

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of February 23, 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, Cara Burnley, Steve Condon, David Skinner, Troy Squires
- Trustees absent: Phillip Thompson
- Also in attendance: Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Gary Eby, Andy Lee, Sangamon County Board member Andy Goleman, Sangamon County Clerk Don Gray, Clark Cook and his mother Amy Cook, and Aaron Griffith, Pastor with the Pawnee Christian Church

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- Andy Goleman appeared before the Board. He introduced Don Gray as the new Sangamon County Clerk. Joe Aiello stepped down,
- Don Gray, our new Sangamon County Clerk appeared before the Board to introduce himself. He advised that one of his plans as the Clerk is to get the Sangamon County Clerk's office out of downtown Springfield and into the county. He further advised that if there is anything we need, his door is open.
- Clark Cook appeared before the Board. He is a member of Scout 210 from Jerome but lives here in Pawnee. To earn his Eagle Scout, he is going to put a fence around the Judy Purdon Pre-K playground. The cost will be around \$3,000. The concrete has been poured and was donated by the Pit Stop. He wants to get the word out that he is accepting donations. An account has been set up at United Community Bank. At this time, he does not have any fundraisers planned. He would prefer the community to donate instead of him doing fundraisers. He plans for it to be completed over the summer. It has been approved by the school. Consensus was to donate \$300 now and then if he is running short, to come back.
- Aaron Griffith, Pastor at the Pawnee Christian Church appeared before the Board. He advised that July 12-16 they are having an all community Bible School with the local churches at North Park. They have already reserved North Park but are asking for permission from the Village to be able to leave the tents up as well as leave some trailers there during the event. Consensus was to allow them to leave up the tents and to leave trailers parked at North Park during the event.

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of February 9, 2015 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve minutes of February 9, 2015 as presented
Second made by Trustee Condon
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Skinner advised the Board that the bills payable for the week ending February 23, 2015 totaled \$147,815.45

Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve bills payable for the week ending February 23, 2015 in the amount of \$147,815.45

Second made by Trustee Condon

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

- Trustee Skinner advised that he received a flyer from the Auburn Area Special Olympics. They are requesting donations. There are several Pawnee residents that participate.

Motion made by Trustee Condon to donate \$500 to the Auburn Area Special Olympics

Second made by Trustee Whitson

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

- Treasurer Thein presented her Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the month ending January 31, 2015. We are staying well under our budgeted expenditures. However, the expenditures are big expenditures. Our funds are down due to maintenance and repairs. We are not borrowing from other accounts like we have in the past. We are doing well. Our fireworks account is at \$2,883. Last year, we were at \$4,375 from fundraisers. President Clarke advised that we are going to do a 50/50 fundraiser. Treasurer Thein suggested taking donations at the event.

Motion made by Trustee Condon to approve Treasurer Thein's Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the month ending January 31, 2015

Second made by Trustee Skinner

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

- Treasurer Thein advised that Trustee Steve Condon had sent her an email in reference to the grocery store. She called Auburn and Virden and neither have incentives to get the businesses in. The old grocery store was sold and it will be an auto store. Trustee Condon advised that he just wanted to find out from other smaller communities on what they did to get a grocery store.

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitson

- Trustee Whitson advised the Board that 93 red letters were sent out on February 19th
- Trustee Whitson advised that gas rates are \$1/therm which is 3.3 cents less than last year
- Andy Lee advised that a few weeks ago, we had an issue with the water tower not filling up. As it all came about, it was determined that it was the result of Tovey's water usage combined with some leaks we had. Currently, our average water loss is 11%, however, Andy would like it to be lower. We are paying \$3,000/month for unaccounted water. He spoke with the Superintendent of New Berlin's water department who is into leak detection. We would pay him \$3,500 (same as we do for gas), and he would listen to every hydrant, and if he hears something, he can pinpoint the leak. He paints the hydrant if he finds a leak. Andy would like to hire him in order to eliminate the leaks. After he completes the town, he would like him to do a quarter of the town annually. He will obtain more information on this. He also advised that there are approximately 130 services that can be hooked over to new mains. This has not been done due to time constraints. He thought he could maybe get to 5-10/summer. Andy will get a cost for switching them over. He would suggest switching over the problem areas first which would be an area on Madison and on Jefferson.
- Andy Lee advised that last year when we were having trouble finding water leaks, he had to call IRWA. They were here multiple times helping us to locate the leaks and got to observe our operations. As such, we received an award for Water System of the Year runner up. He advised that this is for all the guys.

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

- Trustee Condon advised that the guys did a great job plowing snow. He has received great feedback that the roads were clear and dry by noon. Kudos to the guys for a great job.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gleason

- No report

Sewer and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Gary Eby advised the Board that 3 lift station pumps went down in the last month and a half. The cost was \$25,000 or more. Repairing the pumps would have cost approximately \$5800 and a new pump with the warranty was approximately \$8200. The pumps were in the budget. They ended up replacing the 3 pumps.
- President Clarke advised that he will get with Amy Devonshire on the easement across from the 104 Store
- Gary Eby advised that the Christmas decorations are not down because they can't get a bucket truck out until the weather is above 40 degrees or hydraulics won't work.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley

- No report
- Discussed the billboard ordinance. It requires a public zoning hearing. Consensus was that the trustees would read through the ordinance and discuss it at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- none

New Business:

- none

Motion to Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm on Monday, February 23, 2015. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,



Devona L. Martin

Village Clerk