

Village of Wapella Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 21st, 2022

Village Hall – 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order by Village President Dennis Klatt.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present:

Dennis Klatt

Sean Holland

Lauren Johnson

Jane Buraglio

Mark Miller

Steve Marht – Attorney

Robin Morrow – Clerk

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Jane Buraglio to approve the minutes from 11/16/22, meeting.

Second by Mark Miller. All voting yes.

Approval of Bills:

There was some discussion about Grimsley's bill for a memorial at the park of \$40.

Seems to be a standing order that is done annually until it gets canceled.

Motion made by Jane Buraglio to approve the bills as presented to the board. Second

by Mark Miller. All voting yes.

Department Reports:

STREETS: Jane Buraglio

The air compressor has been relocated into the warmer shop area. The loft over the east work bench was lowered and a compartment or room was built to accommodate the air compressor. The electric and the piping were moved making it more accessible and centrally located.

The trucks have been fueled and on standby. We ordered more diesel for the tanks at the shop. Friday and Monday are both paid holidays for the employees. The men will do what they can on Thursday, but if Friday is anything like they are predicting, no one can plow in 50 mph winds. No one should be on the roads, including our men and trucks. We will do what we can. The safety of our crew should be important to us. She can call them in on a holiday for a clean-up day, if needed. We still have a snowplow list. No one is first and no one is last, but the list will be used if needed. Remember – next Thursday it is supposed to be in the 40s.

The last roll off was removed and we now have just the two dumpsters. We've had a couple of issues. Last week someone removed items from the south dumpster and set the things on the ground so they could put their own items inside. This week we had some demolition materials (particle board and a toilet) in the south dumpster. We have not taken the step to close the gate, but that still is an option if things get out of hand.

Jane received some material from our insurance company that will help her with documenting a sidewalk repair project she is planning for 2023. We have many locations where our sidewalks need repaired due to trees or deterioration. Sidewalks can be done with Motor Fuel money. With the cost of concrete delivery, it would make sense to coordinate several pours in one day. She will get with Rodger later and get some plans together.

HEALTH & SAFETY: Lauren Johnson

Lauren went to the Community Center and the floor is broken in a big section. This will continue to break and get bigger. It will need to be fixed. She is not sure if the entire floor has to be replaced or if that area can just be repaired. Wanted to bring it to the board's attention and will have more details on the repair at the next meeting.

Lauren did speak to Tyler and was supposed to have something to bring to the meeting, however, did not receive anything. She said that she must have it for the January meeting.

WATER: Sean Holland

Nothing to report

ZONING: Mark Miller

Issued 1 permit for Evergreen FS to tear down their liquid nitrogen tank and rebuild. Will be the steel tank with rubber membrane. They want to have completed by the end of February.

FINANCE: Jane/Pat

Account Balances as of November 30, 2022

General Fund Checking	\$148,630.00
Park CD (Heartland)	\$ 41,564.04
Park CD (DeWitt Savings)	\$ 54,679.87
Police CD (DeWitt Savings)	\$ 18,402.95
Water Fund Checking	\$ 73,729.53
Motor Fuel Checking	\$108,213.03
<u>Water Project Fund Checking</u>	<u>\$105,072.85</u>
Total:	\$550,292.27

WATER OPERATOR: Steve

Nothing to report

CLERK: Robin Morrow

Informed the board that Invoice Cloud now offers online payments using PayPal and Venmo options to customers and there is no additional charge to Invoice Cloud for these added services.

FOIA OFFICER: Robin Morrow

Nothing to report

WEBSITE: Jane Buraglio

Current and up to date

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dale Karr comments that he was glad to see the leaves were all picked up, however, need a plan for next year as they were sitting there waiting to be picked up way too long. Also commented about the junk piles behind the Village which Jane confirmed that it has been hauled off.

New Business for discussion, approval, and possible vote:

1. Discussion and possible approval for charging rental fee for the use of baseball/softball fields.

Lauren wanted to revisit the issue/concern of charging a fee for the baseball/softball fields. Clinton is already scheduling through Natalie. Dennis asked if there was a specific amount that she was considering. Lauren stated that they are a non-profit organization. Sean is not in favor of charging. The question was asked if other villages charge for the use of theirs. Everyone is happy that the fields are being used. Jane comments that we could always just take a donation rather than charging a fee. Continued discussion about maintenance and lights, etc. Jane stated that she didn't see it fluctuate a lot. Overall consensus from the board is that we do not charge for the use of the ball fields. No vote. Just Discussion.

