

VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of August 11, 2025

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, Erika Guess
- Trustees Absent: Phillip Thompson
- Also in attendance: Attorney Don Craven, Treasurer Brent Wise, Chief Barclay Harris, Andy Lee, ESDA Bill Beaty

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- ESDA Bill Beaty appeared before the board. He advised the portable radios that were ordered are in. He further advised that they are coming Friday to move the base station for the radios from the police dept to the fire dept. He would like to test the sirens on Friday, Aug 15th. President Clarke advised he should call the school and PAG and advise. Village Administrator Brent Wise will also put on the website and sent out a message.

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of July 28, 2025 were presented for review and approval
Motion made by Trustee Murphy to approve the minutes of July 28, 2025 as presented
Second made by Trustee Skinner
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Skinner presented the bills payable for the week ending August 11, 2025 in the amount of \$130,941.76
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the bills payable for the week ending August 11, 2025 in the amount of \$130,941.76
Second made by Trustee Murphy
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Walters

- No report.

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

- Trustee Walters advised the Board that they have been working on drain issues and mowing roadsides. Louis Marsh was the lowest bid for Rock and Chip. They will begin on September 18.
- Trustee Walters also advised we've received positive comments on square painting that was completed by the summer help.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

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

Sewers and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Discussed the North Park project. It should start sometime this week.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Murphy

- Trustee Murphy advised we have some minor permits.
- Trustee Murphy advised there has been a new complaint on a home in the 1100 block of West Madison. This is related to property maintenance.
- Trustee Murphy advised he is working with Attorney Craven on the property located at the 500 block of 4th Street.

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:

- No report

New Business:

- Reviewed Ordinance 25-08 – An Ordinance Implementing Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax. Village Administrator Brent Wise advised that the State repealed the grocery tax as a way to lower taxes. This is money that

the state collected and gave to the municipalities. We would lose approx. \$20K per year. It will start beginning Jan 1st unless we pass an ordinance.

Motion made by Trustee Walters to approve Ordinance 25-08 - An Ordinance Implementing Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax to maintain the 1% groceries tax

Second made by Trustee Skinner

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

- Discussed the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Sangamon County. For services between May 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025, the total was \$2,374.69. The majority of this amount was for 1 animal that was housed for 7 days and then euthanized.

Motion made by Trustee Murphy to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Animal Control Services with Sangamon County for May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2026

Second made by Trustee Grant

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

- President Clarke advised there was a Sports Booster's fundraiser this past Saturday that was held at the Shed. The Shed did not obtain a permit to have alcohol outside the beer garden. A letter will be sent.
- Village Administrator Brent Wise advised the Board that the Lions Club would like to have their annual fair on the square. They are looking at either Sept 14 or Oct 5, 11am – 5pm. There are no events on either date. Consensus was that either date would be acceptable.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

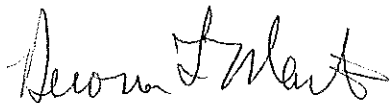
Second made by Trustee Murphy

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm on Monday, August 11, 2025. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, August 25, 2025 at the Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Devona Martin
Village Clerk