

VILLAGE OF WAPELLA

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

BOARD MEETING – MINUTES MAY 29, 2018

Regular Meeting

7:00 pm

1. Meeting called to order by President Rich Karr, President Karr announced the village owned recorder was on and recording the meeting and NOT his personal phone,

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by President Karr

3. Roll Call - Maxine Schwartz, Acting Village Clerk

Name	Title	Status
Rich Karr	President	Present
Sherry Mears	Trustee	Present
Mandy Huff	Trustee	Present
Rayna Kaufman	Trustee	Present
Nancy Falk	Trustee	Present
Ryan Carter	Trustee	Absent
Bryan Atwood	Trustee	Present
Steve Mahrt	Village Attorney	Absent
Maxine Schwartz	Acting Village Clerk	Present

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - APRIL 10, 2018 - These minutes have already been approved

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 17, 2018

Moved:	Sherry Mears
Seconded:	Nancy Falk
Ayes:	Sherry Mears, Mandy Huff, Rayna Kaufman, Nancy Falk, Bryan Atwood
Nays:	None
Abstained:	None

Motion carried to approve April 17, 2018 Wapella Village Board Minutes

6. APPROVAL OF OKAYED BILLS -

Moved:	Sherry Mears
Seconded:	Mandy Huff
Ayes:	Sherry Mears, Mandy Huff, Rayna Kaufman, Nancy Falk, Bryan Atwood
Nays:	None
Motion	Carried to pay all bills

President Karr announced the audit was complete and a report has been made to all the board members. Karr reported the audit over-all looked good with only a few very minor changes.

7. Department Reports

A) Streets - Sherry Mears reported the village had received a letter from Second Chance thanking the village for another successful rabies clinic in March. Mears also reported that in the near future the village will be possibly be needing a new mower, pick up truck and a gator. Mears plans to have more details for the next village board meeting.

B) Health and Safety - Bryan Atwood reported the concession stand at the park is done and ready for use. Atwood also reported the community center roof has another leak.

C) Water - Nancy Falk reported the water main project was on schedule and moving forward as planned. The village is also replacing two hydrants.

D) Zoning - No Report

E) Finance - Rayna Kaufman had nothing to report.

F) Water Operator - No Report

G) Village Clerk - Acting Clerk Maxine Schwartz wanted to thank the village employees, water meters were read and she only needed 5 re-reads out of 265 water bills.

H) FOIA Officer - Kim Donovan reported to the board that the village is still receiving FOIA requests from one individual. Several Request for Review have been filed against the village but after an investigation by the Public Access Counselor at the Attorney Generals office all complaints have been determined unfounded and all the cases have been closed. The village receives a FOIA request every month from Jane Buraglio. Buraglio is still requesting everyone's water bill every month. The village is still receiving complaints about releasing water bills to Buraglio as a FOIA request. Donovan explains to everyone who asks that this is the way the law is written. The village has no choice but to release everyone's water bill to Buraglio month after month. Citizens are not happy, they feel it is a violation of privacy.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT - The village board heard all public comments and addressed as needed.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Liquor License - Trisha Isaac attended the meeting.

B. Village Festival - Sherry Mears reported the festival was moving forward. Mears asked the board for additional money to cover additional expenses for the "Party in the Park". Mandy Huff read an email from Village Attorney, Steve Mahrt. Huff was concerned about the legalities of spending tax payer dollars for a festival. Huff was not against having a village festival she just wanted to make sure it was done correctly.

Motion - Motion to pay \$9,725.00 for "Party in the Park"

Moved:	Sherry Mears
Seconded:	Rayna Kaufman
Ayes:	Sherry Mears, Rayna Kaufman, Nancy Falk
Nays:	Mandy Huff, Bryan Atwood
Abstained:	None

President Karr announced that since by village code any action taken by the village board needs four affirmative votes to pass, he would be voting. President Karr read from the village code book a section that describes when a president may vote. President Karr then voted Yes and the motion carried.

Mandy Huff had to leave the meeting due to a prior commitment.

