

**VILLAGE OF WAPELLA**  
Village Hall  
312 Main Street – P. O. Box 148  
Wapella, Illinois 61777

BOARD MEETING – MINUTES  
June 16, 2015

Regular Meeting

7:00 pm

**I. ROLL CALL – 7:00 pm**

Name	Title	Status
Nancy Falk	Trustee	Present
John Goergen	Trustee	Present
Suzanna Holland	Trustee	Present
Mandy Huff	Trustee	Absent
Rich Karr	President	Absent
Rusty Karr	Trustee	Present
Rosalie Summers	Trustee	Present
Steve Mahrt	Village Attorney	Present
Kim Yearry	Clerk	Absent

**II. MOTION TO APPOINT BOARD MEETING FACILITATOR**

In Rich Karr's absence, Rusty Karr made a motion to appoint John Goergen as Board Meeting facilitator. Seconded by Nancy Falk.

Result:	Approved
Moved:	Rusty Karr
Seconded:	Nancy Falk
Ayes:	Nancy Falk, Suzanna Holland, Rusty Karr, Rosalie Summers
Nays:	None

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Village Board – Regular Meeting – May 20, 2015

Result:	Approved
Moved:	Rusty Karr
Seconded:	Nancy Falk
Ayes:	Nancy Falk, John Goergen, Suzanna Holland, Rusty Karr, Rosalie Summers
Nays:	None

**IV. MOTION TO APPROVE UNPAID BILLS**

Rosalie wished to add three more bills to the list provided to the Board. Those were: Ancil, Glick et al. - \$786.25 coded 103, Bacaland - \$1,121.25 coded 204.1, and Grimsley’s Flowers - \$21.95 coded 205.

Result:	Approved
Moved:	Rusty Karr
Seconded:	Rosalie Summers
Ayes:	Nancy Falk, John Goergen, Suzanna Holland, Rusty Karr, Rosalie Summers
Nays:	None

**V. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**A. Streets**

Rusty Karr indicated his department have been edging the sidewalks with the new weedeater. The new machine is lighter and more powerful. They have also been working with the fire department on removing old concrete outside the building so they can pour sidewalks. This is in his budget.

**B. Health and Safety**

Suzanna Holland reported that the town clean-up is going well. The dumpsters for town clean-up are located at the shed. There are two of them, and once they are filled the Streets Department will contact AREA to come pick them up and replace them with two more dumpsters. The mulch is being spread at the park, and spraying for weeds will occur after the mulch is spread. Work on the roof at the community center should begin this week. There is some concern about some trees in the park. One is split and needs to be removed, and there may be an issue with disease in some of the evergreens.

**C. Water**

Nancy Falk stated that Clyde Leggett is working on a project list for the new budget. They are looking into replacing some of the older water meters. Clyde would like to investigate the possibility of getting an automatic meter reading system. Rosalie added that those systems are usually expensive.

**D. Zoning**

Willie Strange indicated that there is an issue with Redman’s fence. It is only 2 feet off the property line. He also mentioned a building permit for Haremaker’s for a second building.

**E. Finance**

Rosalie reported that the fiscal year ends June 30. She would like to start working on the new budget now. She also would like to attend the Illinois Municipal League’s training session for newly elected officials on June 24. Registration is online and it is \$65.00 per person. Overall, financially the Village is in good shape. Rosalie read the checking account balances for those in attendance. She had looked into cashing in CDs. Cashing in a CD would incur a 3 month interest penalty fee. There is currently one CD at State Bank of Lincoln and two CDs at DeWitt Savings.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Extend Liquor License Hours for Sundays**

Motion to table this item until the next Board Meeting.

Result:	Approved
Moved:	Rusty Karr
Seconded:	Nancy Falk
Ayes:	Nancy Falk, John Goergen, Suzanna Holland, Rusty Karr, Rosalie Summers
Nays:	None

**B. Water Billing Rates**

Nancy stated that she is investigating rates of other towns in the area. Maroa has a \$5.00 per month fee that goes in to a separate fund. Maroa passed an ordinance to allow for this. Their rates are \$6.25 for the first 1,000 gallons, and then \$5.53 for every 1,000 gallons after that. Rosalie stated that Wapella has the cheapest water rates in the area. John indicated that we shouldn't raise rates too fast, but it needs to be done over time. Nancy added that we need to re-implement the commercial rates that were stopped under a different Board. John asked to table this issue until the next Board meeting.

