

VILLAGE OF PAWNEE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of February 12, 2024

**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, Phillip Thompson, Patrick Murphy, Brian Whitlow
- Absent: Troy Grant, David Skinner
- Also in attendance: Attorney Cravens, Treasurer Brent Wise, Chief Barclay Harris, Steve Haney, Robert Fair with Habitat for Humanity, Lawrence Aumiller, Elizabeth Aumiller, Jay Smith with Locals

**Visitor's Recognition/Comments:**

- Jay Smith with Locals appeared before the Board. He would like to get their liquor license until 3am this Saturday. It is their anniversary and they are having Lick Creek. Consensus was to allow. Chief Harris will also notify the other bar owners.
- Lawrence Aumiller appeared before the Board. They are again having problems with the road behind their house on 208 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street. This is on Arthur Street. There is a tree the neighbor took down and some of the debris is in the road. Chief Harris will go talk to them. He also asked if he could get the Village to rock this road. This is a road not an alley. Jeff Schober will reach out to him to discuss. He is not sure the length but the width is 25' wide.
- Robert with Habitat for Humanity appeared before the Board. He advised they were approved in October for a larger item pickup program. The program used to be confined to Springfield only. They were now approved for Sangamon County. They are traveling to the area municipalities to make sure they are aware. People can utilize their website or call them for pickup.

**Clerk's Report:**

- Minutes of January 8, 2024 were presented for review and approval  
**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to approve the minutes of January 8, 2024 as presented  
Second made by Trustee Walters  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Murphy-yes, Whitlow-yes  
Motion Carried: (4-0)

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

- The last meeting was cancelled due to weather and the bills were approved via email. Trustee Walters read in the bills payable for January 9 – January 22 in the amount of \$110,189.55.
- Trustee Walters presented the bills payable for the week ending February 12, 2024 in the amount of \$186,962.38  
**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$186,962.38 for the week ending October 23, 2023  
Second made by Trustee Thompson  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Murphy-yes, Whitlow-yes  
Motion Carried: (4-0)

- Treasurer Brent Wise presented the Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending December 31, 2023  
**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to approve Treasurer Brent Wise’s Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending December 31, 2023  
 Second made by Trustee Thompson  
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Murphy-yes, Whitlow-yes  
 Motion Carried: (4-0)
- Treasurer Brent Wise advised that all the rebates were processed at this last billing. The \$11 will fall off next billing. President Clarke thanked all the office staff for their hard work getting that taken care of.

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

- Trustee Whitlow advised that last month 46 red letters were sent out with 1 shut off.
- Trustee Whitlow advised they have a couple projects they are working on. The hydrants were removed on Grooms Street leaving that area lacking in fire protection. He has a materials estimate of \$11,059.15. One of the hydrants they removed was from 1970. The other they have been using for parts. The hydrants will go back at 1 2<sup>th</sup> and Carroll St. and 11<sup>th</sup> and Grooms St;  
**Motion** made by Trustee Whitlow to approve an amount not to exceed \$12,000 for purchase of replacement parts and hydrants.  
 Second made by Trustee Walters  
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Murphy-yes, Whitlow-yes  
 Motion Carried: (4-0)
- Trustee Whitlow advised they need to replace the gas main down Lincoln Street between 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets and around Henkle Drive. They have estimated 1000ft of gas main at a material cost of approximately \$18,000 plus \$4,000 to have it bored.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Whitlow to approve this gas main project not exceed \$25,000  
 Second made by Trustee Thompson  
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Murphy-yes, Whitlow-yes  
 Motion Carried: (4-0)

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

- President Clarke advised Brent Wise is getting calls regarding the Roth property. They both own the property but she lives in the house and he lives in the garage. He has a vehicle that he moves back and forth. It is not legally licensed. She wants a no parking sign because she is in a wheelchair and his vehicle is in the way. Consensus was to ask him to move it and advised him it is not legal as the tags are expired. Trustee Murphy suggested if he doesn’t move it, to ask her where she would like a handicapped parking spot and label it that way as opposed to a no parking sign. Consensus was to proceed with the handicapped parking spot. Chief Harris will ask him to move the vehicle and we will revisit this at the next meeting.
- Treasurer Brent Wise advised he received a call from a resident on the 500 block of Washington. There are several kids in the area and they would like a “Slow – Children at Play” sign. Consensus was to obtain and install the sign.

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

- Chief Barclay Harris presented the monthly police report  
**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to approve Chief Barclay Harris’s Monthly Police Report

Second made by Trustee Thompson

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

Motion Carried: (4-0)

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

- No report

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

- No report

**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:**

- none

**New Business:**

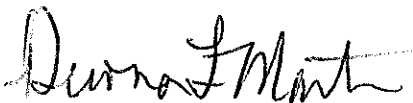
- President Clarke advised he, Steve Haney, Andy Lee and Travis Simpson met with power plant people a few weeks ago. It was a good meeting.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

- **Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to adjourn  
Second made by Trustee Walters  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Murphy-yes, Whitlow-yes  
Motion Carried: (4-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm on Monday, February 12, 2024. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, February 26, 2024 at the Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Devona L Martin  
Village Clerk