

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of January 13, 2020**

Call to Order:

- President Clarke called the meeting to order to 7:00pm.

Roll Call:

- Village Clerk, Devona Martin called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Todd Richeson, Cara Burnley, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner, Troy Squires
- Trustees Absent: Phillip Thompson
- Also in attendance: Attorney Don Cravens, Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Chief Barclay Harris, Kevin Kuhn with Kuhn Trello Engineering, Jeff Jarrett, Jeff Nichols, Ray Nichols, Tracey Sheppard, Sarah Clipper, John Peebles, Denny Seiz, Jay and Jarrod Smith with Locals, Cindy Emerson, Brian Lehmann and Eric Huckaby with Pub 1854, Dan Cobb, Gayle Chevalier-Zini, Mary, and Marsha Gehrs with Pawnee Prairie Days, Rich Grooms and Jeff Schober

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- Sarah Clipper appeared before the Board. She is renting Tavern No. 10. She would like to tear out the back wall to build a beer garden. President Clarke advised that with Locals, we requested they hire a structural engineer to make sure there won't be any issues structurally if a wall is torn out. Attorney Don Cravens advised we will need a report from the structural engineer. There cannot be an entrance to the beer garden from the outside. It will be behind the bar side.
- Ray Nichols appeared before the Board. Reese Langheim bought the property next door. He tore the house down and is getting ready to put up a new house. Reese Langheim believes Mr. Nicholas's fence is on his property. The fence goes down the property line separating the two driveways. Trustee Burnley says there is now a discrepancy in the location of the property line. She advised that we don't know where the property line is. When someone brings in plans for a fence, we have to take their word on where the property line is. She advised that if he did not tell us the correct property line, it would be his fault and not ours. He asked if there is anything grandfathered in. At the time the privacy fence was installed, it was because Mr. Nichols was having a problem with the neighbor. Mr. Langheim had it surveyed and one of his men said, they found the pins and it was running right down with his fence. Trustee Burnley advised she would be happy to talk to Reese Langheim. Trustee Skinner advised if it has been surveyed, the pins should be there. He has not talked to Reese Langheim directly as of yet.
- Kevin Kuhn appeared before the Board. President Clarke advised Joe Greene is retiring sometime this year. President Clarke recommends hiring Kevin Kuhn as our new engineer. Mr. Kuhn grew up in Springfield and attended the University of Illinois for engineering. After college, he joined the marine core. He then moved to the east coast and met a girl that grew up in Auburn. They moved back to the area in 2003. At that time, he went to work for Joe Greene and he was the President of Greene & Bradford. A few things have changed since then. After that, he went to work for another company. Then Mike Trello approached him about starting an engineering firm together. It is going on 8yrs now. They do almost exclusively municipalities. They started with 3 and now have 12. He advised that they strive to be a resource for their

municipalities. If hired, he will attend one meeting per month at no cost to the Village. He likes to do this so they know what's going on with the Village. Their office is located directly west of Horace Mann. They have 14 employees. They service Riverton, Rochester, Williamsville, Sherman, Illiopolis, Grand View, Jerome, Southern View, etc.

Motion made by Trustee Skinner to retain Kuhn Trello Engineering as our new engineer.

