

# VILLAGE OF WAPELLA

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

## BOARD MEETING – MINUTES

June 16, 2020

Regular Meeting

7:00 pm

1) Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by President Sherry Mears

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by President Sherry Mears

3. Roll Call by Kim Donovan, Acting Wapella Village Clerk

Name	Title	Status
Sherry Mears	President	Present
Mandy Huff	Trustee	Present
Nancy Falk	Trustee	Present
Trevor Karr	Trustee	Present
Michael Daab	Trustee	Present
Tracy Mann	Trustee	Present
Carl Spath	Trustee	Present
Steve Mahrt	Village Attorney	Present
Kim Donovan	Acting Village Clerk	Present

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 28 and May 19, 2020

Moved:	Mandy Huff
Seconded:	Mike Daab
Ayes:	Mandy Huff, Nancy Falk, Michael Daab, Trevor Karr, Carl Spath, Tracy Mann, Sherry Mears
Nays:	None
Abstained:	None
Action Taken:	Motion carried to approve minutes for April 28 and May 19, 2020

**5. MOTION TO APPROVE ALL BILLS:** Trustee Mann would like to include the village attorney bill. The village has not received a bill. The Village attorney bill is actually on the list of consent agenda bill to be paid. Village Attorney Steve Mahrt will check his office to make sure a bill is sent to the village.

Moved:	Mandy Huff
Seconded:	Nancy Falk
Ayes:	Mandy Huff, Nancy Falk, Michael Daab, Trevor Karr, Carl Spath, Tracy Mann, Sherry Mears
Nays:	None
Abstained:	None
Action Taken:	Motion carried to approve all bills

**6. VILLAGE OF WAPELLA ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS**

- a) **Wapella Fire Department** – Dale had nothing to report.
- b) **Friends of Wapella Veterans** – Bryan Atwood reported the majority of the brick work is done. They will continue working next week. They will be tearing up the sidewalk in order to run electricity to the other side. The sidewalk will be replaced with plain paver blocks until it is permanently replaced with engraved bricks with veteran’s names on them. The village will extend the work permit until August 2020. Atwood thinks the work should be done by then.
- c) **Wapella says YES** – They have not had a meeting since the COVID issue.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Comments were heard and addressed by the board.

**8. NEW BUSINESS** – Skip to letter C

- c) **Resolution for an Intergovernmental Agreement with the U of I** – Jason is on the phone to discuss the Mahomet Aquifer Monitoring well. The board need to decide on the actual site for the well. The U of I will be sending the I.G.A. between the U of I and the village. The north side of the shed seems to be an ideal spot. The well will be for monitoring only. The well has to be 75 feet from septic field discharge and 50 feet away from an actual septic tank. The board was handed an overhead view of the shed with a potential site for the well. The U of I has revised the I.G.A. with language. Village Attorney said he has reviewed the changes and they are acceptable.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE REVISED RESOLUTION WITH THE U OF I -**

Moved:	Tracy Mann
Seconded:	Mandy Huff
Ayes:	Mandy Huff, Nancy Falk, Michael Daab, Trevor Karr, Carl Spath, Tracy Mann, Sherry Mears
Nays:	None
Abstained:	None
Action Taken:	Motion carried to approve the revised resolution with the U of I

**b) Park opening** – Trustee Karr reported that places are starting to open back up. The village should open back up the park, community center and village hall.

**d) Post office credit and /or refund** – Trustee Falk reported the post had been charged two rates for water. The post office is a business and should remain a commercial rate account. Several board members agreed. The post office should be credited \$113.40.

**MOTION TO CREDIT THE POST OFFICE ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$113.40**

Moved:	Nancy Falk
Seconded:	Carl Spath
Ayes:	Mandy Huff, Nancy Falk, Michael Daab, Trevor Karr, Carl Spath, Tracy Mann, Sherry Mears
Nays:	None
Abstained:	None
Action Taken:	Motion carried to approve the credit to the post office

**e) Property without permit for fence** – President Mears showed a picture of a fence that had taken up space of the neighbor’s property. The fence has been moved and the issue has been resolved.

**f) New roof for the maintenance shed** – Trustee Huff reported she does have a bid from Schaefer Roofing for the new roof. The office part of the shed roof is in bad shape. Currently there are no leaks but it is a matter of time. The new roof will be shingles just like it is now. Huff was concerned the bid did not break down the total amount due as far as material and labor. The bid is for a complete tear off and shingled. Trustee Spath also would like to see what were the material and how much for labor. She would like to go back to Schaefer Roofing and ask for the bid to be more specific and more details. President Mears feels like the bid for 16 squares is too high. Trustee Huff will also get another bid before the next meeting.

