

# **Agenda**

## **Village of Pawnee Board of Trustees Meeting**

### **Pawnee Village Hall**

**August 29, 2022**

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Visitor's Recognition/Comments
5. Clerk's Report
  - Presentation of previous meetings minutes, August 8, 2022
6. Personnel and Finance: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner
  - Bills Payable
  - Treasurer Haney's Monthly Budget Comparison Report
7. Gas and Water: Committee Chair, Trustee Squires
8. Streets, Alleys & Sidewalks: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitlow
9. Police: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner
10. Sewer and Parks: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson
11. Zoning: Committee Chair, Trustee Murphy
12. Bargaining: Committee Chair, President Clarke
13. Energy: Committee Chair, President Clarke
14. Infrastructure: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitlow
15. New Business
  - Annexation: PT SW1/4 NW1/4 LYING S OF ILL RT 104 & N OF C&IM RR 8-13-4 (104 Store)
  - MCC Communications Fiber Optic – Brock Read, Construction Manager
16. Old Business
17. Mayor's Comments
18. Adjournment

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of August 29, 2022**

**Call to Order:**

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

**Roll Call:**

- Village Clerk, Devona Martin called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Brian Whitlow, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner, Troy Squires
- Trustees Absent: Phillip Thompson, Steve Gudgel
- Also in attendance: Attorney Don Cravens, Treasurer Kelly Haney, Brent Wise, Chief Barclay Harris, Steve Haney, David Aumiller, Kathy Aumiller, Lawrence Aumiller, Jerry Atwood, Gloria Egnew, Cheryl Cunningham, Susan Luke, Mike Craft, Jessica Atwood, Bill Stufflebeam, Tim Kratchovil with Pawnee Schools, Attorney Pam Hart, Jessica Leach, Sara, Josh Leach, Dominic Campo, Shon O'Doyle, Jason Yokum,

**Visitor's Recognition/Comments:**

- David Aumiller and family appeared before the Board. The property at 8<sup>th</sup> Street installed an electric fence by a road easement. The road is actually called Arthur Street. The easement was 25ft. Attorney Cravens advised he asked the Recorder's Office to search and they found no easements. David Lee is the other party owner. They showed Attorney Cravens the original abstract from 1902. Mr. Aumiller has been there since 1968 and he knows exactly where his pins are. He also stated the neighbor installed a swingset that is way out in Arthur Street. They provided Attorney Cravens with some additional paperwork and he will go to the Recorder's Office again. Mrs. Aumiller has the old plat map that shows it. Lawrence Aumiller said Lees property is all on the plat map. The Aumiller's address is 208 south 8<sup>th</sup> Street. David Lee's property address is 211 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Aumiller advised Mr. Lee threatened him and told him to get off his property and stop mowing his yard. Mr. Aumiller stated he went back into his house and call the police. Dominic Campo stated Mr. Lee would have been provided the GIS map at the time of purchase.
- Superintendent Tim Kratchovil appeared before the Board. He stated the school has been discussing security. He has spoken with Chief Harris about increasing the school security. The school board would like to increase school security. In the past, we split the cost of a school resource officer with the Village picking up the majority of the cost. The school would like to continue that partnership and are willing to pick up more of that cost. He wanted the Village to know, they don't have any expectations that the majority of the financial burden will fall on the Village. He would like to discuss this further to try to work out an arrangement to get a school resource officer. He stated a new security system was recently approved and is hopeful it will be installed before the end of year. Trustee Skinner asked if the school could advertise for a resource officer. He advised he could definitely do that. Officer Harris thinks we should supply the resource officer because they would get called down there anyway. Chief Harris is the only licensed resource officer we currently have. Brent Wise ran some numbers. For be 9mos/3mos, the cost for the 9 months the school would need them would be between \$54,000 - \$88,000. He provided a copy to Superintendent Tim and he will take it to the school board. Lastly, he wanted the Board to know they are currently in discussions regarding building a new school or renovations. A new school would require a tax referendum. They are looking at cost for

renovations versus a new building. Currently, a new building would be anywhere from \$40-\$45 million.