Second made by Trustee Squires

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

- Denny Seiz is here representing the Pawnee Lions Club. He wanted to thank the Village for the donation for the Christmas Baskets. They really appreciate our help.
- John Peebles appeared with questions regarding the 700 Washington Street. President Clarke advised we are going to tear it down. We are waiting on the proposal from the demolition company. We also have to have the deed in hand. They have given us the property. He is speculating it will happen sometime between now and May. He further advised we were supposed to have the bid today but we did not receive it. Mr. Peebles asked about the black mold. President Clarke advised we are unsure if it has black mold. He did ask the demolition company if it needs to be abated prior to the demolition of the house and they advised no, it does not need to be abated first. Mr. Peebles would like to be notified prior to the demolition due to health issues. President Clarke advised we will notify the residents prior the demolition.
- Pawnee Prairie Days, Locals and Pub 1854 appeared before the Board. They are interested in have a Queen of Hearts drawing weekly. They are all in it as a group. They have also agreed to have representatives from both bars join the Prairie Days committee. They want approval from the Board first and then they will move forward legally. They agreed on Sundays at 4pm. They will alternate between the bars but will be represented at both bars selling tickets. President Clarke advised we will not approve alcohol outside. KC Hall can be a backup if needed. They will need a raffle license from the village in order to purchase the board through Lancaster bingo. Attorney Cravens will get that license together. They are not yet sure when they will begin. They are still in the planning stages. The license will be in the name of Pawnee Prairie Days. Rich Grooms advised that he has heard people are interested but do not want to sit in a bar. He stated that they could use the scout hall to sit. Jay Smith advised they could sit in the restaurant as well.
- Mark Selhime and Rich Grooms brought in the Boy Scouts. Kendrick Henke wanted to take over the Lions Club benches and table. He wants to have it done in advance of Prairie Days. His plan is to pick up and complete the project as part of his eagle project. Worst case scenario, it will go down as community service. For the troop, they are asking the Village to help pay gas and water as they have done in the past. President Clarke advised done.
- Rich Grooms advised the scouts are a nonprofit organization. Their downfall is money. He is not asking for a donation but asking what the city could do for them. If they don't have enough money, would the village be interested in taking ownership of the building. If they sell it, they have to give all the money away. Currently, insurance has increased and all their donors have died off. If they have to sell, they have to give the money away. He wants to know if the Village would be interested in taking over the building if it came to that. President Clarke advised we are not telling them no, but to come back if it starts getting to that point. He advised it takes 5 kids to have a troop.

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of December 9, 2019 were presented for review and approval

Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the minutes of December 9, 2019 as presented
Second made by Trustee Squires
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

- Minutes of December 12, 2012 were presented for review and approval

Motion made by Trustee Squires to approve the minutes of December 12, 2019 as presented
Second made by Trustee Murphy with updated dates
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-present, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Skinner advised the bills payable for the previous period totaled \$88,812.62. This was pre-approved at the last board meeting on December 9, 2019.
- Trustee Skinner presented the bills payable in the amount of \$112,435.97 for the week ending January 13, 2020

Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$112,435.97 for the week ending January 13, 2020
Second made by Trustee Squires
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Squires

- Trustee Squires advised 78 red letters were sent out on December 20. Of these, they had 2 shut offs and both are back on.

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

- No report

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- Chief Barclay Harris presented his monthly police report.

Motion made by Trustee Murphy to approve Chief Barclay Harris's Monthly Police Report
Second made by Trustee Richeson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Sewers and Parks: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- No report

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley

- Trustee Burnley advised they had a zoning meeting today for the Bertoni's. They would like to put in a shed on an easement in the back corner. She advised no one else showed up to the meeting. She further advised she made it perfectly clear to the Bertoni's that REA will move it if it's in their way. They want to put back in the easement due to their fire pit and sprinkler system. If we allow, this would be something we would want in writing and signed by the Bertoni's that they are aware it is at their expense if it has to be moved. Trustee Skinner believes they will be installing it in the swail. This would mean they would have to add fill to level it out.

Trustee Burnley thought they were going to bring in blocks to level it. Trustee Burnley will talk to them again. Jeff Jarrett asked if they could locate the pin and then paint on the grass where the shed will go for a visual. No action taken.

- Trustee Burnley advised they discussed the property next to the funeral home. When we talked to her last fall, she said she would get to it this spring. We usually allow them the opportunity when they say they are going to do it.
- Trustee Burnley suggested we store the permits electronically. She also said they might make them start locating the pins. Kevin Kuhn of Kuhn Trello Engineering advised a survey to locate pins would be \$600.

Bargaining Committee: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- No Report

Energy: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley

- No Report

Infrastructure: Committee Chair, Trustee Richeson

- No Report

Unfinished Business:

- none

New Business:

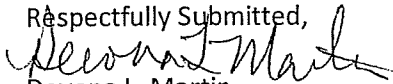
- Trustee Burnley will start working on fireworks.

Motion to Adjourn:

- **Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to adjourn
Second made by Trustee Squires
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson=yes, Burnley=yes, Murphy=yes, Skinner=yes, Squires=yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm on Monday, January 13, 2020. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, January 27, 2020 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,


Devona L. Martin
Village Clerk