

Agenda
Village of Pawnee Board of Trustees Meeting
Pawnee Village Hall
September 27, 2021

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Visitor's Recognition/Comments
5. Clerk's Report
 - Presentation of previous meetings minutes, September 13, 2021
6. Personnel and Finance: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner
 - Bills Payable
 - Treasurer Thein's Monthly Budget Comparison Report
7. Gas and Water: Committee Chair, Trustee Squires
8. Streets, Alleys & Sidewalks: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitlow
9. Police: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner
10. Sewer and Parks: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson
11. Zoning: Committee Chair, Trustee Murphy
12. Bargaining: Committee Chair, President Clarke
13. Energy: Committee Chair, President Clarke
14. Infrastructure: Committee Chair, Trustee Whitlow
15. New Business
 - Animal Control Agreement with Sangamon County Department of Public Health
 - Appointment to Village Board to Fill a Vacancy
16. Old Business
 - C.T.I Fiber Optic
17. Mayor's Comments
18. Adjournment

**VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of September 27, 2021**

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

- Village Clerk, Devona Martin called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Brian Whitlow, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner, Troy Squires
- Trustees Absent: Phillip Thompson
- Also in attendance: Attorney Don Cravens, Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Chief Barclay Harris, Jeff Schober, Erin Tozer, Bobbie Dean, Paul Palazzolo, Jay Smith, Steve Gudgel

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- Bobbie Dean with CTI in Taylorville appeared before the Board. They are looking to provide fiber optic internet to Pawnee. Fiber optic internet offers gigabyte services to the homes. They looking to do a rapid expansion and Pawnee is on their radar. She asked what our needs were and what kind of providers we currently have. If Pawnee is determined to have a need, we would enter the discussion phase where the needs of Pawnee would be planned out and then a construction time table would be provided. We would also need to discuss storage sites during construction and discuss local utilities. First, is this a need for our community? They do all the construction. They do not outsource anything. They even have a landscaping team that comes in behind the construction crew to make sure everything is put back exactly like they found it. They will come back after freeze/thaw if needed. They would need an 8' x 12' area (more like cabinet space) and that is where their headin unit would be. They would also need gas and power to this location. She stated they are very active in all their communities, even within the school districts. Consensus was that we are interested. The next step is working through the list of things they will need and then work out the timeline on the build. She also stated there are other communities with money from emergency relief funds that are in desperate need of good internet service. This is a true broadband internet.
- President Clarke congratulated Coach Melanie Schutt and the Jr. High Softball on 4th in the State. This is the highest award of any Pawnee School sport.
- President Clarke advised that after 4 yrs and 8mos, the IEPA finally approved the air permit. The public meeting will be November 17th, at 7pm located at the Pawnee High School. It will be hosted by the Illinois EPA. Once this meeting is over, we'll schedule our town meeting
- Jay Smith appeared before the Board to say thank you to the Village for working with them on bike runs and such. He appreciates us working with him.
- October 11 meeting will be moved to Oct 12

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of September 13, 2021 were presented for review and approval
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the minutes of September 13, 2021 as presented
Second made by Trustee Murphy
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Skinner presented the bills payable for the week ending September 27, 2021 in the amount of \$83,984.28. He advised that \$47,000 of this went to the Library.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the bills payable for the week ending September 27, 2021 in the amount of \$83,984.28
Second made by Trustee Squires
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)
- Treasurer Thein presented her Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending August 31, 2021. Revenues and expenditures should be at 34%. General fund revenues are almost 50%. Expenditures are down to 13%.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve Treasurer Thein Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending August 31, 2021.
Second made by Trustee Murphy
Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (4-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Squires

- Trustee Squires advised that last month there were 10 shut offs.
- Trustee Squires advised the Henkle Street natural gas project is almost completed. They are hoping to be done by Friday. They will tie in on October 11, Columbus Day, as this is a holiday for the school.
- Trustee Squires advised the magnets came in for the phone number change. Andy will upgrade the page with ICC once it gets out to the public.

