

Village of Wapella Closed Session Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 16th, 2023

Village Hall – 7:00 pm

Entered Closed Session @ 7:49 pm.

Meeting called to order by Village President, Dennis Klatt.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Dennis Klatt

Mark Miller

Jake Simmons

Jane Buraglio

John Goergen

Carl Spath

Sean Holland

Steve Marht – Attorney

Robin Morrow – Clerk

Closed Session:

1. Discussion of the appointment employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee(s).

Mark Miller briefed the board about the Zoning Board of Appeals. First, no one on the board does not want to be Chairman. He asked Steve if he would be able to continue to run the meetings since he is unable to change his compensation. Steve stated that he could not hold two positions with the village. John Goergen asked if he could have some time to talk to his wife, Sara, to possibly get her to agree to take the position. Her main concern was with her hearing. John felt he could get her to agree to it. Steve also mentioned there could be a rotating chairperson if needed. Mark stated that he wanted to discuss this as he wanted some advice. Jane stated that the chairperson would just be to moderate the meetings.

Second, Mark asked about a clerk/secretary for the Zoning Board as Robin mentioned she would not be available for every meeting due to her travel schedule. Robin mentioned that usually the Zoning Board would appoint someone from that board to take the minutes. Mark stated that the clerks' position by ordinance is by corporate entity and asked Steve if the Zoning Board was part of the corporate entity. Steve stated yes and the board can establish the duties of the village clerk. Or if there is some member of the board who wants to do it, they could, or they could even hire someone. Jane asked that since she does attend the meetings would there be any reason, she couldn't be Robin's backup. Steve said she

could take the minutes even though she is not an official member of the board. It was agreed that Jane would cover for Robin when not available.

Jane announced that Scott Bishop turned in his two-week notice and his last day will be August 24th. He is going to a job with Clinton Hospital. It has good benefits and a place for his 401K. He has a young family and must think about his future. He told her he enjoyed working for the village and she appreciated everything he contributed. When we find someone after interviews, Jane will meet with Dennis to talk about a beginning salary. She is serious when she says we need to investigate some kind of benefits for our employees. Jane knows Brandon would come on full time if we offered IMRF. Since we do not offer health insurance, the opportunity to buy good insurance at a reduced rate is out there. We talked earlier about picking up a percentage of health insurance and that could be an option.

Motion to exit Closed Session made by Jane Buraglio. Second made by Carl Spath. All in favor.

Closed Session Meeting adjourned @ 8:01pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Robin Morrow, Village Clerk