VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of April 12, 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: Todd Richeson, Phillip Thompson, Jan Bowsher, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner, Troy Squires
- Trustees Absent: none
- Also in attendance: Attorney Don Cravens, Treasurer Kelly Thein, Candy Kramer with the Pawnee Post, Chief Barclay Harris, Andy Lee, Jay Smith with Locals, Ken Irsik, Jeff Hallow and Andrew Atkins

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- Jeff Hallow and Andrew Atkins appeared before the Board. They are interested in purchasing the old hairstylist building and put in a slot parlor. They would like to know if they would be able to obtain a liquor license. They do not want to purchase the building and then find out they can't get a liquor license. They would sell liquor but they will have more emphasis on slots. They also own an underground construction business. They own and operate several slot parlors and would like to expand their business into our town. They did spend a few days here checking out Pawnee. They have a very clean establishment in Riverton and they would like to duplicate it here in Pawnee. They believe the older crowds prefer their establishments over bars. The machines are evenly spaced for COVID. President Clarke advised we currently have no open liquor licenses. We can create an additional liquor license if the board so chooses. They will have 6 machines. They close at 11pm in Riverton. President Clarke heard some places sell beer for $1 which is cheaper than what the bars sell it. They agreed to sell for what the other bars are selling for. Trustee Bowsher advised a few years back, someone came to the Board requesting a liquor license be created for another bar on the square. The board turned this person down. She asked if it was the same board that turned down the last person? Yes it was mostly the same Board. She also advised she hates to see them take business away from already struggling businesses. Trustee Murphy believes this is just bad timing with the recent fire. The consensus was that we cannot fairly do another liquor license at this time. The Board suggested they come back in a few months and we should know more about Copperhead's plans.
- Ken Irsik at 1206 6th Street appeared before the Board. Last September they resurfaced 6th Street and when they backfilled the ground settled and now his front yard is full of ups and downs. It's up to the Village to reseed it. It was a smooth grade to the street and now there is a hole. Jeff will go look at it. He would like it regarded so that it is level again.
- Jay Smith with Locals appeared before the Board to discuss bike night on May 14, 2021. Discussed the resolution for a special event liquor license. 1854 Pub is with good with the plans also.
  Motion made by Trustee Murphy to approve Resolution 21-01 – A Resolution Granting A Special Event Liquor License for Locals on May 14, 2021 3pm – 12am
  Second made b y Trustee Thompson

Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowsher-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of March 8, 2021 were presented for review and approval
  Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the minutes of March 8, 2021 as presented
  Second made b y Trustee Murphy
  Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowsher-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
  Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Minutes of March 22, 2021 were presented for review and approval
  Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the minutes of March 22, 2021 as presented
  Second made b y Trustee Richeson
  Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-present, Bowsher-yes, Murphy-present, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
  Motion Carried: (6-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Skinner presented the bills payable for the week ending April 12, 2021 in the amount of $149,950.64
  Motion made by Trustee Skinner presented the bills payable for the week ending April 12, 2021 in the amount of $149,950.64.
  Second made b y Trustee Squires
  Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowsher-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
  Motion Carried: (6-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Squires

- Trustee Squires advised there were 3 shut offs on April 6, 2021 for broken payment agreements.
- Trustee Squires advised Andy Lee was audited by the ICC last week.
- Trustee Squires advised they are getting ready to start a gas project behind Midwest Garage Door Company.

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

- Trustee Richeson advised that Dewey Stewart is getting ready to do site work. The project is coming a month earlier than he thought. He is still gathering the information.
- Trustee Richeson advised that Jeff has been working on clearing Lincoln street.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- Chief Barclay Harris presented his monthly police report.
  Motion made by Trustee Murphy to approve Chief Barclay Harris's Monthly Police Report
  Second made b y Trustee Bowsher
  Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowsher-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
  Motion Carried: (6-0)

- President Clarke thanked our Police Department, Village employees, Fire Department, and the 18 towns that responded to the Copperheads fire. He also gave a thank you to Officer Eric Bertoni for staying late to make sure the scene was secured. Thank you to all from the Village.

