer park in his front yard, a work truck in the side yard and a trailer and RV is in the back yard. The tractor trailer was only there 1 night but he does not want this to be a problem. Chief Bowsher advised we don't enforce covenants and this is a covenant issue. Chief Bowsher advised there may be an ordinance that talks about the number of vehicles. Mr. Russell advised their covenants were devised in 2001 and recorded with Sangamon County. He believes they are good for 35yrs and renew every 10yrs. They are good until the subdivision wants to change them. Attorney Cravens advised there are different ordinances that restrict parking vehicle in yards. Trustee Murphy asked what their attorney recommended. Mr. Russell advised their attorney has not yet looked at the covenants. Attorney Cravens suggests they enforce their covenants.

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of October 22, 2018 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Murphy to approve minutes of October 22, 2018 as presented
Second made by Trustee Skinner
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-present, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Skinner presented the bills payable for October 23, 2018 – November 2, 2018 in the amount of \$65,358.36
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$65,358.36 for October 23, 2018 – November 2, 2018
Second made by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes, Clarke-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Squires

- Trustee Squires advised that Andy Lee found a guy that services hydrants. They are looking at next fiscal year having some of our hydrants serviced. They can service several hydrants for less than replacing 1 hydrant.
- Trustee Squires advised they were waiting on a welder to repair a gas valve. He finally showed and repaired the gas valve.
- Trustee Squires and Andy Lee advised that there have been a couple people that have inquired about disconnecting water and gas during the winter months. They are wanting to turn off the water/gas so that they are not being charged the minimum service fee. Trustee Squires advised there is an ordinance that talks about a landlord could disconnect for \$40. There is no reconnect fee. Trustee Skinner suggested a shut off fee for a reconnect as opposed to disconnect. Attorney Cravens will work with Trustee Squires. Consensus was to make the fee the same across the Board.
- Andy Lee advised Petersburg Plumbing is finished and they are now working on fixing yards.

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

- Trustee Murphy advised the Board that Ameren replaced several poles along 104. They did not put electrical outlets on all of the poles. He didn't know until last Thursday. He is going to talk to Ameren tomorrow and ask about the outlets. He wanted the Board to be aware that this is the reason why there are less holiday decorations up.
- Trustee Murphy advised that on October 23, our bobcat, driven by Rob Boarman struck Kay Wilson in here 2009 Chevy Malibu. The repair cost is \$3,095.84. Trustee Murphy asked if there was a police report. Chief Bowsher does not know but does not believe there was an accident report. She will make sure we have a report.
- Trustee Murphy has not heard from the Reese Langheim about the pit. Attorney Cravens advised we could file a nuisance complaint. Trustee Thompson asked if we just sent a letter from our attorney first. We have already done that and he has not responded. Consensus was to invite him to the first meeting in December and if he doesn't show, we will file a complaint in court.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- Chief Bowsher presented her monthly police report.
Motion made by Trustee Murphy
Second made by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)

Sewer and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Trustee Thompson advised parks are going good.
- Trustee Thompson advised that we received a letter from the Illinois Rural Water Association that our sewer department has been nominated for Waste Water System of the Year.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley

- No report.

Unfinished Business:

- Gallagher Tabled
- Republic Waste tabled

New Business:

- President Clarke advised the Tax Levy will be passed at the first meeting in December. It is in the books.
- President Clarke advised Christmas on the Square is this Friday night.
- President Clarke advised roof bids are tabled to the next meeting as the office was closed today.
- President Clarke advised of a notice of a public hearing for this Thursday, November 15 @ 7pm and Sangamon County Zoning Board. The natural gas power plant has an additional 80 acres but this is outside the enterprise zone so they have to start over. They have to move further south because of noise.
- President Clarke passed out the new committees and chairman.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm on Monday,. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, December 10, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,



Devona L. Martin
Village Clerk