

Village of Pawnee  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of July 27, 2015

Call to Order

- President Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

- Deputy Clerk Cynthia Kramer called roll.
- Trustees in attendance: Gary Whitson, Cara Burnley, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner and Troy Squires
- Absent: Trustee Phillip Thompson and Clerk Devona Martin
- Also in attendance: Treasurer Kelly Thein, Chief of Police Jan Bowsher, Pawnee village employees Andy Lee and Gary Eby

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- None

Clerk's Comments

- Minutes of July 13, 2015 board meeting were presented for review and approval.  
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the July 13, 2015 minutes as presented.  
Second by Trustee Whitson  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes and Squires-yes  
Motion Carried (5-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Bills Payable presented for review and approval.  
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve Bills Payable of \$45,907.23  
Second by Trustee Squires  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes and Squires-yes  
Motion Carried (5-0)
- Animal Control Fee  
Due to a mix-up, an ordinance pertaining to Animal Control did not appear on the meeting agenda, as such, trustees were unable to vote on the ordinance. However, trustees approved the amount cited by Sangamon County Public Health for animal control. Trustees will vote on the ordinance at the next scheduled board meeting.  
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the amount of \$2357.89 to be paid to Sangamon County Public Health for animal control.  
Second by Trustee Squires  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes and Squires-yes  
Motion Carried (5-0)

Budget Comparison Report: Village Treasurer Kelly Thein

- Treasurer Thein presented the Budget Comparison Report for review and approval.  
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the Budget Comparison report as presented.  
Second by Trustee Murphy  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes and Squires-yes  
Motion Carried (5-0)
- Treasurer Thein noted that it being the second month of the fiscal year, there was not a lot of change; the General Fund is still very healthy, the village share of the income tax has been very good, and that all supervisors are well within their budgets. In addition, she has been able to move more money into the Reserve Fund. In closing, she told trustees to be prepared for costs associated with the upcoming 104 Lift Station project; noting that the village budgeted \$30,000 for engineering fees and have already spent \$18,500 of said amount.

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitson

- Eighty (80) red letters went out for the month of July. As of this date, the village performed seven shut-offs with 6 still off. The natural gas rate remained the same as the previous month.

**Streets, Alleys and Sidewalk Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Squires**

- In preparation of oil and chipping of streets, employees are grading roads to be oiled and approximately 77% of the patch work is done. Work is also being done on ditches. A new pump has been purchased at a cost of \$1500 and the rental pump has been returned.
- Over the years employees have been asking about mini-excavators, as all three departments could really use one for such things as cleaning ditches, putting services into homes, and getting in to places where larger equipment cannot. Money has been allocated in the budget of each department (Gas and Water, Sewer, and Streets) for the purchase. Gas and Water Department Supervisor Andy Lee received estimates from Caterpillar, Bobcat, and John Deere, noting that he preferred the Bobcat, at a cost of \$49,750. Trustee Squires also noted that the village already has Bobcat attachments. Trustee Pat Murphy asked if this purchase could be done through the state while Trustee Skinner asked if employees had demoed all three units to determine which one would best serve village needs. Trustees tabled further discussion until more information, pertaining to questions asked, is received.

**Sewer and Parks Committee Reports: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson**

- Sewers – No report
- Parks – Gary Eby reported that a bus load of children from Chatham have used North Park on several occasions this summer, apparently without reserving use of the park. He stated that his only concern was that this could cause a scheduling conflict as the village does ask groups to reserve dates for use of the park. Trustees suggested that the next time Eby sees the group, to approach and politely ask if the group was aware they should reserve the park for play dates, and if not, give them the village office phone number so they may do so in the future.

**Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley**

- No report

**Unfinished Business/Correspondence**

- None

**New Business**

- None

**Mayor's Report/Comments**

- (Mayor Clarke) asked if employees finished cutting the sewer line from the former grocery store to a position just southeast of United Community Bank. Gary Eby replied that the work is finished.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion made by Trustee Murphy to adjourn the meeting

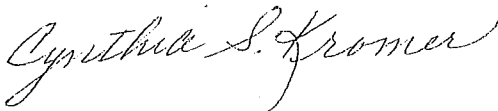
Second by Trustee Skinner

Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-5, Nays-0

Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2015. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, August 10, 2015, 7 p.m. at the Pawnee Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted



Cynthia S. Kramer  
Deputy Clerk