**MOTION TO TABLE TILL NEXT MEETING**

Moved:	Mike Daab
Seconded:	Mandy Huff
Ayes:	Mandy Huff, Nancy Falk, Michael Daab, Trevor Karr, Carl Spath, Tracy Mann, Sherry Mears
Nays:	None
Abstained:	None
Action Taken:	Motion carried to table the new roof at the maintenance shed till next month

**i) Sexual Harassment Training** - Has been completed by all village elected officials and employees.

**g) Extension of Liquor License** – President Mears reported she had added this to the agenda for a couple reasons. She is not sure it can even be done but feels the village should try to help the bars who have been shut down for the last couple months with no income. They were unable to use their liquor license. Village Attorney asked how long the license are good for. President Mears explained all the bars with the exception of Casey’s pays every six months. Trustee Mann suggested giving the bars a pro-rated amount for the next 6 months. The bars will pay for 4 months but get a license for 6 months.

Casey's pays for the entire year of liquor license. They were also able to sell alcohol so this does not apply to Casey's only the two other bars in town, Breaker II and the Irish Circle.

**MOTION TO PRO-RATE THE LIQUOR LICENSE BY 33% OFF FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS COMING UP DUE JULY 1, 2020. THIS IS \$247.50 OFF THE NORMAL \$750.00 FEE.**

Moved:	Nancy Falk
Seconded:	Mike Daab
Ayes:	Mandy Huff, Nancy Falk, Michael Daab, Trevor Karr, Carl Spath, Tracy Mann, Sherry Mears
Nays:	None
Abstained:	None
Action Taken:	Motion carried to pro-rate the liquor license as stated above.

**h) REGULATIONS FOR OUTDOOR DINING IN PARKING LOTS** - President Mears reported each board member has the paperwork in their packet that pertains to this issue. The village is not allowing outdoor dining on the street or sidewalk. Village Attorney does not believe any action needs to be taken on this issue since the village already does not allow dining on village property. President Mears said it is something to think about since Illinois could be going into another lock down in September. Trustee Daab agreed. The village needs to be prepared for another lockdown if and when it happens again. The liquor commissioner has the right to let the bars do outdoor dining on their own property but not on village property.

The village needs some new equipment. Trustee Huff reported she is down to one mower. Trustee Mann would like to see the village buy a new tractor, zero turn mower and a bat wing mower. Mann is concerned about mowing on the railroad right away. Trustee Huff will be getting prices before the next meeting. The current village John Deere tractor will not work with a 15 foot batwing. That is why Trustee Mann would like to buy a bigger tractor with dual hydraulics. Trustee Spath asked about used equipment. Trustee Huff will have three different prices for the equipment, new, used and trade-in. Trustee Daab asked about what business has the state contracts this year. Daab wants to get the best prices for the village. The village could get a better price on equipment. Trustee Mann reported John Deere has 0 % financing right now.

President Mears asked about the Welcome to Wapella village sign. Trustee Daab will order the signs.

**a) MEMORIAL TREES/BUSHES IN THE PARK** – Trustee Falk expressed her concerns about the weeds at the park. She does not want people coming to look at the new Veterans Memorial and the park looking bad. The weeds need cleaned up. Trustee Karr reported the weeds has been sprayed in the mulch and the park is looking better. President Mears mentioned Tom Brame and Patti Mills who have both recently passed and were long time citizens of the community. Tom Brame was mayor of Wapella for a lot of years. President Mears said she would get together with Vicki Holland who has the plans for the park and see what can be done as far as trees and/or bushes go. Some trees are not allowed to be in the park because of the kids. She would like to see low maintenance trees or bushes and flowers put in the park. Trustee Karr reported a few of the tree last year had evidence there were some pests in certain trees last year. He has not seen any evidence the trees are still infested. President Mears asked about any trees at the old ball diamond. Trustee Falk would like to have a plan with what trees could be planted and what the cost would be. The village then could ask for

donations for the trees. Trustee Daab reported he would like to see the village do something in remembrance of Tom Brame. Tom was mayor for 22 years. President Mears asked Trustee Karr to get some idea on the kind of tree and what the cost would be to the village before the next meeting. Karr will work on the tree prices.

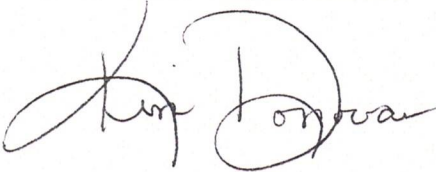
President Mears reminded Trustee Mann about the budget. The village needs to start working on the budget at the next meeting.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Moved:	Mandy Huff
Seconded:	Mike Daab
Ayes:	All Ayes
Nays:	None
Abstained:	None
Action Taken:	Meeting adjourned

**MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:49PM**

**Respectfully submitted**



**Kim Donovan  
Acting Village Clerk**