

VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of September 23, 2024

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

- Village Deputy Clerk, Leah Wise called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Dale Walters, Phillip Thompson, Troy Grant, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner, Erika Guess, President Clarke
- Trustees Absent: none
- Also in attendance: Treasurer Brent Wise, Chief Barclay Harris, Steve Haney

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- No visitors present

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of September 9, 2024 were presented for review and approval
Motion made by Trustee Murphy to approve the minutes of September 9, 2024 as presented
Second made by Trustee Walters
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes , Thompson-present , Grant-yes, Murphy-yes , Skinner-present, Guess-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Skinner presented the bills payable for the week ending September 23, 2024 in the amount of \$235,642.49
Motion made by Trustee Murphy to approve the bills payable for the week ending September 23, 2024 in the amount of \$235,642.49
Second made by Trustee Skinner
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Treasurer Brent Wise presented the Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending August 31, 2024
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve Treasurer Brent Wise's Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending August 31, 2024
Second made by Trustee Grant
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Walters

- Trustee Walters reported that 71 red letters went out this week.
- The Village crews have continued to work on gas meter swap outs.

- The bulk water coin upgrade came in, but it was the wrong one. The wrong one was sent back, and the correct one should be in on Friday, September 27. On September 26th, the new rate increase for bulk water will start.

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

- Trustee Grant reported that the rock and chip was completed. Overlay on Marianne and Brenda start is delayed due to rain. Jeff and Tim are working on storm drain repair.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- No report

Sewers and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Steve Haney reported the San Terra lift station upgrade was completed August 15th&16th. The cost was lower than estimated because the project was completed quicker than planned.
- Steve Haney reported the baseball field at North Park will have field conditioner applied this fall to keep the field in good condition. The cost will be split with the PYBSA.
- Steve Haney reported the last dose of bio-tablets went into the pond.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Murphy

- Trustee Murphy reported of a yard complaint at the 1200 block of 6th St., along with several other tall grass and sloppy yard complaints at several other places in San Terra.
- Trustee Murphy revisited the letter from Sangamon County about a new zoning agreement. The new agreement would allow them to take over all aspects of regulating our zoning including charging high fees for building zone permits. Our past agreement was for us to call them as needed to help with complaints. The two times we called them in need of assistance, they didn't take any action. At a recent meeting, Attorney Don Cravens agreed it would be wise to decline to enter into a new agreement.

Motion made by Trustee Skinner to opt out of our current agreement and not to enter into a new agreement for the Building & Zoning, Complaints & Enforcements with Sangamon County
Second made by Trustee Thompson

Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)

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:

- none

New Business:

- Treasurer Brent Wise reviewed Halloween days and hours. Trick or Treating will be October 30 & 31 from 6-8pm.
- Treasurer Wise inquired on behalf of the PYBSA about putting up a score board at North Park for the use of PYBSA summer league. PYBSA is paying for the scoreboard and will have control of the remote controller. There is concern of remote controller getting lost or abused if available to anyone. Consensus was a yes.
- Trustee Murphy presented the Board with information from the meeting with Enterprise Leasing. He advised that they are looking into seeing if the option of leasing the vehicles that the Police and Village use would be more reasonable than buying all our vehicles outright. Trustee Murphy presented the benefits of leasing are that the payments won't be much higher than what we pay outright now, everything will be under warranty, our vehicles will always be newer and therefore we will always have equity in them. When asked about the mileage and how that works with the possible agreement, Trustee Murphy said we would look at our average mileage over a 4-year period and add 10-15% to find our cap. There is also a possibility for a modified lease in the case that we have exceptional vehicles and don't want to trade them in when the lease is up. The payment would be significantly lower in a modified lease, and we could use the vehicle much longer. On the flip, in the case that we don't like a particular vehicle, we can sever the lease and what we are given in trade will go into the equity of our fund and they will give us something more suitable.

Trustee Murphey advised the Board that we may be limited to what brand of vehicles we get the best deal on based on Enterprise's relationships with certain brands from year to year, though they can get us whatever we want.

Steve Haney advised the Board that that there is a possibility of getting a return if we buy vehicles outright and then sell them when we are ready for something different. The truck he is driving right now he has had for 10 years, and we could get a great return to put money down on a new vehicle if we sell it out right.

Treasurer Wise advised that with his current understanding, that leasing might possibly be the best option for the Police Department's vehicles because they wear down so quickly since they run continuously each shift. He believes we should wait to see what the final numbers are at the next meeting with Enterprise to see if it truly seems reasonable to lease the Village's vehicles as well. Trustee Murphy suggested that perhaps it is the best deal for the Police fleet but perhaps do a short experiment to a 2-yr contract for all the vehicles to see if it's worth severing or continuing with them. Consensus is to wait until the next meeting after seeing the actual numbers to make a decision.

Motion to Adjourn:

- **Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to adjourn
Second made by Trustee Thompson
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm on Monday, September 23, 2024. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, October 14, 2024 at the Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Wise

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Village Deputy Clerk