

Village of Pawnee
Board of Trustees
Minutes of September 28, 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: Village Treasurer Kelly Thein, Chief of Police Jan Bowsher, Village Street Department Supervisor Jeff Schober, Sangamon County Board member Jeff Thomas

Recognition/Comment/s of Visitor/s

- Jeff Thomas, Sangamon County Board and a former Village of Pawnee Trustee. Thomas gave a brief report, noting that the board is doing well fiscally, however, it is dipping into reserve funds as the state owes the county a lot of money due to the state budget stalemate. As a newly appointed member, he is currently serving on four committees; Employee Services, Building and Grounds, Road and Bridge and OEM/911. During closing comments he stated he enjoys serving on the board, and like his predecessor, he will do anything that he can to be of service or help to the community.

Clerk's Comments

- Minutes of the September 14, 2015 board meeting were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Burnley to approve the September 14, 2015 minutes as presented.
Second by Trustee Squires
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 \$75,633.19
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 Squires
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes and Squires-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)
- Treasurer Thein noted that the village is four months into the new fiscal year and is doing well. The village received the money from Ameren (\$11,600) and it has been moved to the Special Account. The funds have been earmarked for the purchase of a new village event/message sign. In addition, she stated that all building repairs are finished but that they are still waiting on the painters to complete the work.

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitson

- Seventy-six red letters went out for the month, resulting in four shut-offs. Employees Andy Lee, Jeff Schober, Robert Boarman and Travis Simpson are all licensed/certified.
- Mayor Clarke noted that the term for the village's Water Commissioner will soon expire. As such, he recommended that Freddee Whitson be reappointed to serve on the Otter Lake Water Commission.
Motion made by Trustee Murphy to reappoint Freddee Whitson to serve on the Otter Lake Water Commission.
Second by Trustee Skinner

Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-abstained, Burnley-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes and Squires-yes
Motion Carried (4-0)

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

- Jeff Schober, Streets Department Supervisor, reported that patching of streets and cleaning of tile continues. The department will sweep excess rock from oiled and chipped streets next week.
- Ordinance 15-15, an ordinance pertaining to the closing of 5th Street for a period of time to allow the railroad to upgrade the crossing
Motion made by Trustee Burnley to approve Ordinance 15-15.
Second by Trustee Murphy
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Burnley-yes. Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes and Squires-yes
Motion Carried (5-0)

Sewer and Parks Committee Reports: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Sewers – Bids for the 104 Lift Station Project are due in October.
- Parks - No report

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley

- No report

Unfinished Business/Correspondence

- None

New Business

- None

Mayor's Report/Comments

- None

Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Trustee Skinner to adjourn the meeting
Second by Trustee Squires
Voice Vote Taken: Ayes-5, Nays-0
Motion Carried (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2015. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, October 12, 2015, 7 p.m. at the Pawnee Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted



Cynthia S. Kramer
Deputy Clerk