Result:	Approved
Moved:	Rusty Karr
Seconded:	Nancy Falk
Ayes:	Nancy Falk, John Goergen, Suzanna Holland, Rusty Karr, Rosalie Summers
Nays:	None

**C. Establish a Utility Repair Fund**

Rosalie would like to pay off the balloon payment out of the Park Fund. The Village could pay off the loan or pay off the loan and keep a line of credit open with an interest rate of 3.25%. The Park Fund would still have a balance of almost \$15,000. Currently the Ameren Utility Tax is divided between the General Fund (\$7,987.14) and the Park Fund (\$30,288.51). Suzanna stated she did not want the Park Fund depleted. Rosalie reiterated that there would be \$15,000 remaining in the Park Fund, and she explained that the Park Fund still have a CD if the park would need more than \$15,000. In the alternative, the Village can continue to make monthly payments until 2018, however Rosalie would like to enter the new fiscal year "debt free". John and Rusty agree with Rosalie. The attorney suggested a plan for the upcoming budget for any big expenses. A motion was made to table the establishment of a Utility Repair Fund.

Result:	Approved
Moved:	Rosalie Summers
Seconded:	Nancy Falk
Ayes:	Nancy Falk, John Goergen, Suzanna Holland, Rusty Karr, Rosalie Summers
Nays:	None

**D. Pay off loan at Lincoln State Bank**

Further discussions proceeded regarding the balloon loan payment. Motion was made to table the issue of paying off the balloon loan until a full board is present.

Result:	Approved
Moved:	Rosalie Summers
Seconded:	Nancy Falk
Ayes:	Nancy Falk, John Goergen, Suzanna Holland, Rusty Karr, Rosalie Summers
Nays:	None

**E. Ordinance for Utility Taxes to go to Water Project Fund**

The attorney suggested this item wait until a full board is present. This type of ordinance may make the General Fund short on funds. Rosalie answered that the General Fund pays a lot of the park expenses. She further explained that 11 months income tax is \$52,621.80, 1% sales tax is \$48,368.09, Gaming Tax is \$16,693.99, Replacement Tax is \$2,201.28, and State Usage Tax is \$10,223.73. Suzanna would like to hold off on any voting. A motion was made to table the issue.

Result:	Approved
Moved:	Rosalie Summers
Seconded:	Nancy Falk
Ayes:	Nancy Falk, John Goergen, Suzanna Holland, Rosalie Summers
Nays:	Rusty Karr

**F. Mowing at 500 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street**

Rusty stated they had been billing the lienholder, but had not received any response. Rusty will call the bank and get an address for the bank. Rusty also stated a minimum of 1 hour of mowing at \$50.00 an hour has been established for the railroad. He indicated they have received the most current mowing. He would like this issue placed on the agenda for the next meeting – how does the board want to handle the previous mowing bills.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

John made a motion to go into Executive Session as permitted by Section 2(c).

Result:	Approved
Moved:	Rusty Karr
Seconded:	Rosalie Summers
Ayes:	Nancy Falk, John Goergen, Suzanna Holland, Rusty Karr, Rosalie Summers
Nays:	None

Rusty made a motion to close out of Executive Session as permitted by Section 2(c).

Result:	Approved
Moved:	Rusty Karr
Seconded:	Rosalie Summers
Ayes:	Nancy Falk, John Goergen, Suzanna Holland, Rusty Karr, Rosalie Summers
Nays:	None

**IX. NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED.**

**A. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of employees.**

Rusty made a motion to give Rusty Stamp a \$2.00 per hour raise starting next week.

Result:	Approved
Moved:	Rusty Karr
Seconded:	Nancy Falk
Ayes:	Nancy Falk, John Goergen, Suzanna Holland, Rusty Karr, Rosalie Summers
Nays:	None

**X. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

John made a motion to adjourn.

Result:	Approved
Moved:	John Goergen
Seconded:	Nancy Falk
Ayes:	Nancy Falk, John Goergen, Suzanna Holland, Rusty Karr, Rosalie Summers
Nays:	None

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.