

Village of Pawnee  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of March 28, 2016

**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, Pat Murphy, David Skinner and Troy Squires
- Absent: Clerk Devona Martin
- Also in attendance: Treasurer Kelly Thein, Chief of Police Jan Bowsher, employee Gary Eby and Peter Williamson and family

**Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s**

- Peter Williamson, serving a spokesperson for the family, requested that the Village of Pawnee permit chickens within the village, noting that he would like to have a few hens, no rooster. Mayor Clarke did state that the village had an ordinance which did not permit livestock, which chickens are considered, within village limits. Williamson cited that several surrounding communities that are considering permitting chickens as well as the cities of Springfield and Jacksonville, and have ordinances specific for chickens. Mayor Clarke noted that the difference with Springfield and Jacksonville, is that they have public health departments. Mayor Clarke told Williamson that he should return when the attorney is present to help clarify the issue. Williamson asked if he would be permitted to bring materials to the meeting with Mayor Clarke replying yes.

**Clerk's Comments**

- Minutes of March 14, 2016 were presented for review and approval.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Burnley to approve the March 14, 2016 minutes as presented.  
Second by Trustee Skinner  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes and Squires-yes  
Motion Carried (6-0)

**Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner**

- A list of bills payable was presented for review and approval.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve bills payable of \$10,901.85  
Second by Trustee Squires  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes and Squires-yes  
Motion Carried (6-0)

**Budget Comparison Report: Village Treasurer Kelly Thein**

- Treasurer Thein stated that she did not have much to report, however, she did question trustees if the current form of the report reviewed by trustees is really beneficial, if it is really what they want or need in a report. Copies of the report presented to trustees at the meeting takes a lot of time, a lot of paper, and contains some duplication. She noted that she would have to do a complete report for the office but could reduce the number of pages, using the most pertinent and needed information for trustee review. Mayor Clarke suggested she speak with the village attorney before changing the current form of the report for trustee review.

**Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitson**

- Seventy-four red letters were sent out on the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month.

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

- No report, but Mayor Clarke noted he met with Joe Greene of Greene and Bradford, Inc. about the Jim Wilson/Dollar General problem, stating that run-off should not impact the Wilson Building. Trustee Burnley also noted that mowing should not be a problem either as there is plenty of room to use a mower.

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

- Sewers – Trustees discussed hiring of summer help, determining that the village could financially hire up to three summer employees. Kelly Thein to post in local paper.
- Gary Eby got bids for lift station refurbishment. He received a \$9000 bid for brand new stainless steel control panel, however he would like to budget at least \$12,000 to complete the project.
- Parks – Mayor Clarke suggested a Fall Festival as another fundraiser for the annual fireworks display.

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

- Still working on unsightly and or dangerous building/s concerns.

**Unfinished Business/Correspondence**

- None

**New Business**

- None

**Mayor's Report/Comments**

- Mayor Clarke recognized Marilyn Fitzpatrick who stopped by following the Food Pantry Board meeting. She requested to include the Village of Pawnee in the March Community Month. In addition, she stated that the Pawnee Area Food Pantry appreciates all that the village does for the facility and program. This month the pantry served 101 people and gave out 53 Easter baskets to area children.

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to adjourn the meeting

Second by Trustee Thompson

Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-6, Nays-0

Motion Carried (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2016. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, April 11, 2016, 7 p.m. at the Pawnee Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia S. Kramer  
Deputy Clerk