

VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of October 15, 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, Troy Grant, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner, Erika Guess, President Clarke
- Trustees Absent: Phillip Thompson
- Also in attendance: Treasurer Brent Wise, Chief Barclay Harris, Andy Lee, Jay Smith with Locals

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- Jay Smith with Locals appeared before the Board. Farmer's Market will be on October 27 from 2-6pm. The gates will not be open. Trunk or Treat will be the same day. They are in communication with each other to work out the activities on the square. Also, every 3rd Sunday starting in March going through November of 2025, they would like to do a marketplace/farmer's market with more vendors.
- Jay Smith presented to the Board that there will be an organized ATV ride on November 2nd at 10am. Proceeds will go to the local Angel Tree.

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of September 23, 2024 were presented for review and approval
Motion made by Trustee Murphy to approve the minutes of September 23, 2024 as presented
Second made by Trustee Skinner
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 October 14, 2024 in the amount of \$104,724.03
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the bills payable for the week ending October 14, 2024 in the amount of \$104,724.03
Second made by Trustee Murphy
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

- Andy Lee reported to the board that the new bulk water station has been installed and it is working great.
- There was a water main break on 2nd street on Saturday, October 5th. Everything was fixed with 17 ft of pipe replaced over an 8-hour period.

- Andy Lee reported that Ryan Stults put in his resignation for his last day at the Village to be October 27, 2024. The plan going forward in hiring a new employee to fill Ryan's job would be to post the job November 1, 2024, but wait until after the holidays to hire a new employee.

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

- Trustee Grant reported to the Board that Jeff and Tim are sweeping the roads and that the rock and chip should be completed by November 1st. Complaints have been made about all the dust in town. Trustee Grant also reported that there has been a request for a stop sign to be placed at 5th St and Harris or at 5th St and Nelson due to neighborhood complaints of very busy afternoon traffic on weekdays.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Chief Barclay Harris presented the monthly police report
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve Chief Barclay Harris's Monthly Police Report as presented
 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

- Trustee Walters presented to the board a proposal to replace the countertops at the park in the bathrooms. The new counter tops would be made of cultured marble. The cost of materials is \$1,217 + \$220 for delivery and installation. The total for the cultured marble countertops is \$1,437.
Motion made by Trustee Walters to approve the replacement the countertops in the bathrooms at North Park
 Second made by Trustee Guess
 Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes
 Motion Carried: (5-0)

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Murphy

- Trustee Murphy reported of a yard clutter complaint in San Terra that is being handled.

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:

- Treasurer Brent Wise presented to the board that our current health insurance plan will see an 18% increase. Other plans were looked at and considered, but prices were a significant amount higher. Our current plan still seems to be the best option.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve to renew current insurance plan
Second made by Trustee Murphy
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)
- Treasurer Wise brought before the Board that the Village's current Vision and Dental insurance is set for renewal. Rates for Vision remained the same. Dental premiums went up a few dollars.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve another year of our current vision and dental plan
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 the annual Property, Auto, Worker's Comp coverage is up for renewal. There has been a rate freeze for the last three years. 2025 Premium is an \$1,800 increase.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve renewal of current policy and authorize Treasurer Wise to request a rate freeze for 2026 and 2027.
Second made by Trustee Walters
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)
- Chief Harris presented to the Board that they have been approved for a \$15,000 grant for ILEAS for 5 tasers to be purchased through Axon. The grant covers 5 tasers and holsters. The taser charging stations, cartridges and training would need to be purchased at a total cost of \$8,686.00. Axon structured a 5 year contract at \$2171.50/yr beginning year 2. The part-time officer's current tasers are expired and we cannot buy replacement batteries for them anyways. Fulfilling orders for new tasers is behind. It was suggested to move on to accept the grant and any additional purchase that goes along with it to make sure all officers are properly armed.
Motion made by Trustee Murphy to approve ILEAS Taser Grant
Second made by Trustee Skinner
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)
- Treasurer Wise advised that he received a phone call from Dylan Adams. He purchased a parcel site unseen from the Sangamon County Tax sale that was listed as a rocked lot. He visited the parcel and found that it is actually an alley way between 9th and 10th streets near Lincoln. Treasurer Wise advised Mr. Adams that it is maintained as an alley and he cannot block it with parked equipment as he intended. Mr. Adams may wish to sell it to the Village for the original amount he paid Sangamon County of \$200. Subject was tabled as Mr. Adams had not called back with his intentions.

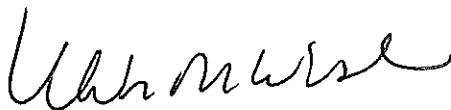
- President Clarke asked if there was an update on the police vehicle lease project. Finance Committee meeting will be set with Enterprise Leasing next week. Numbers are still being figured. Trustee Murphy relayed to the board that the numbers that are coming in are very high therefore we are still going back and forth with them to work out a deal. The pricing of the police vehicles are extra high, this is just how police vehicles are priced right now. Enterprise is wanting a \$75,000 down payment for 6 vehicles. Trustee Grant asked if Enterprise is the only company who leases. Murphy replied that there are other companies, but Enterprise is the most flexible and the easiest to manage.
- President Clarke brought up about the house on Washington Street that has election signs with profanity on it. According to our attorney, Don Cravens, it is free speech and it is not a battle that we would want to fight. Walters asked Chief if one of his officers can reach out to the home owner to ask politely if they can take down the sign in question.
- President Clarke advised that engineer is working on proposed water rates for power plant. Rates should take in to account future replacement costs of infrastructure. Andy Lee advised of additional monthly and ongoing costs including sampling, electricity to pumps ,etc. should be considered.

Motion to Adjourn:

- **Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to adjourn
Second made by Trustee Grant
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm on Tuesday, October 15, 2024. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, October 28, 2024 at the Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Leah Wise
Village Deputy Clerk