

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of December 14, 2015**

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, Patrick Murphy, Troy Squires
- Trustees absent: Cara Burnley, David Skinner
- Also in attendance: Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Gary Eby, Mark Selhime, Terry Thompson

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- Terry Thompson appeared before the Board. She is requesting a donation of between \$200-\$250 for the angel tree. The Library is going to help out with supplemental gifting. She advised that 2 names were taken but the person who took the names did not purchase the gifts. Terry Thompson purchased the gifts. She will bring in the receipts.
Motion made by Trustee Squires to reimburse Terry Thompson for the angel tree gifts not to exceed \$250.00.
Second made by Trustee Murphy
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-present, Murphy-yes, Squires-yes, Clarke-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of November 23, 2015 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Thompson to approve minutes of November 23, 2015 as presented
Second made by Trustee Murphy
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-present, Thompson-yes, Murphy-yes, Squires-yes, Clarke-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Squires advised the Board that the bills payable for the week ending December 14, 2015 totaled \$109,693.42
Motion made by Trustee Squires to approve bills payable for the week ending December 14, 2015 in the amount of \$109,693.42
Second made by Trustee
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Murphy-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)
- **Motion** made by Trustee Squires for Treasurer Thein to pay bills for the remainder of the month with the amount to be read into the minutes at the next scheduled board meeting.
Second Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Murphy-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)

- Treasurer Thein presented her Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending October 31, 2015
Motion made by Trustee Squires to approve Treasurer Thein's presented her Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending October 31, 2015
 Second made by Trustee Murphy
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Murphy-yes, Squires-yes
 Motion Carried: (4-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitson

- Trustee Whitson advised that 75 red letters went out. Of those, 4 were shut off and all are back on.
- Trustee Whitson advised that the gas rates have remained the same.
- Trustee Whitson advised that Andy Lee came to Trustee Whitson just recently with an error he found. In June 2009, one of our users had a problem with their gas meter. We replaced the meter but we replaced it with the wrong meter. We replaced it with a commercial meter instead of residential. As a result, we have been overcharging them since. The overcharged for about \$1200.
Motion made by Trustee Whitson to pay back the resident for the overcharges of the water meter error not to exceed \$2,000
 Second by Trustee Murphy
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Murphy-yes, Squires-yes
 Motion Carried: (4-0)

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

- Trustee Squires advised they are currently doing maintenance on the vehicles and getting ready for the snow.
- Gary Eby advised that they have hauled off the ashes from the burn pile. The only cost to the Village was the trucking. The dump was free.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- No report.

Sewer and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Trustee Thompson discussed the recent EPA notification that Gary Eby received regarding the lagoons. The EPA is requiring that we start monitoring things we have not been monitoring previously. We had to purchase additional equipment for this additional monitoring. Trustee Thompson asked Gary Eby to contact the EPA to get the names and address of other lagoons in the state to see if they have contacted other lagoons. They have not returned his calls. Attorney Myers requested that Gary Eby send him a copy of the letter he received for review.
- Trustee Thompson thanked Carters for helping with hauling the Santa House.
- Trustee Thompson advised that he received an estimate for the playground equipment. For the equipment only, the cost is at \$40,000. The installation would be additional. We would request volunteers for assistance. This will be tabled.
- Gary Eby advised that there is no change in the lift stations.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley

- No report.

Unfinished Business:

- Attorney Myers advised that he talked to the attorney for the railroad. They have gotten 2 bids and are waiting for a 3rd. Once they get the 3rd estimate, they will be ready to proceed.
- President Clarke advised that the demolition permit has been issued for 8 Brenda Drive. Attorney Myers is uncertain what the timeframe will be on the teardown of the house.

New Business:

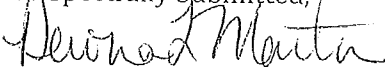
- Ordinance 15-16 - Ordinance Pertaining to Utility Taxes and Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Pawnee
Attorney Myers advised that Ameren reviewed our ordinance from 2002 and does not like the language in our ordinance from 2002.
Motion made by Trustee Thompson to approve Ordinance 15-16 - Ordinance Pertaining to Utility Taxes and Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Pawnee
Second made by Trustee Whitson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Murphy-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)
- Ordinance 15-18 - Tax Levy Ordinance in the amount of \$404,502 with an increase of 2%
Motion made by Trustee Squires to approve Ordinance 15-18 - Tax Levy Ordinance with an increase of 2%
Second made by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Murphy-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)
- Treasurer Thein advised that she was contacted by a resident of the apartments at SanTerra. They indicated that they have a bug problem and they contacted the landlord and he refuses to resolve the problem. He brought them some liquid spray and told them he was not qualified to spray and that they would have to do it. They said they went to public health and public health said it was the responsibility of the Village of Pawnee because have not updated our property maintenance codes. We could update our property maintenance code and then the Dept of Public Health will enforce the codes under contract. Consensus was to proceed with updating the code. Treasurer Thein tried to reach out to the County to discuss but has not been successful. President Clarke with ask Jeff Thomas out County Board member contact Treasurer Thein.
- There were 3 bids on the Boone Property at 400 8th Street. We opened the sealed bids.
\$19,525 Mark Selhime
\$13,600 Todd and Marsha Gehrs
\$10,100 jeff Tuxhorn
The high bid is \$19,525 from Mark Selhime
Motion made by Trustee Thompson to accept the high bid for 400 8th Street in the amount of \$19,525 from Mark Selhime
Second made by Trustee Squires
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Murphy-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)

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, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm on Monday, December 14, 2015. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Devona L. Martin".

Devona L. Martin
Village Clerk