

VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of November 12, 2024

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, Phillip Thompson, Troy Grant, Patrick Murphy, Erika Guess
- Trustees Absent: David Skinner (arrived at 7:12pm)
- Also in attendance: Attorney Don Cravens, Treasurer Brent Wise, Chief Barclay Harris, Steve Haney, Travis Simpson, Troy and Tammy Squires

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- Tammy Squires appeared before the Board. She has designed the first Pawnee newsletter. She will do a quarterly newsletter. There will be a new feature every quarter depending on what is going on in the community. The newsletter will be mailed out to residents. She utilizes the minutes to help with ideas. Treasurer Brent Wise has also helped a lot. Discussed the annual cost between postage and print fees.

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of October 28, 2024 were presented for review and approval
Motion made by Trustee Murphy to approve the minutes of October 28, 2024 as presented
Second made by Trustee Guess
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters=yes, Thompson=present, Grant=yes, Murphy=yes, Guess=yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Walters presented the bills payable for the week ending November 12, 2024 in the amount of \$90,056.53
Motion made by Trustee Walters to approve the bills payable for the week ending November 12, 2024 in the amount of \$90,056.53
Second made by Trustee Grant
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters=yes, Thompson=yes, Grant=yes, Murphy=yes, Guess=yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Walters

- Trustee Walters advised the Board that Josh attended the ICC mandatory meeting last week; Ryan Stults last day was on October 25th and the posting is out; the state audit with ICC starts November 18th and is a 3 day audit; the bulk water station is 90% completed and they are happy with how it's looking. He further advised the batteries for the automated meters for meter readings are coming to their end of life. They just ordered about \$4900 worth of units this

month. The batteries were supposed to last around 10yrs. They are replacing them between 8-10yrs.

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

- Trustee Grant advised the Board that Jeff and Tim have been putting up Christmas lights. They will finish tomorrow.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Chief Barclay Harris presented the Monthly Police Report
Motion made by Trustee Murphy to approve Chief Harris's Monthly Police Report
Second made by Trustee Walters
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters=yes, Thompson=yes, Grant=yes, Murphy=yes, Guess=yes
Motion Carried: (5-0)

Sewers and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Steve Haney discussed the tree behind 7th Street and Michelle. They would like to have the tree removed as it is over a sanitary sewer. Kresse Tree Works has submitted an estimate. He even met with Kresse at the property. He also received an estimate from PHP but they didn't inspect. They utilized google earth. PHP will not remove the stump. He doesn't trust the bid or quote from PHP since they haven't actually inspected. They both plan to use a crane to take it down. Kresse's estimate is \$8200-\$8800. The tree is located in the easement and has caused problems with the sanitary sewer. We've been down there 4 times in the last year. They rented a camera and found 3 spots where tree roots were getting in. It is the only big tree back there and probably the biggest tree in the subdivision. Kresse will take the stump out and clean it up as well. Steve advised that once it's cleaned up, we will put something on it to kill the roots and then bring in dirt and seed it. Steve advised that PHP's estimate states "remove oak tree." The tree is not an oak tree; it's a maple tree. PHP also did work in the community without obtaining permission from residents. Steve advised they contacted 4 companies and 2 of them wouldn't even provide a quote due to the size and location of the tree.
Motion made by Trustee Thompson to approve the estimate from Kresse Tree Works in an amount not to exceed \$9,500.00.
Second made by Trustee Murphy
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters=yes, Thompson=yes, Grant=yes, Murphy=yes, Skinner=yes, Guess=yes
Motion Carried: (6-0)
- Travis Simpson discussed purchasing a new work truck. There are only a few 2024's left. Heller in El Paso quoted him a 2024 Ford F150 for \$50,870.03. He also received a quote on a Chevy for \$48,000. The Chevy was a loaner with about 2000 miles. They are selling it as new. He did say they told him someone was coming to look at it tomorrow. He talked to another chevy dealer about a 2024 they had and it will be around \$50K also. What he is finding is all around the \$50K. His truck is a 2015. We will not have a trade. The F150 is a V8 4wheel drive. He checked with Landmark and they don't have any 2024s. He stated we could wait for 2025 but we probably would get any rebates. He also found that financing actually saves us about \$2,000. They only require \$10,000 of financing and 1 payment. After the 1 payment, we could pay off the loan. He's looking at a STX which is a step above the XL. He's looked around and this is all he can find. Trustee Murphy advised the price seems high for a relatively basic truck. He asked about calling

Laura Buick in the Collinsville area. He found a 2024 GMC for about \$42K. Trustee Skinner advised he has a \$1500 credit on GM that he would donate to the Village. Travis will call Laura tomorrow. They currently have 812 GMCs on their lot. He'll call down there tomorrow and see what he can find out.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Murphy

- Trustee Murphy advised he signed off on a demolition permit. It has ready been taken down and hauled away.

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:

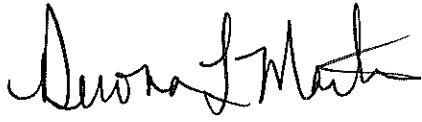
- Trustee Skinner attended an Otter Lake meeting. He advised they discussed compensation and it was approved. Their starting salary is under \$19/hr. They also let the bids for watermain project. The budgeted amount according to engineer was under \$5M. This amount is just for construction and does not include engineering fees. Petersburg was the low bid and they were \$1.7M under the budgeted amount.
- Treasurer Brent Wise discussed the fleet vehicles. They are still working through some things. Enterprise's presentation included \$10K-\$15K in residual on the lease. As they were talking about vehicles, they came back with numbers with a residual of \$0 instead of the \$10-15K. We hold the equity and they hold the title. Equity would roll into the next purchase of vehicles. Discussed looking for a police vehicle and work vehicle from Laura in Collinsville. They will drive down tomorrow and see what they have and what the prices would be.

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 7:40 pm on Tuesday, November 12, 2024. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, November 25, 2024 at the Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Devona Martin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Devona" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Martin".

Devona Martin
Village Clerk