

Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of March 23, 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, Phillip Thompson, Cara Burnley, Steve Condon, David Skinner and Troy Squires
- Absent: Clerk Devona Martin
- Also in attendance: Chief of Police Jan Bowsher, Pawnee village employee Jeff Schober, Jeff Bennett,

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- Jeff Bennett. At this point, Mayor Clarke called on Trustee Cara Burnley, Chairman of the Zoning Committee. She introduced Mr. Bennett noting that she would like to recommend his appointment to the Zoning Board. In addition, she noted the difficulty in finding residents willing to serve on the board and requested that any resident interested in serving, to please contact her.

Motion made by Trustee Burnley to appoint Jeff Bennett to serve on the Pawnee Zoning Board

Second by Trustee Thompson

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

Motion Carried (6-0)

Clerk's Comments

- Minutes of March 9, 2015 presented to trustees for review and approval.

Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the March 9, 2015 minutes as presented.

Second by Trustee Squires

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

Motion Carried (6-0)

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 \$110,601.11.

Second by Trustee Thompson

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

Motion Carried (6-0)

Budget Comparison Report: Treasurer Kelly Thein

- Not given

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitson

- 8 shut offs for the previous month and seventy-nine (79) red letters were sent out on March 20. Trustee Thompson noted that 7 to 8 per-cent of village utility customers receive a red letter every month and that is a high percentage of customers that get a reminder to pay their bill. If there is a problem, customers should contact the village, we will work with them.

- Cleaning of the water tower
Motion made by Trustee Whitson to approve a contract in the amount of \$3,190 to Liquid Engineering to clean the water tower.
 Second by Trustee Thompson
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes and Squires-yes
 Motion Carried 6-0
- The village received two bids, one from Petersburg Plumbing and the other from Prairie State Plumbing; both for labor only to hook up 8 taps, all on Madison Street. Mayor Clarke asked if village employees could do some of the work,

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

- (Condon) went out with Jeff Friday, talked about drainage issues, basically spring time with rain. This winter was hard on roads, they really took a beating. Employees will put a patch on Monroe Street this week and we are already looking to determine which streets will be oiled and chipped this summer.

Sewer and Parks Committee Reports: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Sewer: Basically cleaning/sucking out pits.
- Parks: Gary will wait, probably after spring rains, to put in new mulch in the playground areas. Entry to the large playground area is fixed and looks nice.
- Next year we may want to look at July 3 again for annual fireworks display.
- Spoke with Library Director Bennett Bess, the library is again having problems with parking as two of the three designated library parking space signs have disappeared. The library requested the designated spaces for use by the handicapped/elderly during library hours only. One thought is to move those parking spaces to the rear of the building.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley

- There will be a double meeting on April 9. The first will deal with the request by James Skelton to rezone the former grocery store property from B1 to B2 and the second meeting is in reference to the Billboard Ordinance.

Unfinished Business/Correspondence

- None

New Business

- None

Mayor's Report/Comments

- Electric aggregation, Don Frantone and the Stone River Group, 30 mo contract at a rate of .05824
- After noting last Sunday the weather siren melted down at San Terra (Mayor Clarke) turned the floor over to ESDA Coordinator Scott Day. Day stated the board needed repair and that the siren is back up and running; and the one behind the school, should be up and running next week. However, the one behind the school is pretty much shot and the newest siren is 15 years old. In addition, Day stated he would like to add a fifth siren to the southwest quadrant of the village. Mayor Clarke stated he checked with the attorney and that the village could use infrastructure funds to replace two of the sirens. The cost of a new siren is approximately \$17,000, to purchase would require a new line item in the upcoming budget. Trustee Condon added that the village should also include siren maintenance in a yearly budget.
- Day stated his office computer crashed and that he would like to replace the computer with a laptop as to be mobile. He noted that he had about \$4500 in budget but thought he could purchase a laptop for approximately \$800. He was told to go ahead and purchase a computer and to make sure he purchased one with live visual and one that can be plugged into a car lighter or accessory port.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Trustee Thompson to adjourn the meeting

Second by Trustee Condon

Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-6, Nays-0

Motion Carried (6-0)

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2015. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, March 23, 2015, 7 p.m. at the Pawnee Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer
Deputy Clerk