

VILLAGE OF PAWNEE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of November 27, 2023

**Call to Order:**

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

**Roll Call:**

- Village Clerk, Devona Martin called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Dale Walters, Troy Grant, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner, Brian Whitlow
- Trustees Absent: Phillip Thompson
- Also in attendance: Chief Barclay Harris, Treasurer Brent Wise, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Andy Lee, Brandon and Nichol Goodall

**Visitor's Recognition/Comments:**

- Brandon and Nichol Goodall appeared before the Board. Andy Lee advised the Board the details surrounding getting them water. He advised we purchase our water from Otter Lake. When we get the water, it is at a set pressure. Otter Lake's lines are in bad shape and therefore, the pressure is lower. They are planning to replace the line in 2024. When the line does get replaced, the pressure will be bumped up. However, we will not be able to run at the increased pressure due to our infrastructure. He also advised we need to take care of our residents first before we can stretch outward. There are about 5 houses or subdivisions that are the same distance or closer. If we service them, we would have to service everyone and our system is just not designed to handle this. He further advised they are in another county. He believes this should be Tovey's decision as they are Tovey's customer. Nicole Goodall said she has found some grants, up to 75%. There are 3 very large grants the township could get access to because of them. Andy Lee stated that regardless, the Village infrastructure could not sustain it. If it was just them, maybe, but everyone else is going to ask and how do we say yes to one person and no to another. Andy Lee provided them with the name of someone from Tovey.

**Clerk's Report:**

- Minutes of November 13, 2023 were presented for review and approval  
**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to approve the minutes of November 13, 2023 as presented  
Second made by Trustee Skinner  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters=yes, Grant=yes, Murphy=yes, Skinner=yes, Whitlow=yes  
Motion Carried: (5-0)

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

- Trustee Skinner presented the bills payable in the amount of \$67,598.45 for the week ending November 27, 2023  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$67,598.45 for the week ending November 27, 2023  
Second made by Trustee Whitlow  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters=yes, Grant=yes, Murphy=yes, Skinner=yes, Whitlow=yes  
Motion Carried: (5-0)

- Treasurer Brent Wise presented the Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending October 31, 2023. He further advised we received the gas settlement of \$396,000. They will be working on how to disperse this that back to the residents.

**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve Treasurer Brent Wise's Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending October 31, 2023

Second made by Trustee Walters

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

- Trustee Skinner presented the Tax Levy for fiscal year May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024

**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve Ordinance 23-15 – An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Village of Pawnee, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 1023 and Ending April 30, 2024 with a minimum tax increase of 1%

Second made by Trustee Murphy

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

#### **Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitlow**

- Trustee Whitlow advised there were 72 red letters sent out and 4 shut offs.
- Andy Lee advised Petersburg is getting ready to start on Phase 2. They will be breaking ground Wednesday of this week at 10<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln. They believe they can complete the project in 3 months. Trustee Walters asked about getting the fire trucks out. Andy Lee advised there should be no issues with getting multiple trucks out at any given time.
- Discussed the 4<sup>th</sup> and Sherman storm drain issues and moving the gas main. Andy Lee stated it would be easy to move. His biggest concern would be moving it and then it's in the way for another project and has to be moved again. We are still waiting to hear back from our engineer in order to determine what action the Board will take.
- Andy Lee advised the Board every year he holds an Emergency Meeting. This year, it will be December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. It is the first responders meeting that the State requires him to have.

#### **Streets, Alley and Sidewalk Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Grant**

- Trustee Granted advised he talked to Jeff Schober and they are working on getting everything ready for the winter.

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

- No report

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

- Trustee Walters advised the Board that the San Terra lift station is completed. The lights at the Pavilion on the square has also been repaired.

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

- Trustee Murphy advised there is one new zoning item. The realtor on behalf of the owner has requested properties be separated. About 3-4yrs ago, they wanted lots 15,16,17,18 combined. Now they want to separate off 15 and 16 and leave 17/18 combined.

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

- No report

**Energy Committee Report: Committee Chair, President Clarke**

- No report

**Infrastructure Committee Report: Committee Chair, President Clarke**

- No report

**Unfinished Business:**

- Ordinance 23-16 – An Ordinance Amending Title 2, Chapter 4 Section 1-4 of the Village Code of Ordinances was presented. This will eliminate all solicitations except non-profit. It also updates the hours. There is 1 company that has paid the permit fee and will be grandfathered in until their year expires.

**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve Ordinance 23-16 – An Ordinance Amending Title 2, Chapter 4 Section 1-4 of the Village of Pawnee Code of Ordinances

Second made by Trustee Grant

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

**New Business:**

- none

**Motion to Adjourn:**

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

Second made by Trustee Walters

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm on Monday, November 27, 2023. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, December 11, 2023 at the Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Devona L Martin  
Village Clerk