

VILLAGE OF PAWNEE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of March 23, 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: Dale Walters, Phillip Thompson, Troy Grant, Patrick Murphy, Erika Guess
- Trustees Absent: David Skinner
- Also in attendance: Village Administrator Brent Wise, Chief Barclay Harris, Travis Simpson, Jessica and Lydia Megginson, Bill Beatty, Lewis Thomas

**Visitor's Recognition/Comments:**

- Lydia Megginson is 2025 Miss Pawnee Prairie Days. She appeared before the Board as she would like to host a 5K in May for the APL. She provided a route and she will be co-hosting with Kimber Linderman who was 2024 Miss Pawnee Prairie Days. She would like to have it on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. From 2pm - 2:30pm, there will be a meet and greet with the animals. The walk/run will be from 2:30pm – 4pm. There will be no cost to participate, however, monetary donations and/or supply donations will go directly to the APL. Consensus was to allow.
- Lewis Thomas appeared before the Board. He stated that the owners of the elevator are dumping the stagnant water onto the road and then it is running into the storm sewer. This is water from rotting corn. It is saturating the ground and there is a terrible odor. He stated that he puts up with it every year; although, last year, they hauled it away. This year, they are pumping it on the ground and into the storm sewer. It will attract fruit flies and something needs to be done. At this point, he thinks the only way to eliminate the odor is to dig up the rock and dirt. President Clarke advised him that the Board would look into it.
- Bill Beatty appeared before the Board. He met with the school and Pawnee Assembly of God. He and Barclay are meeting with ROE, Regional Operation of Emergency. He believes the school may have outdated emergency plans. He will keep this moving forward and updated. He also advised there is no formal mutual aid agreement between the Village and the Pawnee Assembly of God Church. He'll discuss it with the Village Attorney. He also provided estimates for a new laptop with docking station, case and tri-screens. It will cost approximately \$2500. Consensus was for him to proceed with the purchase of the equipment.

**Clerk's Report:**

- Minutes of March 12, 2026, were presented for review and approval  
**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to approve the minutes of March 12, 2026, as presented  
Second made by Trustee Guess  
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-present, Thompson-yes, Grant-present, Murphy-yes, Guess-yes,  
President Clarke-yes  
Motion Carried: (6-0)

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

- Trustee Guess presented the bills payable for the week ending March 23, 2026, in the amount of \$102,235.11  
**Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to approve the bills payable for the week ending March 23, 2026, in the amount of \$102,235.11  
 Second made by Trustee Thompson  
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Guess-yes  
 Motion Carried: (5-0)
- Village Administrator Brent Wise presented the Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending February 28, 2026  
**Motion** made by Trustee Thompson to approve the Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending February 28, 2026  
 Second made by Trustee Murphy  
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Guess-yes  
 Motion Carried: (5-0)

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

- Trustee Walters advised the Board that they guys installed 3 of the valves we had approved to control water across zones. They have 3 more gas service installs this week. They are planning the other 2 valves the week of May 4.

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

- Trustee Grant advised the Board that they guys are still cleaning leaves from culverts. Once the weather warms up, they will do some road patching. He also advised the Board that the '99 dump truck is in the shop with electrical problems.

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

- Chief Barclay Harris advised he attended Ryan Turner's graduation. He is our new PT officer. He will be submitting the reimbursement to the State.
- Chief Barclay Harris advised Officer Barber would like to work a part-time job. He does know this job comes first and if he is needed, he'll be expected to work. They've allowed officers to work PT jobs in the past but it does require Board approval. Consensus was to allow.

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

- Travis Simpson advised that he received the quote on the new pump to replace the backup pump that went into the 13<sup>th</sup> Street lift station when the pump went out. The quoted price is \$15,787.75  
**Motion** made by Trustee Thomspson for Travis Simpson to purchase the pump at a price not to exceed \$17,000  
 Second made by Trustee Guess  
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Guess-yes  
 Motion Carried: (5-0)
- Travis Simpson advised the Board that he obtained estimates for a batting cage at North Park. He received a quote for posts in the amount of \$4,800; the net is \$800-\$1,200; and a 12' x 36'

concrete pad to finish off the cage is \$5,200. There is money in the budget. It wouldn't be installed until the middle of summer.

**Motion** made by Trustee Thompson to start the path of adding a batting cage to North Park not to exceed \$14,000 and to start installing after the season is over

Second made by Trustee Grant

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

- Travis Simpson discussed the Memorial on the square. The black headstone has a chip out of the Eagle. He stated it has been like that for years. A couple of the medallions are also missing. He can take the others off, but the glue they used stained it. He stated we do have the replacement medallions, but they won't stay on. Trustee Walters suggested talking to Mike Catteau to see if he can assist since he owns a monument company. We will also ask them about the etching of the Eagle to see if there is anything that can be done. President Clarke advised he would like to get something done before Memorial Day. Discussed etching the medallions in the granite as opposed to gluing on medallions.

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

- Trustee Murphy advised the Board that there was a Zoning Board meeting for a variance on a private garage at 68 Michelle Dr. The variance was approved by the Zoning Board. It does not require board approval. Trustee Murphy advised the Board that the next Zoning Board meeting will be April 13 for an over dimension build at 800 Monroe. They are hoping for a double meeting to discuss an over-dimensional garage on north end of Margaret Ct.

**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:**

- None

**Motion to Exit Regular Session: 7:33pm**

- **Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to exit regular session

Second made by Trustee Thompspon

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

Motion Carried: (4-0)

**Motion to Enter Executive Session:** 7:36pm

- **Motion** made by Trustee Thompson to enter executive session for personnel

Second made by Trustee Walters

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

**Motion to Exit Executive Session:**7:48pm

- **Motion** made by Trustee Thompson to exit executive session

Second made by Trustee Murphy

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

**Motion to Enter Regular Session:** 7:48pm

- **Motion** made by Trustee Thompson to enter regular session

Second made by Trustee Walters

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm on Thursday, March 23, 2026. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, April 13, 2026 at the Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Devona Martin  
Village Clerk