

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of February 10, 2014**

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, David Skinner, Mark Gleason
- Trustees absent: Steve Condon
- Also in attendance: Attorney John Myers, Attorney Esther Sites, Chief Jan Bowsher, Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post and Andy Lee

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- none

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of January 27, 2014 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Thompson to approve minutes of January 27, 2014 as presented.
Second made by Trustee Skinner
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-present
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Skinner advised the Board that the bills payable for the week ending January 27, 2014 totaled \$175,051.92
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve bills payable for the week ending January 27, 2014 in the amount of \$175,051.92
Second made by Trustee Whitson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitson

- Andy Lee requested to purchase a chain for their saw in order to cut pipes as well as a water tank. The total cost is under \$800 for the saw and water tank.
Motion made by Trustee Whitson to purchase a chain and water tank not to exceed \$800.
Second made by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes,
Motion Carried: (5-0)
- Trustee Whitson advised the Board that there were 9 shut offs for the month of January and 8 are back on.
- Trustee Whitson advised the Board that gas rates are going to \$1.033/therm the 1st of March which is up \$.033/therm.
- Trustee Whitson advised the Board that the EPA approved Bob Dill with Otter Lake Water Commission being our certified water person temporarily until Andy Lee is certified.

- Discussed gas rates and the need for sending a letter warning that rates are increasing. Due to extreme temperatures resulting in increased usage, Treasurer Thein encouraged level pay customers to make extra payments each month to keep from a large out of pocket expense at the end of April.

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

- President Clarke advised that we received notification of 3 damaged mailboxes. Each box was damaged by the flying snow and not the truck. Our policy has been that we do not replace mailboxes from flying snow.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gleason

- Trustee Gleason and Chief Bowsher discussed the combined area Task Force. They are hoping it is up and running by fall.
- Chief Bowsher presented her monthly police report
Motion made by Trustee Gleason to accept Chief Bowsher's monthly police report
 Second made by Trustee Thompson
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
 Motion Carried: (5-0)

Sewer and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- No report

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley

- No report

Unfinished Business:

- We received a thank you letter from the Lion's Club for our donation.

New Business:

- President Clarke advised the Board that we received our annual contract from Fleming, Tawfall as our auditor
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to renew our contract with Fleming, Tawfall as our annual auditor
 Second made by Trustee Gleason
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
 Motion Carried: (5-0)
- Ordinance 14-03 - An Ordinance Pertaining to Liquor Control and Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Pawnee
Motion made by Trustee Burnley to accept Ordinance 14-03 - An Ordinance Pertaining to Liquor Control and Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Pawnee
 Second made by Trustee Thompson
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
 Motion Carried: (5-0)
- President Clarke advised that he received a letter from Ameren that our franchise agreement is up in August. He was told that most people like to renew around the time of expiration. President Clarke advised that he also asked if they donate to municipalities for electronic signs. They are supposed to have someone call them back.

- President Clarke advised the Board that the heater blower went out on the ESDA car. They told Scott to replace the heater. Scott will hold off on tires as the car really needs to be rotated out.
- President Clarke advised that we have a court date set for April for the railroad. Attorney Meyers will go look at the railroads ancient documents. Depositions will be taken by President Clarke, Joe Greene's and he will take their engineer Mr. Tobias's deposition. Attorney Meyers commented on the thoroughness of the Village of Pawnee minutes and ordinances for that time frame. Joe Greene's opinion is that over the years since its installation in 1904, the vibration of the train has damaged the pipe. Attorney Meyers briefly discussed the history of the railroad as he has discovered by recent documents and minutes.
- Chief Bowsher recommends hiring Joe Gray and Josh Hayes as part-time police officers. Josh Hayes will attend the academy and we will be reimbursed. They have decided to make of list of those that interviewed for future hires. She advised that the next person on the list is Matt Birk.

Motion made by Trustee Gleason to hire 2 part-time officers Joe Gray and Josh Hayes

Second made by Trustee Skinner

Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson=yes, Thompson=yes, Burnley=yes, Skinner=yes, Gleason=yes

Motion Carried: (5-0)

Motion to Adjourn:

- **Motion** made by Trustee Gleason to adjourn meeting.
Second made by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson=yes, Thompson=yes, Burnley=yes, Skinner=yes, Gleason=yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm on Monday, February 10, 2014. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, February 24, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Devona L. Martin
Village Clerk