

Village of Wapella Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 18th, 2023

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

Robin Morrow – Clerk

Excused:

Steve Marht – Attorney

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Jane Buraglio to approve the minutes for December 21st, 2022 meeting.
Second by Mark Miller. All voting yes.

Bills:

Jane noted that Ameren bill was blank as she had not received a bill yet. Jane pointed out the bill for the generator did come in. Motion made by Lauren Johnson to approve the bills as presented to the board. Second by Sean Holland. All voting yes.

Department Reports:

STREETS: Jane Buraglio

GENERATORS

Precautionary inspection of our generators at the shop was done. One generator is in the shop at John Deere in Clinton for Mike Wilford to check out a fuel leak. The battery was replaced on the big generator and a new battery bracket was fabricated and installed. The Generator Safety Transfer Switch for the shop was tested with the generator to make sure it would power what is needed if power were lost. They discovered that the generator would power the lights in cold storage but would not power the furnace in the shop where we would need heat for the equipment. The wiring was corrected, and now everything is ready. We also have a generator for the hall that is ready to go if needed.

GATOR WORK

Last year there was an attempted brake repair that failed due to inexperience. The Gator basically had no brakes without really standing on them. The master brake cylinder has been replaced and all the brakes and lines have been inspected. There has been some upgrading to the safety features. More lights have been added and it makes the Gator more visible while on the streets.

CULVERT WORK

Rodger Sprague met with Paul and Scott about a culvert installation that will take place at 310 S Fourth. There is a new garage and addition at this house. The house has never had a culvert and all residences are entitled to one new culvert. Rodger shot the elevations and diagramed the work areas. He advised us on the culvert size he prefers. We have the culvert sections available on site and when the weather permits, the culvert will be installed.

HEALTH & SAFETY: Lauren Johnson

Park Lights - Jane ran into Kelly Kinder at the post office and asked if Lauren had contacted him. He has provided a quote to look at the four marked trail lights. Hopefully he has been given the green light to get us on his schedule.

We have found a sleeve for the damaged light pole by the tennis court. Jane thinks we have all the parts for the repair. The next step is to get the concrete out of the ground and hopefully it was not poured around the wires.

Tyler (KTM) did provide a quote for the mulch needed at the park. It is rather significant; therefore, Lauren recommends sending it out to bid. Lauren asked for a mowing quote and received this quote. No mowing quote from him. She requested a breakdown of quotes for tree trimming, weeding, landscaping, etc. and only received this particular quote.

WATER: Sean Holland

Several Water Leaks (report given by Jane Buraglio)

Paul came in several times over the Christmas holiday for leaks. Had to shut the water off at 310 S Oak due to frozen and burst pipes. The water was pouring into the family room. For some reason the last time this happened they had the inside shut off valve removed. Had to shut the water off at 104 N Third. The furnace went down that Friday and when it was repaired, they discovered burst pipes in the crawl space. Both leaks have been repaired. We were called about a burst pipe leak at 9563 Thorps Road. This turned out to be a property that wasn't even getting a water bill. The water is turned off at this location and if they need water, we will get a call and begin billing for that location.

We had to shut the water off at 611 N Chestnut due to an underground leak on the customer side. The backyard was basically flooded. It had a black pipe that had basically rotted through close to the pit. The owner decided to run a brand-new water line to the house. The repair work began on January 4th. The area to dig was JULIE confirmed. The contractor changed positions and ended up tearing out the water line to the pit on our side. Our men spent most of that day repairing the new leak. They installed a new copper line to the pit, installed a new pit, new yoke/setter, new hub, a new curb stop and we had a plastic lid that fit. We haven't sent a bill yet, but Jane thinks we need to at least get reimbursement for the time.

New leaks were discovered during the auto reads. 601 N Chestnut had a severe underground leak. The customer located the leak and repaired it. All looks good so far.

There is a severe leak at 310 Cherry. This house is in foreclosure and an auction is set at the courthouse for January 23rd. We have no idea where the water is running inside. So, we shut the water off and pulled the meter. The owners have walked away from the house. We notified the customer of the Shut Off status and with no response, we filed a lien for the water bill and costs for filing the lien.

We customarily give all customers one month to repair reported leaks. When the leaks are repaired, the customer will receive an adjustment on their bill. Robin will take a close look at all these accounts on the bills that will come out in February.

On a side note, Jane listened to the Water report given at the last Clinton Council meeting. She found it interesting that Clinton does not adjust bills for frozen and burst pipes. They will shut the water off as soon as possible, but they believe it is up to the customer to maintain their own pipes and prevent freezing.

ZONING: Mark Miller

No permits were issued this month. Sheri Mears requested rezoning and/or variance of her property on Main Street. There will need to be a zoning board hearing held. She has been provided with the necessary paperwork. There is a \$300 charge for rezoning and must get a petition signed by her neighbors. She has all the necessary paperwork and will advise when she has submitted paperwork.

FINANCE: Jane/Pat

Account Balances as of December 31, 2022

General Fund Checking	\$133,008.01
Park CD (Heartland)	\$ 41,564.04
Park CD (DeWitt Savings)	\$ 54,679.87
Police CD (DeWitt Savings)	\$ 18,402.95
Water Fund Checking	\$ 69,537.13
Motor Fuel Checking	\$109,964.56
<u>Water Project Fund Checking</u>	<u>\$107,987.88</u>
Total:	\$535,144.44

Neal Kuester said today that Even had some reports to finish for our audit. He will be at the February meeting. Jane expects next month we will be making some transfers of the collected Surcharges from the Water Fund to the Water Project Fund.

WATER OPERATOR: Steve

Nothing to report

CLERK: Robin Morrow

Just wanted to mention the lien that was issued which Jane had mentioned already.

FOIA OFFICER: Robin Morrow

Had one FOI request which was addressed and submitted.

WEBSITE: Jane Buraglio

All updated

PUBLIC COMMENTS/Village Organizations:

John Georgen asked about the lien that was issued on a property he was looking into. Explained to him all the fees.

Brandon Karr brought up mowing in the park. He was concerned about the fact that it was going out to quote as he was the one that had always taken care of that. Lauren apologized. She explained that it had nothing to do with a bad job, etc.

New Business for discussion, approval, and possible vote:

1) Discussion and possible approval for park mowing quote
Lauren received a quote for \$275 to mow and trim park as needed from another source. Sean stated that the complaints he had gotten were more about the overall appearance of the park. Jane noted that they must use pre-vailing wage. It does take approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day to get the park mowed. Board decided to table this for now.

2) Approval of Closed Session minutes by date for content; minutes to remain confidential

March 30th, 2022

April 20th, 2022

August 31st, 2022

September 28th, 2022

October 19th, 2022

November 16th, 2022

Jane Buraglio made motion to approve the minutes for all closed session minutes for content for March 30th, 2022; April 20th, 2022; August 31st, 2022; September 28th, 2022; October 19th, 2022; November 16th, 2022 ; but to remain confidential Sean Holland second. All voting yes.

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

Meeting adjourned @ 7:37 pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Robin Morrow, Village Clerk