Sewers and Parks: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Trustee Thompson advised they placed the order for the 2 pumps. They will come out of next year's budget. They are the replacement backups. He also advised there is a lift station issue at the state police lift station. It will be approx $6000. They are replacing the back flow check valve.
- Trustee Thompson advised he will see about adding the walking track at North Park to be resurfaced.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Murphy

- Trustee Murphy advised there has been little activity on the zoning committee. Mostly, just small improvement building permits and all without variance requests.
- Trustee Murphy also discussed Midwest Garage Doors and advised they are planning a significant building project. He met with Dewey Stewart about a month ago. They may be coming to see us about some variances. The biggest issue is road improvements and right of way issues. Mr. Stewart is investing $.5M on the building. Trustee Murphy agrees the street can use some improvements.
- Motion made by Ordinance 21-09 -- An Ordinance Approving a Zoning Map
  Motion made by Trustee Murphy to approve Ordinance 21-09 – An Ordinance Approving a Zoning Map
  Second made b y Trustee Skinner
  Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowsher-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
  Motion Carried: (6-0)

Bargaining Committee: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- No report

Energy: Committee Chair, President Clarke

- No report

Infrastructure: Committee Chair, Trustee Richeson

- No report

Unfinished Business:

- President Clarke asked where we were with Taylor Yagger . He was at the last meeting requesting his easement be moved. Trustee Squires advised he spoke with Steve Haney and Mr. Yagger needs to get with IDOT because there has to be an entrance off the highway. We have not heard from him.

New Business:

- President Clarke advised there is an electronic recycle company out of Carlinville. The guy we used in the past was very inexpensive. If we do it, the Village generally takes care of the fees. If the Village takes care of the fees, the price is per weight. They take anything that plugs in. They don't take chemicals at all. We collect the $10 or whatever the cost is from the people and pay 1

check from the village. They take the stuff and divvy it out. There might be breaks or discounts. We won't know until they are done. They work hard for us to get the best discounts. They are willing to work with us to have a May 15th. They can't give us a complete price until it's done. They always have another truck on back up. The other guy, once he was full, he was gone. It is more expensive but still economical for the person. They will take TVs, monitors, plasmas, LCD, mini fridge, almost anything that plugs in except large appliances.
Motion made by Trustee Bowsher to recycle with CJDcycling.com on May 15th
Second made b y Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowsher-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)

- Treasurer Thein wanted to remind everyone that we are into mowing season. We have taken care of the house at 915 Lincoln Street. This house is abandoned and we are taking care of it again. We currently have $3,500 in liens. She advised the property sold for taxes and the people came and looked at it and went and got their money back. There is a person interested in the property and they would take down the house without the Village having to do it. With the cost of the taxes and liens added together is as much as the cost to take down the house. The lot is not big enough for someone to build a house. It doesn't make sense for us to purchase the taxes. Trustee Bowsher advised eventually the Village will be responsible to do something because it's falling down. Trustee Murphy advised he was working with the Sangamon County Health Dept to try to get it taken down for safety reasons. He will continue to follow up with them. Treasurer Thein advised she was told it would take 3 years to condemn it. Trustee Murphy will continue to work with the health dept.
- Attorney Don Cravens, in an effort to be helpful, has sent a letter to each of the business owners and their respective insurance companies regarding our ordinances. The Village provided security for 2-3 days. We had police officers there 24/7 to keep it secured. Now that all the insurance companies have been there, it is now the business owner's responsibility to secure it. They are a hazard and if they don't demolish them, we will and charge liens on the lots. There was also discussion from property owners about knocking them down and burying the bricks in the basement. The answer is no. Both our code and EPA will not allow it. The debris must be hauled off and disposed of properly. President Clarke took a copy to each owner and Tom Dozier with the Masonic Lodge. He also told them they needed to be in charge of hanging fences. The letter from Attorney Cravens also indicated they need to secure the property. Trustee Murphy asked when Prairie Days is and indicated this is definitely a hazard. Trustee Thompson suggested 45 days from the day after the fire to demo or we will. May 16th is 45 days. Attorney Cravens suggested we give 2 weeks and see where they are at that time. Then we will decide.
- President Clarke read a thank you letter to the Village from The Brickeys. We also received a Thank you from Donald Audi as well.
- Trustee Squires advised we are pushing back the flushing of the hydrants back to the fall.

Motion to Adjourn:

- **Motion** made by Trustee Murphy
  Second made b y Trustee Thompson
  Roll Call Vote Taken: Richeson-yes, Thompson-yes, Bowsher-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Squires-yes
  Motion Carried: (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm on Monday, April 12, 2021. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Devona L. Martin
Village Clerk