- Residents of the trailer park appeared before the Board. Resident Susan Luke mostly spoke on their behalf with other residents speaking as well. They are concerned with how loud this is going to be. Mr. Atwood stated that he can hear them hammering and working and he is concerned how loud it is going to be with music. They wanted to know how late live music would go. President Clarke advised outside entertainment in a beer garden ends at 10pm per Village Ordinance. He wanted to know who they call if it gets too loud. President Clarke advised he would call the police department. They wanted to know the next steps for the bar and Attorney Cravens provided them with Josh Leach and Jessica Leach's next steps. Susan Luke advised she would like a copy of the plans. She was questioning how the Village could approve plans when, at the time, they weren't in the Village limits. Attorney Cravens explained what transpired regarding the location being in the county and not the Village. Attorney Pam Hart, attorney for Josh Leach and Jessica Leach advised there are also minutes online pertaining to the meetings. Attorney Cravens advised we will get the plans made available here at the Village Hall in the next couple of days and she can pick them up. President Clarke advised Jessica Leach went to the occupied trailers and sent a certified letter to people that own the trailer park before they even purchased the property. Josh Leach advised they made multiple phone calls to the owner and made multiple trips to the trailers to try to talk to people. The residents advised their concerns are with the noise and not its use. It is noisy and they are concerned that this is going to be a fully functioning bar right next to where they live. They liquor licenses that were applied for are the same that was held by the 104 Store. The residents stated the prior business was not operating as a fully functioning bar. It had only been a bar for 8yrs at the most. Prior to that, it was a hardware store. Josh Leach also advised there will be a full restaurant. They asked what percent of their sales will be for food. Their attorney, Pam Hart said it has to be at least 50%. The residents just want to make sure the Board takes into consideration the fact that there are families living within 100 ft from a live band stage and outdoor entertainment. Attorney Don Cravens advised we will get the plans and to check back here during the day. Jerry Atwood stated he is also concerned about poker runs and such. He also thinks bottles will go over the fence where his grandkids are playing in the yard. Josh Leach said he thinks there are things they can do. Now that he has this information, he can make some adjustments to that side to help the residents. It probably isn't going to be perfect, but he will try to do what he can. President Clarke also advised Josh Leach to be mindful of football games on Friday nights. Shon O'Doyle stated he lives across from Locals and he hears music sometimes. Josh Leach stated the stage will be pointed towards town and away from the residents. He also stated they could maybe get a taller fence, etc. Their attorney, Pam Hart stated there are fence restrictions so they will have to go to the Village. Bill Stufflebeam said they won't have a problem as long as he is at his word. They also wanted to know the hours of operation. Josh Leach advised the bar closes at 2am every day, however, they likely will not be open until 2am every day. Susan Luke presented a petition. The petition is to consider reduced hours of operation. They are asking for the liquor license hours to be changed to 9pm on weeknights and 12am on weekends. That is what they would like. When the Village is reviewing the petition, she would like them to consider this opening next to their own home. Josh Leach advised they would have a band once a month on a Saturday and poker runs are during daytime hours. Their attorney, Pam Hart stated she thinks that the Village would have to amend the liquor license. Josh Leach said everyone knows he and Jessica has done this before. They have never had an issue with noise. He is hoping with the renovations and bringing it up to today's standards, they won't have an issue noise. Susan Luke stated they are excited about their business; their concern is noise and late hours.

**Clerk's Report:**

- Minutes of August 8, 2022 were presented for review and approval  
**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to approve the minutes of August 8, 2022 as presented  
Second made by Trustee Skinner  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes,  
Motion Carried: (4-0)

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

- Trustee Skinner presented the bills payable for the week ending August 29, 2022 in the amount of \$100,791.77  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to accept the bills payable for the week ending August 29, 2022 in the amount of \$100,791.77  
Second made by Trustee Squires  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes,  
Motion Carried: (4-0)
- Brent Wise presented Treasurer Thein's Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending July 31, 2022. We are a quarter of the way through the year.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to accept Treasurer Haney's Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending July 31, 2022  
Second made by Trustee Squires  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes,  
Motion Carried: (4-0)

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

- Trustee Squires advised that for the month of August, there were 3 shut offs.
- Trustee Squires that starting in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September, they will go back to the Henkle Drive project and get the houses hooked up.
- Trustee Squires advised Andy is looking at trying put driveways back and Jeff is trying to haul gravel for the overlay project. We are down a dump truck. They do have a used dump truck in the budget.
- Trustee Squires advised that Fiberoptic is coming to town. They are going street by street and then boring under the road to the other side of the street. He wanted to know if we can put together an ordinance that they go between the properties in the back. If they go down the back, they can feed 2 streets from 1 line. He also heard that they are tying up 2-3 employees for 3-4 months. Attorney Cravens advised he recently reformatted the Auburn agreement to backload instead of boring under the road. They have also been drilling in resident's yards and they are putting boxes on about every property. Attorney Cravens will work on an ordinance to install in the back (where they can) and are not to be in Village easements. He'll also include not to exceed 30" deep. We will not get franchise off of them like we do Comcast.

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

- Trustee Whitlow advised the Board they have been digging cleanouts and preparing for the oil and chip. He also advised the oil and chip contract went to Lewis and Marsh. They are hoping to start the last week of September.

- Trustee Whitlow also advised we just got our one dump truck back and other needs repaired.

**Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner**

- Chief Barclay Harris advised Officer Emerson has started and should be on his own in a couple weeks.

**Sewers and Parks: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson**

- Steve Haney advised they have done the yearly maintenance on the lift station pump on Henkle. The wear ring needs replaced on the housing and it is \$2798. The last one lasted 3 years. They are hoping to get another 3 years and then replace the pump. He stated it is 28yrs old and this is the only one that hasn't been replaced. A new pump is \$30,000-35,000.
- Steve Haney advised that the Ameren lift station has been getting flooded out because of the rain. It sits so low it allows rainwater to get into it. They are going to get a riser ring and new lid to try to eliminate some of the water. The cost will be \$4,400 and they are going to do it themselves.
- Discussed what kind of tree to plant at the square.

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

- Trustee Murphy advised he has an ordinance approving annexation of 204 and 210 Carroll Street. It was approved August 22 unanimously in the open public meeting. This is to annex the old 104 Store property into the Village with a B2 category.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to approve Ordinance 22-11 – An Ordinance Approving An Annexation (104 store property/204 and 210 Carroll Street, Pawnee, IL  
Second made by Trustee Skinner  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes  
Motion Carried: (4-0)
- Treasurer Haney brought up San Terra Trailer Park. She wanted to know if it was in the County or the Village limits. It is in the Village limits. She wanted the Board to be aware of the problems out there. There are several properties that we are mowing and then placing liens on the property. There is a property that the bank just paid off our \$3700 lien, however, we have started mowing it again and we'll start the lien process again. She doesn't know what we can do if anything. She just wanted the Board to be aware.

**Bargaining Committee: Committee Chair, President Clarke**

- No Report

**Energy: Committee Chair, President Clarke**

- No Report

**Infrastructure: Committee Chair, President Clarke**

- No Report

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- None

**Motion to Adjourn:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm on Monday, August 29, 2022. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, September 12, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Devona L. Martin  
Village Clerk