

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of January 27, 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, Troy Squires, President Clarke
- Trustees Absent: Phillip Thompson, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner
- Also in attendance: Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Chief Barclay Harris, Jeff Jarrett, Scott Cameron Superintendent with the Pawnee Schools, Andy Lee, Eric and Angela Bertoni

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- Scott Cameron with the Pawnee Schools appeared before the Board. He thanked the Village for our assistance during the recent bad weather. President Clarke asked if we could get permission to shoot off fireworks. He will take it to the board but is certain it will be allowed.
- Angela and Eric Bertoni appeared before the Board. Trustee Burnley advised the Zoning Board met and reviewed and accepted the variance request by the Bertoni's. At our last meeting, Trustee Burnley presented it to the Board and the Board had concerns with it being in the swail. Angela Bertoni advised the Board that where they have puddles is at the opposite end of their yard. President Clarke asked if water flows through their back yard and Eric Bertoni advised yes. He also advised that they aren't going back to where the water flows. President Clarke advised concern with the shed actually creating a dam and wondered if they could turn it sideways to keep it out of the easement. Angela Bertoni advised they aren't going that far back and that the water will flow behind it. Eric Bertoni advised it will be set on small pavers on the 4 corners only. Trustee Squires asked about landscaping around it and Eric advised they will not be doing any landscaping. Trustee Richeson asked about with the 5' variance request and how much are they are planning to come in. Eric Bertoni indicated maybe 3-4 feet. Trustee Richeson advised drainage is his concern. President Clarke advised he would like to actually see if before we vote on it. Angela Bertoni advised that is why she drew the map. Swails are not visible on a map and it is not drawn to scale. Eric Bertoni agreed. President Clarke advised the real concern is draining the way it is supposed to and that if the variance is granted, there would have to be stipulations that if it's causing drainage problems, they will have to move it. Consensus was that we will have the attorney draw up an agreement.

Motion made by Trustee Richeson to approve the shed with the stipulation that the Bertoni's will have to move the shed at their expense if it causes drainage problems.

Second made by Trustee Burnley

Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson=yes, Burnley=yes, Squires=yes, President Clarke=yes

Motion Carried: (4-0)

- President Clarke advised there is a request from Zachary Morgan to extend his residency requirement as he has not yet sold his home. He is asking for a 6mo extension for his house to sell. Consensus was to allow him a 6mo extension on residency.

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of January 13, 2020 were presented for review and approval
Motion made by Trustee Squires to approve the minutes of January 13, 2020 as presented
Second made by Trustee Richeson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Burnley-yes, Squires-yes, President Clarke-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Squires presented the bills payable for the week ending January 27, 2020 in the amount of \$40,779.61
Motion made by Trustee Squires to approve the bills payable for the week ending January 27, 2020 in the amount of \$40,779.61
Second made by Trustee Richeson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Burnley-yes, Squires-yes, President Clarke-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)
- Treasurer Thein advised that she did not present the November Monthly Budget Comparison Report since we didn't have a second meeting in December. It is in the book for review. She proceeded with the presentation of the Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the month ending December 31, 2019. We should be at 67% on expenses and revenue. General fund is under on revenues but we are good on expenditures. We are also way under on expenses.
Motion made by Trustee Squires to approve Treasurer Thein Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the month ending December 31, 2019.
Second made by Trustee Richeson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Burnley-yes, Squires-yes, President Clarke-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Squires

- Trustee Squires advised that 92 red letters were mailed out on the 21st of January.
- Trustee Squires discussed the ditch witch. We just recently spent \$5,400 in service fees. It is the trencher but we no longer use it because of our mini-excavator. Ditch Witch was not interested in purchasing it back. It is a 1992 with only 410-420 hours on it. Someone stopped in today and we may have someone interested. Discussed a minimum bid of \$5,400 since we just spent that much money on it. The person that stopped is a wholesaler and may have a buyer somewhere.

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

- No report

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- No report

Sewers and Parks: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- No report

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley

- Discussed the house at 700 Washington Street. President Clarke advised he received the quote from Parkland Environmental Group in the amount of \$7,500 to tear down and haul off. They will notify residents a week before the demo is to begin. It will take approximately 2-3 days to

complete. They will wet it down prior to the demolition. This includes the shed, house and fence. Wells Fargo currently owns the home. We do not yet have the title.

Motion made by Trustee Burnley to hire Parkland Environmental Group through Wells Fargo to demolish the house at 700 Washington Street in the amount \$7,500

Second made b y Trustee Richeson

Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Burnley-yes, Squires-yes, President Clarke-yes

Motion Carried: (4-0)

Bargaining Committee: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- No report

Energy: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley

- No report

Infrastructure: Committee Chair, Trustee Richeson

- No report

Motion to Exit Regular Session: 7:33pm

- **Motion** made by Trustee Squires to exit regular for

Second made b y Trustee Burnley

Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Burnley-yes, Squires-yes, President Clarke-yes

Motion Carried: (4-0)

Motion to Enter Executive Session: 7:40pm

- **Motion** made by Trustee Richeson to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation and personnel

Second made b y Trustee Squires

Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Burnley-yes, Squires-yes, President Clarke-yes

Motion Carried: (4-0)

Motion to Exit Executive Session: 7:51pm

- **Motion** made by Trustee Squires to exit executive session

Second made b y Trustee Richeson

Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Burnley-yes, Squires-yes, President Clarke-yes

Motion Carried: (4-0)

Motion to Re-enter Regular Session: 7:53pm

- **Motion** made by Trustee Squires to re-enter regular session

Second made b y Trustee Richeson

Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Burnley-yes, Squires-yes, President Clarke-yes

Motion Carried: (4-0)

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- President Clarke advised we have been notified that Panhandle has filed for a rate increase of 400% in transportation fees will be billed beginning in the March 2020. This is a transportation fee and not the price of gas itself. It makes up approximately 1/6 of the bill. We have joined with other town in a lawsuit to fight this increase. We do not know how long litigation will take. Per FERC, if our intervention is successful, Panhandle will have to repay including interest. We want the community to know there will be an increase if the case is not settled by March 1, 2020.
- Treasurer Thein advised it is about time for our electric aggregation again. Residents are starting to get calls from competitors and are not our people. Trustee Burnley advised that these people calling are not cheaper. If resident have questions, they should contact Trustee Burnley. We renew every 2yrs with Don Frontone. He has already been in contact Treasurer Thein. We don't really have to do anything. We just roll over and lock into the lower prices. Trustee Burnley advised it might not be a bad idea for Don Frontone to pop in and discuss further.
- Discussed the retirement community. President Clarke advised we still do not know what they are doing. He advised the McTaggerts are not interested. The developer left for vacation but before he left, he met with the McTaggerts and they are not interested. They do not want a river running between their 2 knobs. They are going to have to go down 13th Street. Trustee Richeson advised that everyone's concern is the drainage. People don't really care about the homes, it is the drainage.

Motion to Adjourn:

- **Motion** made by Trustee Richeson to adjourn
Second made by Trustee Burnley
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Burnley-yes, Squires-yes, President Clarke-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm on Monday, January 27, 2020. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, February 10, 2020 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,



Devona L. Martin
Village Clerk