

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of February 24, 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, Steve Condon, David Skinner, Mark Gleason
- Trustees absent: none
- Also in attendance: Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Gary Eby, Chief Jan Bowsher, Scott Day

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- none

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of February 10, 2014 were presented for review and approval.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve minutes of February 10, 2014 as presented.
Second made by Trustee Whitson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-present, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
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 February 24, 2014 totaled \$48,045.45
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve bills payable for the week ending February 24, 2014 in the amount of \$48,045.45
Second made by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)
- **Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve 6" diesel pump that we purchased this past week not to exceed \$11,000.00.
Second made by Trustee Gleason
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Treasurer Thein presented her Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the month ending January 31, 2014.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to Treasurer Thein's Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the month ending January 31, 2014
Second made by Trustee Condon
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Thompson-yes, Burnley-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)

- Treasurer Thein advised the Board that we have been approved for the Illinois Pay for online payments. She was told it will probably be mid-March before we have all the equipment.
- Treasurer Thein advised the Board that we are starting to see some recoveries through the Illinois Department of Recovery program that we signed up for. Through this program, we are able to collect on anything not in bankruptcy and there are no fees associated with the collection so we received 100% of all monies collected. She advised the Board that we are receiving more than we have ever received from a debt collector. We were one of the only area municipalities that made the deadline for this year. We made the deadline thanks to Michelle Featherstone and all of her work.

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitson

- Trustee Whitson advised the Board that Andy Lee passed his certification for Class D Water Operator. Thank you to Bob Dill and Otter Lake for their assistance during this transition period.
- Trustee Whitson advised the Board that 78 red letters were mailed on the February 19, 2014.
- Trustee Whitson advised the Board that gas rates are still at \$1.033 per therm.

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

- No report

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gleason

- Chief Bowsher is requesting to purchase a Starcom radio. The cost is \$3,186.94. This was a budgeted line entry.

Motion made by Trustee Gleason to approve Chief Bowsher to purchase a Starcom radio.

Second made by Trustee Thompson

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

Motion Carried: (6-0)

Sewer and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Trustee Thompson requested Gary Eby obtain a price on a two-sided digital sign for a grant that he is putting together.
- President Clarke advised that our fireworks fundraiser is scheduled for April 26, 2014. Last year, the cost of the fireworks was \$6,500.00. Consensus was to stay at \$6,500.00.
- Discussed the awnings on the Village Hall and Library. Gary Eby stated that he is still awaiting a price on replacement of these awnings.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley

- No report

Unfinished Business:

- President Clarke is attending a meeting on animal control this Thursday.

New Business:

- ESDA Director Scott Day appeared before the Board to discuss our tornado sirens. He was set up on 13th Street last Thursday with his windows down and he could not hear the tornado sirens going off. He would like to see us either move a siren west or purchase a new siren for 13th Street. His suggestion was moving the siren from the school. He was not sure of the cost of relocation. A new siren would cost in upwards of \$10,000. Trustee Condon suggested waiting until the end of the fiscal year and budget a new siren instead of moving the siren from the school. Trustee Burnley voiced her concern over waiting if this is a safety issue. Treasurer Thein advised that it has to be budgeted, however, the restricted fund might be an option. President Clarke will discuss with Attorney Meyers regarding the restricted fund and Scott Day will check with Ameren to see if they offer any grants. It was noted that the school siren also needs updated.
- Discussed filling our full-time part-time position. With the recent changes, this position is currently vacant. Trustee Gleason discussed his concerns over the increased overtime we having and that funds will not be available. He does not want to see us back in the situation we were in previously. Trustee Burnley is unsure why we are waiting to fill a vacancy in a position we approved last fall. Tabled to the next scheduled Board meeting.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm on Monday, February 24, 2014. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, March 10, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Devona L. Martin
Village Clerk
