

VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of April 13, 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, Troy Grant, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner, Erika Guess
- Trustees Absent: Phillip Thompson
- Also in attendance: Attorney Don Craven, Village Administrator Brent Wise, Chief Barclay Harris, Jeff Schober, Kevin Kuhns

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- None

Clerk's Report:

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

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Skinner presented the bills payable for the week ending April 13, 2026 in the amount of \$163,496.33
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the bills payable for the week ending April 13, 2026 in the amount of \$163,496.33
Second made by Trustee Grant
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

- Trustee Walters advised they have been busy working with engineering survey crews, State Police Range and Dog Training Facility. They started flushing hydrants today and are preparing for the EPA inspection on the April 20th. Andy Lee and Josh McElroy attended the gas training last Wednesday.

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

- Jeff Schober advised the Board that they will be fixing/patching roads from water main breaks. They might even start mowing.
- Discussed summer help. Jeff would like 2. Travis and Andy do not need any help.

- President Clarke advised that Jeff Schober obtained an electric bid for electrical work on square. The bid includes inspecting all electrical and completing any upgrades/repairs and to add outlets to the top of each pole. The bid they received was from Morrison Electric in Taylorville in the amount of \$4,459.69.

Motion made by Trustee Guess to approve the bid from Morrison Electric in the amount of \$4,459.69

Second made by Trustee Skinner

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

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: Walters-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes

Motion Carried: (5-0)

Sewers and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- President Clarke provided an update from Trustee Thompson regarding the vector truck and repairs to the Memorial on the square. They are going to do away with the medallions as they will not stay on. All repairs will be completed before Memorial Day.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Murphy

- Trustee Murphy advised they had a zoning board meeting tonight. They discussed Bill Matthews garage at 43 Marianne Drive and it passed the zone of appeals. They also discussed 707 Monroe for larger construction project and that passed as well. He also advised we received several building permits but none are residential builds. The new permits are mostly fence, shed and porch builds. Trustee Murphy provided an update on the dilapidated house on 4th Street. They have received complaints from all of the neighbors. They also found out that the house is owned by a brother and sister, not sole ownership.

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:

- President Clarke discussed the Letter of Understanding: IDOT – ISP Training Facility on Academy Road. We are taking ownership of Academy Road, down to the drive-in to the State Police Academy. They will rebuild whatever they tear up. They will also rebuild the road. They want to use A2 and we want A3. Kevin Kuhns advised that if we were doing this through MFT, they would require us to use A3. The main difference is another layer of oil and another layer of rock. Discussed the road off Rt 104 over the railroad track to Academy Rd. We don't currently own that small road. Trustee Murphy advised this crossing is a private crossing. The State Police pay a stipend and so did the farmer to the railroad. Kevin Kuhns advised the private crossing is not part of this. They will also repair any damage to 13th Street.

Motion made by Trustee Murphy to approve the Letter of Understanding with IDOT for the Illinois State Police and Academy Rd

Second made by Trustee Guess

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

- President Clarke advised he received a Consideration of Request letter to subdivide 4476 San Terra Rd into two parcels. Tom Scott would like to split his lot in half to build another house on the 2nd parcel and sell his house. He is aware of tap fees for the new water main. Consensus was to allow.
- President Clarke advised he received a request from the owner of the gym to put a cross walk across Rt 104 to access the gym from the south side of 104. Currently, there is no sidewalk on the north side of the road, only the south. Kevin Kuhns advised he would need to contact Brian Wright at IDOT.
- Renewal of Police Union Contract – tabled
- Pay raises for non-union employees - tabled

Motion to Adjourn:

- **Motion** made by Trustee Skinner 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 7:24 pm on Monday, April 13, 2026. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, April 27, 2026 at the Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Devona Martin

Village Clerk