

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of October 26, 2015**

**Call to Order:**

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

**Roll Call:**

- Village Clerk, Devona Martin, called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Garry Whitson, Phillip Thompson, Cara Burnley, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner, Troy Squires
- Trustees absent: none
- Also in attendance: Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Stan Travelstead, Gary Eby, Doug Syes, Gary White

**Visitor's Recognition/Comments:**

- Doug Syes appeared before the Board. He suggested making the lot at 8<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson a playground instead of selling the lot. This side of town does not have any playgrounds and he thought it would be a great spot. He also thought it would be a nice improvement for this side of town. Trustee Thompson advised that the big playground at North Park was about \$25,000. The Board further discussed the need for a fence and a bathroom. Trustee Thompson will check into it.
- Stan Travelstead appeared before the Board to review the employee health insurance benefits. Our current plan is increasing 22.51% or \$43,680/year. President Clarke reminded the Board that all changes in healthcare coverage have to be negotiated with the Union and that the Union contract is not up for renewal until May 2016. President Clarke further advised that Attorney Myers' recommendation was to renew the current healthcare plan and then contact the Union in February to begin negotiations. Stan Travelstead advised that most employers want to have a good benefits plan. Most employers cover the full cost of the employee's healthcare but that the majority of cost of the dependents falls on the employee to pay. Currently, the Village pays 100% of employee and 80% for the family. Stan will put together a spreadsheet with 50%, 60%, 70%, 80% family coverage for review.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Thompson to renew the current plan to be re-evaluated in 4 months in order to look at the process from there.

Second made by Trustee Whitson

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

Motion Carried: (6-0)

**Clerk's Report:**

- Minutes of October 12, 2015 were presented for review and approval.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve minutes of October 12, 2015 as presented  
Second made by Trustee Murphy  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-present, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-present  
Motion Carried: (6-0)

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

- Trustee Skinner advised the Board that the bills payable for the week ending October 11, 2015 totaled \$122,790.01. This amount was approved to pay at the last meeting.
- Trustee Skinner advised the Board that the bills payable for the week ending October 26, 2015 totaled \$34,880.60  
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve bills payable for the week ending October 26, 2015 in the amount of \$34,880.60  
 Second made by Trustee Thompson  
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
 Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Treasurer Thein presented her Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending September 30, 2015. The Board briefly discussed the Village Hall repairs. Treasurer Thein suggested finishing all the repairs next year. Consensus was to finish all the repairs as soon as possible. Treasurer Thein advised that we are approaching our budget maximum on the engineering fees on the lift stations.  
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve Treasurer Thein's Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending September 30, 2015  
 Second made by Trustee Burnley  
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
 Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Treasurer Thein advised the Board that the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund is offering an optional long-term care insurance program. It would be a cost to the employee and not the Village. However, the Village has to Opt In in order to the employees to participate. Consensus was for us to Opt In.

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

- Trustee Whitson advised the Board that there has been no change in gas rates.
- Trustee Whitson advised the Board that on October 20, 2015 83 red letters were sent out.
- Trustee Whitson advised the Board that we started with 32 meters still in basements. Andy Lee has moved 6. The goal is to move 9 more in the next couple weeks. The remaining will be moved next year.
- Trustee Whitson advised the Board that the water tower is looking much better. They started Friday and finished today. He was told that the top coat that prevents mildew should be good for 3 to 4 years. Trustee Whitson suggested that we start planning for the recoat every 3 to 4 years.

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

- Trustee Squires advised the Board that Jeff Schober has been hauling dirt to the lift station and he has fixed some of the roads.

**Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, President Clarke**

- none

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

- Gary Eby advised the Board that the cost of the 104 lift station is going to be \$286,000 and that this is the cheapest bid.
- President Clarke advised the Board that to fill the pond, Joe Greene estimated \$78,000 in dirt. Gary Eby took it upon himself to find it cheaper. We bought \$1500 in dirt from an

individual and then the remaining was donated by Sangamon County with Cotton Hill Township and Pawnee Townships donating the use of their trucks.

- President Clarke would like to say "Thank You" to Cotton Hill Township and Pawnee Township.

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

- No report

**Unfinished Business:**

- Railroad update. President Clarke read a letter from Attorney Myers. The Village and the Railroad have agreed on 50/50. The Railroad will complete the repairs to avoid prevailing wages. We'll have to have an easement from Mike Cateau.

**New Business:**

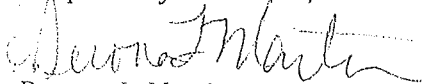
- November 20 will be Santa on the Square.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

- **Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to adjourn meeting.  
Second made by Trustee Thompson  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
Motion Carried: (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm on Monday, October 26, 2015. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, November 9, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,



Devona L. Martin  
Village Clerk