

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

BOARD MEETING – MINUTES
 July 21, 2015

Regular Meeting

7:00 pm

I. ROLL CALL – 7:00 pm

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Village Board – Regular Meeting – June 16, 2015

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

2. Village Board – Working Budget Meeting – July 14, 2015

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

III. MOTION TO APPROVE UNPAID BILLS

Rusty Karr indicated that the bill for pruners and gloves should not be applied to his budget, but perhaps to Suzanna’s budget. Motion was approved with that change.

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

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Streets

Rusty Karr had nothing to report.

B. Health and Safety

Suzanna Holland reported that all the mulch that had been ordered has been placed.

C. Water

Nancy Falk indicated that she had spoken with Clyde Leggett regarding budget needs.

D. Zoning

Willie Strange had nothing to report.

E. Finance

Rosalie Summers indicated that she has been working on the budget, but it is not done yet. Suzanna asked if there was going to be another budget meeting. Rosalie replied affirmatively.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Fleck spoke regarding the issue of mosquitoes. He indicated that spraying for mosquitoes is a temporary solution. He continued that the standing water in town needs to be addressed, the tile and ditches need to be fixed, and that these solutions would help address the problem with mosquitoes.

Mark Miller spoke regarding the salary ordinance which was amended in 2012. He indicated that Rusty Stamp’s raise does not align with the ordinance, and that Willie Strange has not had a review as required by the ordinance.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Agreement for Mosquito Fogger

Rusty Karr recused himself from discussions regarding this issue. Rich Karr explained that Rusty Karr will lend the village his fogging equipment and we will purchase fogging chemicals. Attorney Steve Mahrt interjected that each party will indemnify and hold harmless the other party from and against any and all liability, actions, debts, claims and demands of every kind whatsoever. A motion was made to abate mosquitos as outlined herein.

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

B. Unpaid Railroad Bill

Rusty indicated it needs to be decided how payments should be made to bring their account current. He suggested dividing the amount due by the remaining number of months for this year. He added that he will get ahold of Victor from the railroad. This issue was tabled.

C. Prevailing Age

Rich Karr explained that prevailing wage applies to contract employees. If we contract employees, they must be paid the prevailing wage. We currently have no contract employees.

D. Follow up on Inoperative Vehicles

Steve Mahrt spoke to this issue. He indicated he received a medical note from Mr. Greene’s attorney stating Mr. Greene cannot attend the public meeting in August due to his medical condition. Mr. Mahrt added that if Mr. Greene cannot attend, then his attorney should attend.

E. Grass Mowing Ordinance

Suzanna outlined the proposed ordinance, which allows for a lien to be placed on private property. It also shortened the notice time and allows for an administrative fee in addition to the mowing charge. A motion was made to approve the mowing ordinance.

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

F. Eliminate Park Fund Checking Account

Rosalie stated that this issue was discussed and tabled at the last Board meeting. The account is unnecessary. Any bills for the park can be paid for from the General Fund. The Water Fund and the Motor Fuel Fund will stay separate. Motion was made to close the Park Fund checking account.

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

G. Purchase of New Backhoe

No amounts have been acquired yet regarding the purchase price of a new backhoe.

H. Extend Liquor License Hours for Sundays

Rich Karr read a letter submitted by Sherry Mears, owner of Misflips. The bars in Clinton are open until midnight on Sundays, and 1:00 am on the rest of the days. Suzanna has spoken with Patti, who owns Irish Circle, and noted that Patti does not have an opinion about staying open later on Sundays. Currently the bars are required to close at 8:00 pm on Sundays. John offered a few compromises, i.e. no loud music on Sundays, or open until 10:00 pm on Sundays. Rosalie stated that if we continue to close early on Sundays, patrons will go to other towns. Mr. Mahrt suggested a trial period, perhaps one month, to see if there are any issues. Motion was made to extend the liquor license hours for Sundays.

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

I. WATER BILLING RATES

Nancy Falk suggested an increase of 50% plus an additional \$5.00 per month which would go into a repair fund, with another 50% increase next year. The commercial rate should be reinstated. The proposed increase would equal \$15.50 per month minimum for water in addition to the refuge amount. A question was raised regarding a senior citizen rate. Nancy stated consideration should be made for pump house repairs and meter replacements. Mr. Mahrt stated a new ordinance will need to be drafted.

J. ESTABLISH A UTILITY REPAIR FUND

Funds from a commercial rate may be used towards a utility repair fund. Rosalie stated excessive use would determine rate. It was stated that commercial zones could not be used to establish what constitutes a commercial business. Mr. Mahrt suggested a Capital Improvement account.

K. Pay Off Loan at Lincoln State Bank

Rosalie suggested paying off the current loan with funds from the Park Fund. She stated that Park Fund has no restrictions on it. There is no grant money in the Park Fund. This change would be reflected in the new budget. Motion was made to pay off the loan at Lincoln State Bank.

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

L. Ordinance for utility taxes to go to Water Project fund.

Rosalie suggested that all funds received from Ameren be deposited into the Water Project fund. Mr. Mahrt indicated he did not recommend that plan. He suggested depositing into the General Fund, and then transferring funds from there, monthly if required. He indicated that passing an ordinance would bind the village. He suggested continuing to deposit Ameren funds into the General Fund.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Closed Session Minutes for Content and Release

Rich indicated that no closed session minutes will be released today.

IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN

John made a motion to adjourn

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