

VILLAGE OF WAPELLA

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

SPECIAL MEETING – MINUTES

December 1, 2015

Special Meeting

7:00 pm

I. ROLL CALL – 7:00 pm

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Miller asked that, when the resolution is discussed, if members of the audience could be provided a copy. Rich Karr replied affirmatively and the clerk distributed copies.

Kathy Meadows spoke regarding the community Christmas tree. She stated there is a community Christmas tree in the community center. She also stated the flags along Main Street are in disarray. Rusty explained that it requires two employees to adjust the flags, and the village employees have been off sick.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Pose the question by referendum to increase sales tax in the village

This is the purpose for this meeting. The referendum needs to be filed with the county clerk by December 18. It was discussed at the November 17 meeting. Rich read the verbiage that will appear on the ballot. John asked if the residents will have an opportunity to review the referendum. Rich stated that it must be posted.

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

B. Purchase new back hoe.

Rusty stated that the price is 8% higher than it was last year. After the beginning of the year it will go up again 8%. The water tower has been paid off, which was \$40,000 per year and the truck was \$9,000 per year. Payments are \$15,000 per year for 5 years with a final payment of \$26,000. Rich clarified that this is a lease program, so you would be purchasing the backhoe back for \$26,000. Rusty listed the specifications. Suzanna asked the total price. Rusty stated \$89,000. He also mentioned that we would be getting an \$11,000 trade-in for the currently back hoe. Willie tested the equipment. Suzanna asked about possibly getting a loan to purchase to back hoe. Rusty explained he called a number of people to get details on a purchase, and no one has returned his calls as of yet. This issue will be tabled until further information is gathered.

C. Board decision to say Pledge of Allegiance at every meeting

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

D. Board decision on community decorated Christmas tree

Rosalie suggested creating a community Christmas tree or bushes at the veteran’s memorial. It was noted that there is no electricity at that location. There was discussion about having the tree located outside the Village Hall. All residents would be invited to assist with decorating it. They could come at any time and add ornaments.

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

E. Estimated tax levy

Rich indicated that this issue has been completed.

5. Motion to Adjourn

Motioned by John and seconded by Rusty.