

VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of January 13, 2025

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, David Skinner, Erika Guess
- Trustees Absent:
- Also in attendance: Attorney Don Cravens, Treasurer Brent Wise, Andy Lee, Travis Simpson, Chief Barclay Harris

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- none

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of December 10, 2024 were presented for review and approval
Motion made by Trustee Murphy to approve the minutes of December 10, 2024 as presented
Second made by Trustee Skinner
Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-present, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-present, Clarke-yes
Motion Carried: (7-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Skinner advised that during the last scheduled meeting, the Board approved Treasurer Brent Wise to pay the bills through the end of the year. Those bills totaled \$63,072.51.
- Trustee Skinner presented the bills payable for the week ending January 13, 2025 in the amount of \$216,236.86
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the bills payable for the week ending January 13, 2025 in the amount of \$216,236.86
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)
- Trustee Skinner advised the Board that Otter Lake sent out a letter outlining their annual water increase. Currently, the cost is \$5.56/1000 gallons. It will increase to \$5.73/1000 gallons. This is the current member wholesale rate and it will be effective March 1, 2025.

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Walters

- No report.

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

- Trustee Grant advised the Board that they have been pushing snow.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Chief Barclay Harris presented the Monthly Police Report.
Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve Chief Harris's Monthly Police Report
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)

Sewers and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Trustee Thompson advised the board that they have been pushing snow and doing maintenance on equipment.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Murphy

- No report

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:

- Discussed Fleet. Treasurer Brent Wise advised that there have been no changes made on the residual. Trustee Murphy advised we are a smaller scale business and it sounds like they are not interested in doing business with us. Consensus was that we would not be pursuing Fleet with Enterprise.

New Business:

- Travis Simpson discussed the new State of Illinois CDL requirements and how that affects our new hires. The State of Illinois has changed their law with regards to CDLs. To obtain a CDL, you have to have entry level training. During recent interviews, they have had applicants ask if the Village would be paying for the course. Lincoln Land offers the course, and it is \$4500 for a 4-6 weeks class from 7am – 5pm, Mon – Thurs. Is this something the Village would pay and pay the new hire while they attend the training? Once this training is completed, they will have a Class A CDL which is a semi-truck license. Our positions only require a Class B CDL. Discussion took place on how we retain these employees if we pay for their CDL Class A license. Treasurer Brent Wise advised there is a place in Jerseyville that offers Class B CDL training for \$3,500.00 and all

training is on-line. The only time a Class A would be needed for the Village is if they hooked up a trailer to a dump truck. The consensus was if they leave before a year, they will pay us back 100% of the cost of the class. If they leave after year 1, they will pay the Village back 75% of the cost; if they leave after 2yrs, 50%; after 3yrs 25%. After 4yrs, it would be paid off. Next hire won't be until April 1 or May 1. There will likely be some cheaper options by that time. Attorney Don Cravens will get an ordinance together.

- Andy Lee advised they completed their interviews for the new position. Brandon Jackson he an applicant they interviewed that currently works for Jerome. He had the best work experience and they offered him the position. He has been with Jerome for 3 yrs. Prior to that, he was with Chatham and before that, with Illinois Meter. His start date will be Feb 3, 2025.

Motion made by Trustee Skinner to hire Brandon Jackson for the gas/water department

Second made by Trustee Guess

Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes

Motion Carried: (6-0)

- Fireworks discussion regarding residents shooting off fireworks. Agreed that we would allow residents to shoot fireworks only during set days/times during 4th of July holiday. Questions were brought up related to the timeframe in allowing fireworks. There was discussion regarding the number of days to allow; times we would allow; if permits would be needed; fines for violating; etc. Trustee Thompson asked if our police dept can handle enforcement. Chief Barclay Harris advised the State's Attorney won't pursue it. This would be an ordinance violation and an ordinance court. Consensus was to create a window where residents can shoot off fireworks without a permit. Shooting off fireworks outside this timeframe would require a permit. If they are shooting off fireworks outside the allowed time without a permit, heavy fines would be given.
- Treasurer Brent Wise discussed the Intergovernmental Agreement. This would allow the Village to use ibid on government auction sites. It's an option when we sell decommissioned police vehicles and other equipment. Trustee Murphy is in support of this.

Motion made by Trustee Thompson

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)

- Discussed Resolution 25-01 Authorizing Execution. Our electric aggregation expires July of this year. Current rate is \$.078 and is generally a 15-18mo contract. This resolution is authorizes the Village President to sign to lock in the rate. We are agreeing to participate in the program again.

Motion made by Trustee Skinner

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)

- Discussed Fireworks provided by the Village of Pawnee. Last year we went \$12K. Consensus was to start at \$12K and see what they can provide. The date would again be July 3.

Motion made by Trustee Thompson to spend \$12K on fireworks for July 3rd with a rain date of July 5 if doable by the vendor.

Second made by Trustee Walters

Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes, Guess-yes

Motion Carried: (6-0)

Motion to Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm on Monday, January 13, 2025. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, January 27, 2025 at the Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Devona Martin
Village Clerk