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

- Trustee Whitlow advised they have just been doing some trimming of trees and they demo'd Tom Tindell's sidewalk. This was at his request.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- At the requester of Chief Harris, Paul Palazzolo and Erin Tozer with the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk appeared before the board and presented Digiticket. This is a program they've started with regard to digital traffic tickets. It not only helps with officer safety but it also saves time. Officers are provided with a scanner where they scan the bar code on the driver's license and it is digitally transferred to a printer in the car. It also provides accuracy as sometimes it is hard to decipher someone else's handwriting. Mr. Palazzolo advised the digiticket is a time saver and provides the accurate transmittal of information. Currently, Sangamont County receives a certain amount from each traffic ticket. The circuit clerk receives \$5/ticket and Pawnee receives \$3/ticket. Since 2011, they've been collecting \$5/traffic ticket. They now have a massive fund to help each Village and Municipality. With this fund, they will purchase the equipment which would be 1 scanner and 1 printer per vehicle. The only cost to the Village would be the \$3/ticket. The Village would still receive the fine portion of the ticket. By law since 2011, the \$8/ticket can only be spent on the digiticket program. Once we enter into an intergovernmental agreement, the \$3 goes to the circuit clerk. Trustee Murphy believes this is a great program. It

provides great customer service; is a time saver; and enhances record keeping. He believes that overall this is just a great program.

Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the digiticket program - rescinded
We'll put it on the agenda in 2 weeks.

Sewers and Parks: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Trustee Squires advised the new swing were ordered. It will take 12-16 weeks to receive them. The guys do take the swings down in the winter. The slides might be here by then also.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Murphy

- Trustee Murphy advised that we've had 6 minor permits recently. There still have been 0 new residential construction permits.
- Trustee Murphy advised there was a recent building permit that was signed off and approved for the old Copperheads. President Clarke advised he asked Jessica Leach to come to the board meeting before spending any money. She would like to put in a beer garden with a stage. The building is OK but there is a fence issue. She has put in for a variance. There are also liquor license issues that need addressed. President Clarke advised he wanted her up here first to get it approved before she moved forward.
- Attorney Cravens and Trustee Murphy had a meeting regarding crafting the "downtown" zoning language. Trustee Murphy advised it is still progressing along with Attorney Cravens sending him a draft today. It leaves the current zoning place except for the downtown district. We overlay another set for this district. We can expand this district at a later date if we so choose. By next meeting, Oct 11, he is hoping to be able to formally discuss.

Bargaining Committee: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- n/a

Energy: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- n/a

Infrastructure: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- n/a

Unfinished Business:

- n/a

New Business:

- President Clarke advised we received the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Animal Control Services with Sangamon County for the period of May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022 at a cost of \$610.57. This is based on the calls and services for the previous year.

Motion made by Trustee Murphy to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement For Animal Control Services with Sangamon County for the period of May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022 at a cost of \$610.57

Second made by Trustee Whitlow

Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (5-0)

- President Clarke advised Board he would like to fill the vacancy of Village Trustee. He stated that he has 60 days to appoint someone to fill the vacancy. That appointment would come to the Village Board for consideration. If the Board declines his recommendation for appointment, he would have another 30 days to provide a recommendation for appointment. If the Board declines again, President Clarke would be able to appoint one of two previous people without further approval needed. President Clarke advised that 3 applied. His recommendation is Steve Gudgel. He believes Steve is the best choice as he has been on the board the past and Steve was in zoning. With the potential power plant, Steve would be able to assist Trustee Murphy. Trustee Murphy would remain the committee chair with Steve assisting. Trustee Skinner indicated he would like to see someone that ran for the last election. President Clarke believes there is a conflict. He further advised Steve Gudgel left the board previously due to a job opportunity to the US Marshalls. He is now working security at the federal courthouse.

Motion made by Trustee Whitlow to approve the appointment of Steve Gudgel as Village Trustee

Second made by Trustee Murphy

Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (4-0)

- Steve Gudgel was sworn in by President Clarke as Village Trustee.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

Second made by Trustee Gudgel

Roll Call Vote Taken: Whitlow-yes, Gudgel-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes

Motion Carried: (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm on Monday, September 27, 2021. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,



Devona L. Martin
Village Clerk