

# VILLAGE OF WAPELLA

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

## BOARD MEETING – MINUTES July 18, 2017

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	Present
Sherry Mears	Trustee	Present
Ryan Carter	Trustee	Absent
Steve Mahrt	Village Attorney	Present
Lauren Johnson (Carla Karr)	Village Clerk	Absent

### Pledge of Allegiance

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 1. Village Board – Regular Meeting – May 16, 2017

Result:	Approved
Moved:	Mandy Huff
Seconded:	Sherry Mears
Ayes:	John Goergen, Suzanna Holland, Mandy Huff, Sherry Mears, Nancy Falk
Nays:	

#### Village Board – Special Meeting – May 23, 2017

Result:	Approved
Moved:	Sherry Mears
Seconded:	John Goergen
Ayes:	John Goergen, Suzanna Holland, Sherry Mears, Mandy Huff, Nancy Falk
Nays:	

#### Village Board – Regular Meeting – June 20, 2017

Result:	Approved
Moved:	Sherry Mears

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Seconded:	John Goergen
Ayes:	John Goergen, Mandy Huff, Sherry Mears, Nancy Falk
Nays:	Suzanna Holland - Abstain (absent for the meeting)

### III. APPROVAL OF OKAYED BILLS

Result:	Approved
Moved:	Sherry Mears
Seconded:	Nancy Falk
Ayes:	Nancy Falk, John Goergen, Suzanna Holland, Sherry Mears, Mandy Huff
Nays:	

### IV. Department Reports

#### A. Streets

Sherry reports drainage is done now. It has since rained and there was no flooding. Brett Scogins thanks the board for all the help in getting it done. Total was a little over \$10,000 because items previously purchased had been used for other things around town so they needed replaced. Sherry will post that summer hours are 6am-3pm.

#### B. Health and Safety

Sherry reports that mulch is at Community Center; park was re-sprayed today; going to burn weeds out of Community Center tomorrow.

#### C. Water

Nancy reported she is waiting to hear back from the USDA; there is an updated preliminary engineering report.

#### D. Zoning

Sherry asks John to send permits to the assessor's office.

#### E. Finance

Suzanna reports that the audit with Neal is coming up. Decision will need to be made regarding quarterly taxes, whether it will be in house or outsourced; budget workshops in September.

#### F. Clerk

Quite a few FOIAs caught up; problem with the late charge was that it was only calculating the 10% late fee on water and not refuge, Locis has fixed the issue; hand-entered PO boxes so that should be taken care of on the water bills.

### V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Miller wonders if his neighbor (who applied for a zoning permit) has communicated the portable shed to the village. Sherry answers that yes, it is temporary.

Area Disposal - Bob Hawkins and Jeremy Benton came to address issues with Area. Sherry: problem is that some people traded recycle containers for trash containers and the village wasn't aware that this had happened. Area: here to resolve issues and when there are issues they want to work with the village. There is a new driver and he is in the process of learning this route - he's fully capable of doing a great job for the Village.

Citizen addresses why Area isn't picking up their trash cans - she's not doing anything differently but it's not getting picked up. Area themselves traded recycling canister for trash canister.

Mary Katherine would like village workers to be sure they stop fully at stop signs.

Dale - weeds need sprayed (done today) - why are there low voltage lights strung (they will be put back in the ground).

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Swearing in of Clerk and President**

Swearing in of President Rich Karr and Clerk Lauren Johnson.

**B. Petty Cash Ordinance**

Head of Finance would like to dissolve petty cash.

Motion to discontinue the use of petty cash and adopt an ordinance.

<b>Result:</b>	Approved
<b>Moved:</b>	Sherry Mears
<b>Seconded:</b>	John Goergen
<b>Ayes:</b>	Nancy Falk, John Goergen, Suzanna Holland, Mandy Huff, Sherry Mears
<b>Nays:</b>	

**C. Ameren right of way proposal**

Board rejected previous proposal. Ameren wants 100 ft of easement (versus current 50 ft). They have the right to replace poles. Ameren wants easement to come to the corner of the village shed. Rich will have paperwork drawn up for the next meeting.

**D. Members of the Zoning Board**

John reports 2 for certain, and a possible additional 2. Need 7 by next meeting.

**E. Codification**

Tabled - Rich emphasizes that this must be discussed next meeting.

**F. Amended Budget**

Suzanna discusses that budget workshops should probably be around August. Need Treasurer's End Report to amend budget.

**G. Asphalt Sealing for Community Center**

The cost for employees to do sealing would be \$3500, Marshall's (contractor) could do it for \$3,350 and it could be done next week. Weeds are breaking through, needs sealed.

Motion for Marshall's Asphalt and Concrete to do blacktop at Community Center for \$3350.

<b>Result:</b>	Approved
<b>Moved:</b>	Sherry Mears
<b>Seconded:</b>	Nancy Falk
<b>Ayes:</b>	Nancy Falk, John Goergen, Suzanna Holland, Mandy Huff, Sherry Mears
<b>Nays:</b>	

**H. South end drainage estimate**

Previous bid for southend of town was for only 2nd to 3rd street and in between. First bid was \$16,540 which was approved. If he lays it next to what is already existing, he has to charge more money (it will need hand dug because of utility lines). If the drainage crosses the alley up the opposite side, it will be completed quicker and will only be charged \$3,300 additional (versus \$7,000). Someone is dumping sewage into the drainage tile. Health department and state laws say that the pipe needs capped off so that the sewage cannot drain. The property owner possibly bought the property with an existing issue and is unaware. Sherry wants to send out notifications of the capping and what the possible outcomes could be. Williamson could possibly do dye packs to help determine who's septic system is the issue. A search warrant could be issued if citizens are not cooperative. Steve suggests that Village advertise it for bid. Rich wants to go ahead and get the dye packs going or Williamson's may be able to smoke the pipes. Steve will draft letters and also the press release for the bids for the orange dump truck and the bid for the drainage.

**I. Amend Ordinance #719-11b**

Currently, the way the ordinance reads only the President and the Clerk can write checks. Steve looked into it and the village can determine who is on the account. It is recommended by Sherry that the Finance Chair and/or Co-finance, treasurer and mayor. Suzanna recommends Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Head of Finance.

Motion to adopt an ordinance designating officials authorized to sign village checks (Clerk, President, Treasurer, Chairman of Accounts and Finance)

Result:	Approved
Moved:	Sherry Mears
Seconded:	Mandy Huff
Ayes:	John Goergen, Suzanna Holland, Mandy Huff, Sherry Mears
Nays:	

**Motion to adjourn.**

Result:	Approved
Moved:	Sherry Mears
Second:	John Goergen