VILLAGE OF PAWNEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of October 26, 2026

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

- Deputy Village Clerk, Leah Wise called roll
- Trustees in attendance: Dale Walters, Phillip Thompson, Troy Grant, Patrick Murphy, David Skinner
- Trustees Absent: Erika Guess
- Also in attendance: Village Administrator Brent Wise, Chief Barclay Harris, Travis Simpson, Bill Beaty, Jenny Gillick

Visitor's Recognition/Comments:

- Jenny Gillick is beginning to work on Christmas decorations. Would like to get new pole lights for 104 and some more string lights for the square. Quote for 6 new 6ft pole lights was $4300. Mike sharp is finishing up new metal tree for square.
  Motion made by Trustee Thompson to provide funding for the 6 new holiday pole lights, new replacement bulbs, and the new iron tree platform not to exceed $5,000.
  Second made by Trustee Murphy
  Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yest, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes
  Motion Carried: (5-0)
- Bill Beaty sought the board on whether he should test the Emergency system on November 3, 2026, with it being an election day. President Clarke advised resuming the normal testing schedule.

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes of October 12, 2026, were presented for review and approval
  Motion made by Trustee Murphy to approve the minutes of October 12, 2026, as presented
  Second made by Trustee Skinner
  Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-present, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes
  Motion Carried: (4-0)

Personnel & Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- Trustee Skinner presented the bills payable for the week ending October 26, 2026, in the amount of $85,753.43
- **Motion** made by Trustee Skinner to approve the bills payable for the week ending October 26, 2026, in the amount of $85,753.43
  Second made by Trustee Murphy
  Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes
  Motion Carried: (5-0)
- Village Administrator Brent Wise presented the Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending September 30, 2026
  Motion made by Trustee Skinner to approve the Monthly Budget Comparison Report for the Month Ending September 30, 2026

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

Gas and Water Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Walters

- Trustee Walters advised the board that the cleaning and maintenance of equipment have been taking place from the previous projects that have since finished up. They've also completed flushing the hydrants on the east side of town. Walters advised the board there were 65 red letters sent out on the 20th.

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

- Trustee Grant advised the board that the spray patch solution finished on Michelle Dr., Doc Norris, Horse Creek about two weeks ago and the crew started sweeping up the loose rock from the project. They will then get the snow plows ready for the upcoming winter.

Police Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Skinner

- No report

Sewers and Parks Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Thompson

- Travis Simpson advised the board that the survey that was done on the sewage pond 1 showed that of the 8-9ft of sludge, that only 14% of it is treatable organic matter. This is buildup of sand, mud and rock that occurred over last 40 years since ponds were constructed. Eventually pond will need dredged, possibly in the next 5-10 years. The current estimated cost is anywhere from $500,000-800,000 dollars to complete. Travis would like to get the other 2 ponds surveyed so that we will have a baseline to test them all again in the next 5 years. He is suggesting a proactive approach. A sample for each pond is approximately $2,000.
  Motion made by Trustee Thompson to approve to get the sample to not exceed $5,000 to test samples from Pond 2 and Pond 3
  Second made by Trustee Grant
  Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes
  Motion Carried: (5-0)
- Trustee Thompson suggested that they start devising a plan on how they will budget for the future of the sewer pond infrastructure project over the next 10 years or so.

Zoning Committee Report: Committee Chair, Trustee Murphy

- Trustee Murphy advised the board of a Zoning Meeting scheduled for November 9, 2026, at 6pm for Jessica Leach. This meeting is in accordance with a residential request to possibly rezone her property at 209 Carroll from an R1 to an R3. This is not related to any current matters with her other properties.

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:

- Consideration and Approval of Ordinance Amending Public Comment Regulations
  Motion made by Trustee Murphy to pass Ordinance 26-04
  Second made by Trustee Thompson
  Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes
  Motion Carried: (5-0)

- Consideration and Approval of Ordinance Amending Sewer Service Outside Village Limits
  Motion made by Trustee Thompson to pass Ordinance 26-05
  Second made by Trustee Murphy
  Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes
  Motion Carried: (5-0)

Motion to Exit Regular Session:7:30 pm

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

Motion to Enter Executive Session: 7:35pm

- **Motion** made by Trustee Murphy to enter executive session for personnel
  Second made by Trustee Thompson
  Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes
  Motion Carried: (5-0)

Motion to Exit Executive Session: 7:47pm

- **Motion** made by Trustee Thompson to exit executive session
  Second made by Trustee Muphy
  Roll Call Vote Taken: Walters-yes, Thompson-yes, Grant-yes, Murphy-yes, Skinner-yes
  Motion Carried: (5-0)

Motion to Enter Regular Session:7:47pm

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

Motion to Adjourn: 7:48pm

- **Motion** made by Trustee Walters to adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm on Monday, October 26, 2026. The next scheduled meeting of the Pawnee Village Board of Trustees is Monday, November 9, 2026 at the Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Devona Martin, Village Clerk

By: Leah M Wise

Leah Wise, Deputy Village Clerk