

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of June 10, 2019**

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

- Village Clerk, Devona Martin, called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Todd Richeson, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner, Troy Squires
- Trustees absent: Phillip Thompson, Cara Burnley
- Also in attendance: Attorney Don Cravens, Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Chief Jan Bowsher, Reese Langheim, Chad Leskovisek, Sharan Leskovisek, Rebecca Kunken, John , Ruth Bernardi, Penny Dunahee, Eric Murray, Kim Jackson, Chris Pearson, Tom Tindell

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- Reese Langheim appeared before the Board. Attorney Cravens advised Reese Langheim handed him a letter dated April 8 and another letter dated June 10 both from the Sangamon County Health Dept. They have been out twice and in both reports, she finds no violations in EPA Regulation or Sangamon County ordinances. In one report, there were no violations observed and in the 2nd report, they found clean broken concrete without rebar but there were some small piles of dirt and rubber that he has already cleaned up. They advised the fill is concrete and it is permissible fill. There was a problem with mowing and not sure if it was rectified. Attorney Cravens advised that from the Village perspective, so long as it is just concrete as permitted by EPA and mowed, there is no action the Village would take because it would be a civil matter between the neighbors and Mr. Langheim. Kim Jackson advised the Board there is standing water and mosquitoes are terrible. She would like to know if there is something we can do about the mosquitoes. Attorney Cravens indicated that health department did mention standing water and to use a larvicide. Mr. Langheim advised he has been holding off, waiting on this. He also advised it was always a water problem and he felt like he was doing the right thing by filling it in. He has photos of it prior to him filling it. He really thought he was helping by filling it in. He further advised the EPA and Sangamon County Health Dept come out twice per year. He advised he is here to solve a problem. He really does want to solve the problem. President Clarke asked if Mr. Langheim can spray. Mr. Langheim indicated the health dept advised him the Village should have tablets or something to spray. Trustee Squires advised we don't have the license to spray. It is regulated by quantities. Attorney Cravens will call the health dept to find out. Eric Murray asked about the wildlife issues and what are the long-term plans are for the space. Mr. Langheim advised that they had a plan at one time to build a park but that has taken a backseat to his issue. Rebecca Kunken advised when they bought their property in 2010, it did not look like that and now it is an eye sore. Ruth Bernardi advised she has a problem with the wild animals. She has snakes and foxes, etc. Mr. Langheim advised that he can't keep it going if he keeps getting stopped on the fill in. Rebecca wants to know how long it is going to take to fill it in. He believes it would have been filled already. Rebecca believes it is depreciating the value of her home. Chris Pearson asked where the drainage water is going to go once it gets filled in. Mr. Langheim advised he does not have a plan. Trustee Skinner advised that side of town has the old field tiles. Attorney Cravens advised we need a time table on when it will be filled in and we need to locate the storm sewer. Trustee Murphy

advised he is not sure if there is a storm drain there. He also advised we would be trying to drain up hill. Trustee Skinner suggested leveling it out and mowing and then see where we are. Mr. Langheim suggested a retention pond. Chris Pearson thinks it's already a retention pond. He wants to know where the water is going to go if we fill it in. He would like everyone to meet over there and decide. President Clarke said he is not opposed to that. Trustee Murphy advised that if this was our property, we would contact our engineer to see what our options are. Mr. Langheim said he would not have a problem with an engineer evaluating it. Consensus was that we would locate all the storm sewers in the area and provide their locations within 7 days to Mr. Langheim. We will send the guys down with live traps. We will circle back July 8, the first meeting in July. Mr. Langheim with contact a 3rd party that everyone agrees with to evaluate the drainage issue.

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of May 28, 2019 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Murphy to approve minutes of May 28, 2019 as presented
Second made by Trustee Richeson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-present, Squires-yes, Clarke-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Skinner presented the bills payable for the week ending June 10, 2019 in the amount of \$162,327.19
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$162,327.19 for the week ending June 10, 2019
Second made by Trustee Squires
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Squires

- Trustee Squires advised the Board that Andy has been working on locating a leak on 13th and Rutledge.

Streets, Alley and Sidewalk Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Murphy

- Trustee Murphy advised Ameren has reached out to him. They have another project outside of town and would like to take their equipment through town on Rt 104, right at Mike Cateau's, right on Washington and then south on 1st Street and out Black Diamond. The project will run 4-6 months. We were going to repair 1st Street with our motor fuel but if we repair it now, it will just be damaged by Ameren. Consensus was to delay that project and then Ameren will repair the road when they are completed. This will save us up to \$30,000.
- President Clarke advised we received a complaint about standing water by the school. The school is doing a drainage project this year. They are going by Judy Purdon Park. Our problem is on the north side of the football field. President Clarke advised the state passed a capital bill and will we be getting something from this. Do we want to pinpoint the money for storm sewers? He advised that before we receive any grant money, we have to designate it. Consensus was any grant money we would tell them storm sewers, water mains and related infrastructure.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- Chief Jan Bowsher has no report. She did advise the Board that Prairie Days went well. She also advised the hummer was not running so she hired someone to fix it. It is running great. This is the first monies we've had to put into it.
- President Clarke thanked Chief Bowsher and the police department for all their work.
- Chief Bowsher advised they are ready for Bike Night Friday night. Discuss road closures. Douglas and 6th will be closed.

Sewer and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- President Clarke thanked Steve and Tim for raking the entire park following Prairie Days.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley

- Discussed a zoning issue regarding a fence. Tim Hemberger called from REA and he advised he is going to try to make the hearing. You can put the fence up, but they will rip it out if needed to access.

Bargaining: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- No Report

Energy: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley

- No Report

Infrastructure: Committee Chair, Trustee Richeson

- No Report

Unfinished Business:

- none

New Business:

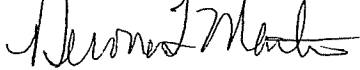
- Ordinance 19-10 – An Ordinance Establishing a Prevailing Wage for the Village of Pawnee, Illinois
Motion made by Trustee Murphy to approve Ordinance 19-10 – An Ordinance Establishing a Prevailing Wage for the Village of Pawnee, Illinois
 Second made by Trustee Richeson
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
 Motion Carried: (4-0)
- Ordinance 19-11 – An Ordinance Establishing a Budget for 2019 Fiscal Year
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the Budget for 2019 fiscal year with the provision for \$800,000 for grant money potential
 Second made by Trustee Squires
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
 Motion Carried: (4-0)
- Treasurer Thein would like to proceed with ordering the new computers that are in the budget. Consensus was to proceed.

Motion to Adjourn:

- **Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to adjourn meeting.
 Second made by Trustee Murphy
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
 Motion Carried: (4-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm on Monday, June 10, 2019. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, June 24, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,



Devona L. Martin
Village Clerk