C. Veterans Memorial in the park - Bryan Atwood explained that a local group of people calling themselves "Friends of Wapella Veterans" is wanting to put up a memorial at the park for veterans. Atwood stated this is not a board endeavor and is not affiliated with the village board. Atwood is asking the boards permission to erect a memorial at the park. " Friends of Wapella Veterans" will be taking donations and doing fund raisers to help off-set the costs.

Motion - To build a Veterans Memorial in the park

Moved:	Bryan Atwood
Seconded:	Rayna Kaufman
Ayes:	Sherry Mears, Rayna Kaufman, Nancy Falk, Bryan Atwood
Nays:	None
Abstained:	None

Motion carried to build a Veterans memorial in the park.

D. Major Park Landscaping - Bryan Atwood reported that the village park is needing to replace some trees. They will be taking out some trees and bushes at the park on May 30, 2018.

Motion - To not spend over \$2,000.00 for landscaping at the park.

Moved:	Bryan Atwood
Seconded:	Sherry Mears
Ayes:	Sherry Mears, Rayna Kaufman, Nancy Falk, Bryan Atwood
Nays:	None
Abstained:	None

Motion carried to not spend over \$2,000.00 for landscaping at the park

E. Town Clean-Up - Bryan Atwood reported that the village will be having town clean-up on starting June 13, 2018 and will continue until June 20, 2018.

F. Water Deposit Amendment - Nancy Falk discussed the ordinance but would like the verbiage changed that allows "snowbirds" to be exempt. She would like to table the ordinance until the verbiage can be changed.

G. FOIA Retention - President Karr asked Kim Donovan to explain this ordinance. Donovan explained she had been working with the village attorney and the Attorney General's office - PAC, to try to come up with a solution for the hundreds and hundreds of FOIA requests that are taking up space at village hall. This ordinance will allow the village to only keep the past two years worth of FOIA requests as a permanent record. Donovan reported, if this ordinance passes, she will be going through almost 10 years worth of FOIA's. The village will be putting in place a binder method of past FOIA requests and only keeping the original FOIA and the response letter from the village to the requester. This will allow the village to still maintain past FOIA records without having file cabinet after file cabinet of documents. The Public Access Counselor agreed this method would be beneficial to the village.

Motion - To adopt an ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN RECORDS MAINTAINED PURSUANT TO THE ILLINOIS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

Moved:	Nancy Falk
Seconded:	Bryan Atwood
Ayes:	Sherry Mears, Rayna Kaufman, Nancy Falk, Bryan Atwood
Nays:	None
Abstained:	None

Motion carried to adopt FOIA retention ordinance

H. Authority to open a bank account - President Karr explained the village is required to open a separate bank account for the water main project. This will be done in a resolution form.

Motion - to adopt a resolution to open a new bank account for the water main project.

Moved:	Sherry Mears
Seconded:	Bryan Atwood
Ayes:	Sherry Mears, Rayna Kaufman, Nancy Falk, Bryan Atwood
Nays:	None
Abstained:	None

Motion carried to open a new bank account for the water main project.

I. Waste Disposal Contract - Tabled

J. Set hearing date for ordinance violation - Tabled

K. Sharon Riddle to address the board - No comment made

10. Motion to go into executive session for The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, of dismissal of specific employee(Silcs 120/2(C)(1)).

Moved:	Rayna Kaufman
Seconded:	Nancy Falk
Ayes:	Sherry Mears, Rayna Kaufman, Nancy Falk, Bryan Atwood
Nays:	None
Abstained:	None

THE VILLAGE BOARD RECONVENED THE OPEN MEETING FOLLOWING THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

ROLL CALL FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Maxine Schwartz	Village Clerk	Present

Motion - Increase the salary for Cody McCoy to \$15.00 per hour

Moved:	Sherry Mears
Seconded:	Bryan Atwood
Ayes:	Sherry Mears, Rayna Kaufman, Nancy Falk, Bryan Atwood
Nays:	None
Abstained:	None

Motion carried to increase the salary to \$15.00 per hour

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



**Maxine Schwartz
Acting Wapella Village Clerk**