

VILLAGE OF PAWNEE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of December 11, 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
- Absent: Phillip Thompson
- Also in attendance: Attorney Don Cravens, Treasurer Brent Wise, Chief Barclay Harris, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Gary Eby, Angela Verticchio with Carlinville CPA Group

**Visitor's Recognition/Comments:**

- Angela Verticchio with Carlinville CPA Group presented the annual audit report.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve the 2023 Annual Audit Report as presented by Angela Verticchio with Carlinville CPA Group  
Second made by Trustee Murphy  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Whitlow-yes  
Motion Carried: (5-0)

**Clerk's Report:**

- Minutes of November 27, 2023 were presented for review and approval  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve the minutes of November 27, 2023 as presented  
Second made by Trustee Walters  
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 for the week ending December 11, 2023 in the amount of \$109,434.29  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve the bills payable for the week ending December 11, 2023 in the amount of \$109,434.29  
Second made by Trustee Murphy  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Whitlow-yes  
Motion Carried: (5-0)
- **Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to authorize Treasurer Brent Wise to pay the bills for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of December with the amount to be read in at the next scheduled board meeting.  
Second made by Trustee Murphy  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Whitlow-yes  
Motion Carried: (5-0)
- Treasurer Brent Wise provided an update for the gas refund. He provided a graph showing what the Village absorbed and what was passed onto the customers. There is still a federal case pending. Some municipalities are holding the funds until that case is settled. There are renters and homeowners that have moved. Consensus was it would go back into the general fund. The back story, Panhandle Pipeline raised the transportation fee 400% in March of 2020. The Village

absorbed that increase until Jan 2021 and then we passed it along to the residents. The Village then joined with 8 other municipalities in a lawsuit against Panhandle. It was just announced that we won. We are returning the fund to the residents that paid in. The Village absorbed 26 months plus paid attorney fees. Residents will receive a credit that likely will not show up until February's bill.

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

- Trustee Whitlow advised they have been doing routine maintenance and getting ready for winter. Petersburg Plumbing is moving down Lincoln Street.
- Trustee Whitlow advised this Wednesday, the gas department is putting on a training at 6pm at the fire house. Everyone is invited.

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

- Trustee Grant advised the guys have been patching roads and working with Petersburg Plumbing on Lincoln Street.
- Trustee Grant advised the guys wanted to thank the Village for their Christmas bonus.

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

- Chief Barclay Harris presented the monthly police report  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve Chief Barclay Harris's Monthly Police Report  
Second made by Trustee Murphy  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Whitlow-yes  
Motion Carried: (5-0)

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

- Gary Eby advised everything is running as usual.

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

- Trustee Murphy advised he was requested by Sangamon Health Department to take some photos of the properties they are working on.
- Trustee Murphy discussed the property at San Terra and the request to separate properties. At the Attorney's recommendation, no action will be taken by the Board. It is recommended that the property owner work directly with the Supervisor of Assessments to see what they need to do to separate the properties. If they need something from the Board, they can call Attorney Cravens.

**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:**

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**New Business:**

- President Clarke thanked South County Publications for the Pawnee Post and the years of servicing our community. He gave a special shout out and thank you to Candy Kramer for her over 40yrs of service. President Clarke advised the Board he is interested in hiring Candy to publish news stories, write up, etc and post on our website. Consensus was the Board would discuss further in January.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

- **Motion** made by Trustee Murphy 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 7:31pm on Monday, December 11, 2023. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, January 8, 2024 at the Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Devona L Martin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Devona L Martin  
Village Clerk