

VILLAGE OF PAWNEE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of March 12, 2026

**Call to Order:**

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

**Roll Call:**

- Village Clerk, Devona Martin called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Phillip Thompson, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner, Erika Guess, President Clarke
- Trustees Absent: Dale Walters, Troy Grant
- Also in attendance: Attorney Don Craven, Village Administrator Brent Wise, Chief Barclay Harris, Travis Simpson

**Visitor's Recognition/Comments:**

- none

**Clerk's Report:**

- Minutes of February 23, 2026 were presented for review and approval  
**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to approve the minutes of February 23, 2026 as presented  
Second made by Trustee Skinner  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-present, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes, Clarke-yes  
Motion Carried: (5-0)

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

- Trustee Skinner presented the bills payable for the week ending March 12, 2026 in the amount of \$126,972.83  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve the bills payable for the week ending March 12, 2026 in the amount of \$126,972.83  
Second made by Trustee Guess  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes  
Motion Carried: (4-0)

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

- President Clarke advised the Board that Andy Lee indicated they will be replacing 3 of the 5 approved valves on 8<sup>th</sup> Street next week. For budget purposes, the other 2 will be replaced at a later date. Andy Lee also advised President Clarke that thanks to Trustee Skinner, Sievers is sending over a demo excavator. Hydrant flushing will be completed April 13 – May 1.
- President Clarke advised to be considered for the Community Project Funding grant, we have to approve that we will match 25% of the \$1M grant which is \$334,000.00.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to spend up to \$334,000 for participation in the \$1M Community Project Funding grant from Congresswoman Budzinski  
Second made by Trustee Guess  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes  
Motion Carried: (4-0)
- Discussed the gas program and Resolution 23-03.

**Motion** made by Trustee Thompson to approve Resolution 23-03 – A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment to its Gas Supply Agreement with PEFA, Inc in Connection with the Reset of of the Available Discount in PEFA, Inc’s Gas Prepayment Project; Approving the Issuance of Bonda by PEFA, Inc; And Related Matters

Second made by Trustee Guess

Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes

Motion Carried: (4-0)

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

- None

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

- Chief Barclay Harris presented the Monthly Police Report

**Motion** made by Trustee Skinner

Second made by Trustee Murphy

Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes

Motion Carried: (4-0)

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

- Travis Simpson advised that the lift station pump on 13<sup>th</sup> Street burned up. They did put in the spare. They will run the spare until it burns up but he does need to replace the spare. He would like to replace with a newer pump that is serviceable. He does not currently have a price. The lift station at San Terra was \$14K. He'll have a price by our next board meeting.
- Travis Simpson advised he has received inquiries about installing a batting cage at North Park. There is already a concrete pad that is there. This pad is approximately ½ of what would be needed for a batting cage. He just wanted the Board to be aware of the inquiries in case the Board is interested.

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

- Trustee Murphy advised the Board that the Zoning Board of Appeals will meet Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm. They will be discussing a variance for an oversized garage at 68 Michelle Dr. They've also received 3-4 other building permits including fences and porches.

**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:**

- Chief Harris advised they will start charging an administrative fee on vehicle tows. The cost would be \$250 and it would get paid to the Village. This would reimburse the Village for the paperwork that we have to complete. This usually occurs on DUI or other types of citation.
- Chief Harris advised the Board that his part-time officer will graduate from the part-time academy next month. Point forward, the part-time academy will no longer be in Springfield. It will be in Belleville. There will be some traveling and some potential overnight stays. He just wanted to make sure we were aware.
- Discussed starting pay for part-time officers.

**Motion to Exit Regular Session:** 7:20pm

- **Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to exit regular session  
Second made by Trustee Skinner  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes  
Motion Carried: (4-0)

**Motion to Enter Executive Session:** 7:23pm

- **Motion** made by Trustee Thompson to enter executive session for personnel  
Second made by Trustee Skinner  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes  
Motion Carried: (4-0)

**Motion to Exit Executive Session:**7:45 pm

- **Motion** made by Trustee Thompson to exit executive session  
Second made by Trustee Murphy  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes  
Motion Carried: (4-0)

**Motion to Enter Regular Session:** 7:45pm

- **Motion** made by Trustee skinner to enter regular session  
Second made by Trustee Thompson  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Thompson-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes  
Motion Carried: (4-0)

**Motion to Adjourn:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm on Thursday, March 12, 2026. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, March 23, 2026 at the Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Devona Martin". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Devona" and the last name "Martin" clearly distinguishable.

Devona Martin  
Village Clerk