2. Discussion and possible approval of an Ordinance Amending Title V of the Wapella Municipal Code regarding "Public Works"

Ordinance reviewed and discussed. Several typing errors were pointed out which will be corrected. The change has to be made from the 10th of the month to the 20th. Motion to approve ordinance Amending Title V with correction made by Jane Buraglio. Second by Sean Holland. All voting yes. 2022-12-21A

3. Discussion and possible approval of an Ordinance Amending Title IX of the Wapella Municipal Code regarding "General Regulations"
Ordinance reviewed and discussed. Motion to approve ordinance Amending Title IX with corrections made by Jane Buraglio. Second by Sean Holland. All voting yes. 2022-12-21B
4. Discussion and possible approval of an Ordinance Amending Title XI of the Wapella Municipal Code regarding "Business Regulations"
Ordinance reviewed and discussed. Motion to approve ordinance Amending Title XI with addition of charging for festivals made by Jane Buraglio. Second by Lauren Johnson. All voting yes. 2022-12-21C
5. Discussion and possible approval of an Ordinance Amending Title XV of the Wapella Municipal Code regarding "Land Usage"
Ordinance reviewed and discussed. Motion to approve ordinance Amending Title XV made by Jane Buraglio. Second by Sean Holland. All voting yes. 2022-12-21D
6. Discussion and possible approval of an Ordinance Amending Title III of the Wapella Municipal Code regarding "Administration"
Ordinance reviewed and discussed. Motion to approve ordinance Amending Title III with corrections made by Jane Buraglio. Second by Lauren Johnson. All voting yes. 2022-12-21E

Next steps after all the Title amendments are approved are:

- 1. Once we have finished reviewing the ordinances, the Village should submit copies for American Legal Publishing to review and calculate an estimate.*
- 2. Once the estimate has been submitted and approved, American Legal Publishing will provide a draft S-1 Supplement for the Village to review, and, if need be, revise.*
- 3. Once the review is finished and revisions are provided, they will publish and invoice the S-1 Supplement.*

7. Discussion and Possible approval to purchase a chlorine booster pump not to exceed \$3000.

The existing pump is not repairable. Motion made by Sean Holland to purchase a chlorine booster pump not to exceed \$3000. Second by Jane Buraglio. 3 voting yes, 1 voting no, Mayor vote was yes. Motion approved.

8. Discussion and possible approval to purchase an additional handheld receiver for meter reading not to exceed \$1100.

Currently have 2 handheld receivers for auto reads, however, they do not always pick up all the reads by drive by. A third is needed for when they must get out of the vehicle and walk up closer to the meter to get the read. They have been testing a 3rd one. Brian Blue is coming next month to test to make sure it is interacting with the iPad. Tabled until next meeting and can confirm that the third one will work.

9. Discussion and possible approval of the Employees Yearly Bonuses.

Jane stated that this has been done every year. Each would get \$125. Paul Schmid, Scott Bishop, Brandon Karr, Natalie Barr, Steve Westerfield. Motion made by Jane Buraglio to approve yearly bonuses to these employees. Second by Lauren. All voting yes.

@ 8:08pm Motion made by Lauren Johnson to enter closed session for:

1. Discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal for specific employee(s).
2. Discuss Pending Litigation
3. Discussion and possible approval of Closed Session Minutes for:
 - a. March 30th, 2022
 - b. April 20th, 2022
 - c. August 31st, 2022
 - d. September 28th, 2022
 - e. October 19th, 2022
 - f. November 16th, 2022

Second by Sean Holland. All voting yes.

Return from Closed Session at 8:24pm.

Roll Call

Present:

Dennis Klatt

Sean Holland

Lauren Johnson

Jane Buraglio

Mark Miller

Steve Marht – Attorney

Robin Morrow – Clerk

Motion made by Jane Buraglio to adjust Scott Bishop's salary to \$20/hour. Second by Lauren Johnson. All voting yes.

Motion to approve Pending Litigation settlement agreement by Lauren Johnson. Second to Sean Holland. All voting yes.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Lauren Johnson. Second by Sean Holland. All voting yes.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:27pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Robin Morrow, Village Clerk