

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of July 14, 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, Steve Condon, David Skinner, Mark Gleason
- Trustees absent: Phil Thompson, Cara Burnley
- Also in attendance: Attorney John Meyers, Treasurer Kelly Thein, Jeff Schober, Rick Lavin with Ameren, Chief Jan Bowsher

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- Rick Lavin with Ameren appeared before the Board. Our existing franchise agreement with Ameren is coming to an end. There is now a standard agreement across municipalities. The new agreements are based on population. Our current agreement 50 years old. All new agreements are for 20 years. Under the new agreement, payment per year will be \$11,600 due within 30 days after signing. Thereafter, payment will be due within 30 days after the anniversary date. If we feel our customer count increases or decreases by 3% within 5 years of agreement being signed, we can request they can do a count and adjust. This agreement allows Ameren to use city facilities. We will need 2 signed copies; they will sign and return our copy. Our current agreement is approx \$1300/year from 1968 – present. This agreement will need to be passed at the first meeting in August.

Clerk's Report:

- **Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve minutes of June 23, 2014 as presented
Second made by Trustee Gleason
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Skinner advised the Board that the bills payable for the week ending July 14, 2014 totaled \$163,062.07
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve bills payable for the week ending July 14, 2014 in the amount of \$163,062.07
Second made by Trustee Condon
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)
- Treasurer Thein presented her Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the month ending May 31, 2014.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to accept Treasurer Thein's Monthly Budget Comparison Report for May 31, 2014
Second made by Trustee Condon
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitson

- Trustee Whitson advised that last month there were 12 shut offs. They have all been turned back on.
- Trustee Whitson advised that rates are down to \$1/therm effective August 1st.
- Trustee Whitson advised that Andy Lee is requesting to order radio heads for the meters. He would like to order 225 gas heads at \$60 each; 250 water heads at \$135 each; and 250 water meter bases at \$35 each. The total is \$56,000.
- **Motion** made by Trustee Whitson to purchase 225 gas heads at \$60 each; 250 water heads at \$135 each; and 250 water meter bases at \$35 each for a total of \$56,000.
Second made by Trustee Condon
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)
- Trustee Gleason advised that he has some neighbors that wanted to thank Andy Lee for the work he recently did near their home.

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

- No report

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Gleason

- No report

Sewer and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- All agreed that the fireworks were great. Everyone has received nothing but positive feedback from residents and nonresidents.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Burnley

- No report

Unfinished Business:

- none

New Business:

- Resolution 14-03 Adopting a Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. Area municipalities pay a fee to enter into the plan and if a disaster hits, we help each other out.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner accept Resolution 14-03 – Adopting a Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan
Second made by Trustee Gleason
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitson-yes, Condon-yes, Skinner-yes, Gleason-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)
- President Clarke advised that we received a letter from the Illinois Municipal League thanking us for our business. Currently, we do not have any business with IML.
- President Clarke received a letter from Greene & Bradford regarding the lift station across from the 104 Store. The cost to design the lift station is \$11,000 with additional charges if needed. Treasurer Thein advised that the lift station is on Lake II property. Attorney Meyers suggested that before Joe Greene designs anything, we check into it on the City of Springfield side first. Tabled to the next meeting.
- Trustee Gleason advised that he had Attorney Meyers draft an ordinance pertaining to comp time. The reason for the revision has to do with the fiscal year limitation. He suggested that

we pick a maximum number of hours to carry over each year. Treasurer Thein also advised that giving 7 days advance notice can be challenging. Consensus was that it should be at the discretion of the supervisor. Attorney Meyers advised that we are unable to have a "use it or lose it" clause. However, we want to get away from a payout of a large number of hours upon retirement or resignation. Trustee Gleason advised that the revision should specifically state that we will not buyout comp time upon termination. Attorney Meyers will check into this further. Trustee Gleason will work with Attorney Meyers to draft another copy. Treasurer Thein advised that the only real problem she saw with our current ordinance was the date. She requested that instead of April 30, we change it to a different date.

- President Clarke advised that we are down a siren at the school. It does not have a battery backup. Scott Day is working with Pickett to have it inspected.
- President Clarke advised that regarding the house at 8 Brenda Drive. The mortgage company put it on the auction block and it didn't hit the reserve. From here, the mortgage company will start over. The residents want it condemned so it can be brought down.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm on Monday, July 14, 2014. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, July 28, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Devona L. Martin
Village Clerk