

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of August 14, 2023**

**Call to Order:**

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

**Roll Call:**

- Village Clerk, Devona Martin called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Dale Walters, Phillip Thompson, Troy Grant, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner, Brian Whitlow
- Trustees Absent:
- Also in attendance: Attorney Don Cravens, Treasurer Brent Wise, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Chief Barclay Harris, Jeff Schober, Jay Smith with Locals

**Visitor's Recognition/Comments:**

- Jay Smith appeared before the Board. This Saturday is a SXS ride. He is expecting them to arrive around 3:30pm. They would like to block off the east side of the square and in front of the locals. They will be here for about 1 hour. Consensus was to allow.
- President Clarke advised he spoke with Greg Bandy. There is another ride on October 14, 2023. This will be a fundraiser for the angel tree. They will utilize the square. Consensus was to allow.

**Clerk's Report:**

- Minutes of July 24, 2023 were presented for review and approval  
**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to approve the minutes of July 24, 2023 as presented  
Second made by Trustee Skinner  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-present, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Whitlow-yes  
Motion Carried: (6-0)

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

- Trustee Skinner presented the bills payable for the week ending August 14, 2023 in the amount of \$150,518.35  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner presented the bills payable for the week ending August 24, 2023 in the amount of \$150,518.35.  
Second made by Trustee Murphy  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Whitlow-yes  
Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Trustee Skinner discussed the air conditioner at the police department. The heat and air system went out on one of the hottest days of the year. They checked around and was able to get it replaced by Sangchris Air. The cost was \$13,980.00 to replace the central air and furnace.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve the invoice from Sangchris Air in the amount of \$13,980.00 to replace the furnace and air conditioning system at the police department.  
Second made by Trustee Thompson  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Whitlow-yes

Motion Carried: (6-0)

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

- Trustee Whitlow advised there were 3 shut offs.
- Trustee Whitlow advised Petersburg is still working on Phase 1. CTI is now working south of the post office.

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

- Jeff Schober advised they have been working with CTI. The summer help did a great job and they are now completed.

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

- Chief Barclay Harris presented his monthly police report.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to approve Chief Barclay Harris's Monthly Police Report  
Second made by Trustee Skinner  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Whitlow-yes  
Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Chief Harris advised he had a meeting with Superintendent Kratochvil. They are going to close the alleys down and block the streets during the construction. Jeff Schober advised they will take care of that and advise Petersburg.
- Chief Harris advised he met with Axon. He was able to see what Axon's products are. They are the best for cameras. He has an estimate of \$70,315.70 for the body cams and storage. The cost of cameras in cars is \$58,968.00. This is a 5 year contract. After 2.5 years, they provide us with new cameras and docking stations. At the end of the 5 years, you will have newer equipment. The county has the same cameras. Eventually, the state will also have these cameras. Trustee Murphy advised the cost will be about \$2000/mo. We could just have the body cams, however, we would be missing a lot while the officers are in the car. Trustee Murphy believes we should move forward with purchasing the cameras. Trustee Walters believes we should move forward with the body cams. Trustee Skinner thinks we should ask for a loaner car cam to see how those work. Trustee Whitson thinks we should just move forward with the entire project. Trustee Skinner asked about a bundle discount. Chief Harris will ask.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to purchase the body cameras and car cameras to be bundled from Axon Enterprises with a 5 year contract not to exceed \$125,000.00  
Second made by Trustee Thompson  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Whitlow-yes  
Motion Carried: (6-0)

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

- Trustee Thompson advised they are working on the Ameren lift station. Mike Sharp is going to be making a hoist beam in the amount of \$1383
- Trustee Thompson advised Andy purchased a hand gun reader in the amount of \$816.

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

- Trustee Murphy presented Ordinance 23-14 – An Ordinance Rezoning Certain Property in the Village of Pawnee, Illinois. This is for 618 S 5<sup>th</sup> Street. It is to correct zoned property from B-1 to B-2.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to approve Ordinance 23-14 - An Ordinance Rezoning Certain Property in the Village of Pawnee, Illinois  
 Second made by Trustee Walters  
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Whitlow-yes  
 Motion Carried: (6-0)

**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:**

- Treasurer Wise advised he received a request from Petersburg Plumbing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> payment in the amount of \$182,836.53. We have \$263,000 in our reserve infrastructure. Trustee Walters advised they are buying in bulk and then storing here. Trustee Whitlow advised it is materials they are purchasing for our project.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to issue payment to Petersburg Plumbing for their 2<sup>nd</sup> installment in the amount of \$182,836.53.  
 Second made by Trustee Murphy  
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-present, Thompson-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Whitlow-yes  
 Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Treasurer Wise advised he has been researching ways to get ahold of residents when the power is out. He talked to other municipalities and Scott Day and this is what other municipalities are using and what is recommend. People would sign up for emails or text messages. It could be used for boil orders, power outages, etc. By opting in, it does give the company the right to GPS track you. Onsolve is the name of the company. It would also do weather alerts. The company does have the 911 list. They would allow us to send a 1 time text to everyone in the community to opt in.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy start emergency services with Onsolve not to exceed \$9,000  
 Second made by Trustee Walters  
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Whitlow-yes  
 Motion Carried: (6-0)
- President Clarke advised he had a conversation with Vistra. They own the power plant. They are scheduled to close in 2028. They have an ash pond. The EPA is requesting that they haul away all

of the ash out of the ash pond. They would like to close in place. They are looking for a letter to the EPA from the Village of Pawnee, Kincaid and Christian County to approve them to pour a membrane over it to enclose it as opposed to hauling it away. Without our letter, EPA wants them to haul the coal ash out of there. They would like to pour a membrane over it and then put solar panels on top of it. Hauling it away would take 327,000 truck loads for a total of 8.5years not to mention wear and tear on the roads. President Clarke discussed it with Kincaid and they are waiting to see what we are doing. Christian County is neutral. Consensus was to close in place.

**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to send a letter to the Illinois EPA in support of closure in place  
Second made by Trustee Murphy

Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Whitlow-yes

Motion Carried: (6-0)

**Motion to Adjourn:**

- **Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to adjourn

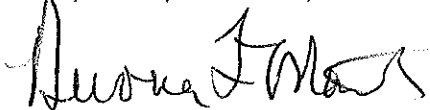
Second made by Trustee Walters

Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Whitlow-yes

Motion Carried: (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm on Monday, August 14, 2023. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, August 28, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,



Devona L. Martin

Village Clerk