

VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of February 23, 2026

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

- Deputy Village Clerk, Leah Wise called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Dale Walters, Troy Grant, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner, Erika Guess
- Trustees Absent: Phillip Thompson
- Also in attendance: Village Administrator Brent Wise, Andy Lee, Attorney Don Cravens

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- No visitors

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of February 9, 2026, were presented for review and approval
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the minutes of February 9, 2026 as presented
Second made by Murphy
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 in the amount of \$100,674.91
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the bills payable for the week ending in the amount of \$100,674.91
Second made by Trustee Murphy
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)
- Village Administrator Wise presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2026.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2026.
Second made by Trustee Guess
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)
- Administrator Wise advised we received the \$500,000 reimbursement grant for the 4th street watermain project. The original plan was to place all of it on the LOC. He would like to hold back \$150,000 - \$180,000 to help with cashflow on some of the upcoming sewer and water projects. We will likely be able to pay a large portion of the balance late summer once water/sewer projects and repairs are complete.
Motion made by Trustee Walters to approve Administrator Wise applying up to \$350,000 to the LOC balance.
Second made by Trustee Guess
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

- Andy Lee advised the board of old water main valves that need to be replaced. Some of the older valves in town are from 1946 and 1948. During the last water main break, the older valves failed making it hard to turn off the water flow leading to the area of the break and led us to need to turn off extra residents' water because a larger area of water had to be shut off due to failing valves. Total cost is estimated to cost around \$40,000. This will be a proactive move to help us with future breaks.

Motion made by Trustee Walters to not exceed \$42,000 for the purchase of insert valves, excavation and installation of valves from Illinois Meter

Second made by Trustee Skinner

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

- Lee gave an update on the previously approved San Terra Rd watermain install. Work will begin in coming months.

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

- Grant advised the board of some rock and chip plus additional children at play signs.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- No report

Sewers and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- No report

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Murphy

- Trustee Murphy advised the board of permits for residents at 8th & Monroe for a residential fence and another for a room addition.

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:

- No report

Motion to Exit Regular Session: 7:29pm

- **Motion** made by Trustee Walters to exit regular session
Second made by Trustee Grant
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Motion to Enter Executive Session: 7:30pm

- **Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to enter executive session for personnel
Second made by Trustee Skinner
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Motion to Exit Executive Session: 8:00 pm

- **Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to exit executive session
Second made by Trustee Guess
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Motion to Enter Regular Session: 8:02pm

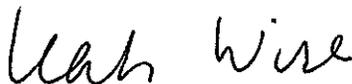
- **Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to enter regular session
Second made by Trustee Walters
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

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, Guess-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm on Tuesday, February 24, 2026. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, March 9, 2026 at the Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Leah Wise
Deputy Village Clerk