

VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of April 27, 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: Administrator Brent Wise, Chief Barclay Harris, Jeff Schober, Bill Beatty

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- none

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of April 13, 2026 were presented for review and approval
Motion made by Trustee Murphy to approve the minutes of April 13, 2026 as presented
Second made by Trustee Guess
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 April 27, 2026 in the amount of \$58,406.32
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the bills payable for the week ending April 27, 2026 in the amount of \$58,406.32
Second made by Trustee Grant
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)
- Village Administrator Brent Wise presented the Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending March 31, 2026
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending March 31, 2026
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 Brent Wise discussed the Municipal Aggregate Agreement. It is a 14 month contract. It went from 10.8 to 12.7. If residents do nothing, they are automatically opted in. Ameren numbers are not yet out.

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Walters

- Trustee Walters advised the EPA audit was completed last week and it went well. He stated they also have the 5yr record audit with ICC. We are not anticipating any issues. On May 6th, the last 2 valve installs are scheduled to be finished. Brandon finished 104 of the 158 hydrant flushings. Lastly, 56 red letters went out on 4/20.

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

- Jeff Schober advised that they were repairing a drain tile at 8th and Washington. As they were repairing the tile and tank, they found the tile and tank were not good. Petersburg is supposed to be coming to fix it. They did try to divert the water until it could get fixed. They had to replace a 20ft pipe but the dirt is loose and lots of it went into the tank.

Motion made by Trustee Grant to approve the sewer repairs on 8th and Washington by Petersburg Plumbing not to exceed \$15K

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 discussed radios. They do have a couple of grants in for radios, but we have not yet heard back. He hates to keep waiting due to price increases. Sangamon County is trying to get a package deal with municipalities. We would buy a few base radios and the rest are portables. He has quoted 11 portables and 7 bases for a price of \$79,260.00. They have a deadline to go over to the new radio system, and it is sometime in 2027. The quote is good until Jun 19th. There is a \$300 savings per radio. He is going to check to see if there is a trade-in credit and if we can lease. We are not sure if the new radio will even work here in Pawnee. Tabled to the next meeting.
- Bill Beatty appeared before the Board. There is a grant called DECO. It is tied to the power plant and coal mine closings. We are within the required radius of a mine and a power plant. He believes that it would benefit both the Village and the School to complete a joint application. Pawnee Assembly of God is the reunification point. And with it being the identified shelter, they don't have a backup generator. The grant has a \$50K minimum. He is going to meet with Kristy Bennett to discuss further. He does not yet have a quote. There is also an old siren behind the school that he would like to try to get upgraded. The opening date of the grant is sometime in May. He will work with Kelly Haney to apply for the grant.

Sewers and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- No report

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Murphy

- No report

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:

- Discussed Ordinance 26-01 – An Ordinance Authorizing Village Expenditures Pending Adoption of Annual Appropriation Ordinance. This allowed Village Administrator to pay bills until we adopt the budget.

Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve Ordinance 26-01 - An Ordinance Authorizing Village Expenditures Pending Adoption of Annual Appropriation Ordinance

Second made by Trustee Walters

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

- President Clarke advised we have the contract with police union. They agreed on a 5yr contract with raises of \$1 + 2% year 1, 3% year 2, 3% year 3, 3.5% year 4, and 4% year 5. The starting pay increased from \$25.50 to \$27. P-T Office starting pay increases from \$24 to \$27 and will be looked at year to year thereafter

Motion made by Trustee Murphy to accept the collective bargaining agreement with PBPA

Second made by Trustee Grant

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

- Discussed pay raises for non-union employees. It will be the same as the police raises. The starting pay for Village employees will increase from \$24 to \$25.50.

Motion made by Trustee Murphy to provide the same raises as police to non-union employees and increase starting pay to \$25.50.

Second made by Trustee Guess

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

- Memorial Day meeting will be moved to Tuesday, May 26.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

Second made by Trustee Guess

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

Motion Carried: (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm on Thursday, April 27, 2026. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, May 11, 2026 at the Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Devona Martin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Devona Martin
Village Clerk