

**Village of Wapella  
Regular Board Meeting  
September 16, 2014  
7:00 pm  
Village Hall**

1. Call Meeting to Order.

2. Roll Call. Present were Trustees Vernon Meadows, Brad Karr, Rusty Karr, Logan Redman and Suzanna Holland. Absent was Trustee Shay Burke. Also present were President Rich Karr, Clerk Elizabeth Weikle and Attorney Heather Kimmons.

3. Motion to approve minutes from August 19, 2014 and September 9, 2014. Logan Redman motioned to approve the minutes from August 19, 2014. Suzanna Holland seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadows, Rusty Karr, Logan Redman and Suzanna Holland

Nays: None

Abstain: Brad Karr

Absent: Shay Burke

Motion carried 4 to 0 with 1 abstain and 1 absent.

Suzanna Holland motioned to approve the minutes from September 9, 2014. Vernon Meadows seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadows, Brad Karr, Logan Redman and Suzanna Holland

Nays: None

Abstain: Rusty Karr

Absent: Shay Burke

Motion carried 4 to 0 with 1 abstain and 1 absent.

4. Motion to approve all okayed bills. Rusty Karr asked about paying the bill for Area which we had not received. Logan Redman said it is the same every month. Eric Shangraw from Area said that there was a problem at the printers and it is on its way. Vernon Meadows motioned to pay all okayed bills. Suzanna Holland seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadows, Brad Karr, Rusty Karr, Logan Redman and Suzanna Holland.

Nays: None

Absent: Shay Burke

Motion carried 5 to 0 with 1 absent.

5. Department Reports.

A. Streets- Rusty Karr reported that they had fixed the water drainage at Thomas Court.

B. Health & Safety-Suzanna Holland reported that there had been vandalism at the Park. They had spray painted the tennis court and a sign, and had also destroyed some lattice work.

C. Water- Logan Redman reported that there had been a leak on North Locust and Nelson Excavating had to be called to dig it up.

D. Zoning- Willis Strange Jr reported that he had one permit from Richard Williams. He had heard nothing yet from Cale Price or Evergreen FS.

E. Finance-Treasurer Lauren King reported that she had put a note on the front of the treasurer's report and to let her know if anything needed to be changed.

6. Public Comment, 3 minutes per person.

Lola Camp presented the Board with a Thank you from the VFW for all the Village does for Veterans.

Todd Rodgers thanked the Village for the drainage work in his neighborhood.

Carla Karr thanked the Village for the extra parking for the church and read a letter from Nelson Thorp thanking the Village.

Phil Yakey added his appreciation for the extra parking.

Jane Buraglio spoke about non-Village workers doing Village projects and the adult entertainment ordinance.

Dale Karr spoke about volunteering.

Sherry Fryman spoke about the volunteering of her husband in the park beginning, the removal of healthy trees, cars parking on trail and the potential for white rock being plowed onto trails.

Lola Camp spoke on behalf of the VFW and in support of Feed the Cause. She said there would be no alcohol involved. VFW will provide the insurance. Problem with the location last year was it was hard to find (out in the country).

Ed Fleck spoke about drainage in Thomas Court and ditches holding water.

Vicki Holland spoke about people being able to talk out problems and act like adults.

Mark Miller spoke about the Feed the Cause fundraiser at Wishbone. He thought they should way that in there decision since it was in a controlled area and the event will be in a wide open space not easily controlled.

Fred Head spoke about in favor of the parking at the church, suggested an engineer look at it, if the Village was concerned.

Kathy Meadows said that a truck was parked on the walking trail and the road was more narrow.

Dale Karr spoke about volunteering to mow at Community Center and Park.

Fred Head suggested parking blocks next to trail.

Mark Miller pointed out that volunteers are covered by insurance but they prefer they not operate heavy machinery but there is nothing that says they can't.

7. New Business for Discussion and Vote:

A. To accept Ameren's Easement Offer. Vernon Meadows didn't remember voting not to accept it. Attorney Kimmons said it was a consensus. Ameren said that particular project is on hold.

B. To Remove all Rock and replace with grass at Park as before. Vernon Meadows made the motion for it to be put back the way it was. Logan Redman said the only thing he has is that we did come up with an agreement of the three feet. He also thought if we were addressing the parking issue at one church, we

would have to address the issue at the Catholic Church. He thought it was a good idea and the rock was donated but there is a parking lot across the street. Rusty Karr said that everyone agreed with at the meeting before. Logan Redman said we discussed it and decided Vernon and Suzanna would look at it. Rusty Karr said I gave them 30 days, I would assume they were for it. Vernon Meadows said it wasn't approved by the Board. Rusty Karr said it is within my department. Logan Redman said we understand that Rusty, no one is trying to step on your feet about that, we are trying to discuss it. I just said that I think the thought was a good idea, I just don't like how you took out that boulevard of grass. Rusty Karr said we should talk to an engineer and that he had spoke to Rodger Sprague. Logan Redman agreed to having an engineer look at it. Rusty Karr said that Rodger Sprague suggested putting in a curb. Vernon Meadows thought it would cause the cars to be parked out in the street. Rusty Karr said that they would stripe the parking spots so people would have a guideline as how they should park. The original motion died for lack of a second. The Board agreed to speak to an engineer and table the item.

C. To send a letter/notify Feed the Cause about disinterest in having a festival in the park. President Karr said he would like the Village to be known for something other than crazy politics but it is a Board decision. Lola Camp said we are tentatively shooting for the third Saturday in June. We are getting ready to have a meeting. Suzanna Holland said if we are not going to do it, we should let them know so they can find a back up venue. The only issue I have with it is I don't think the park is the ideal venue for it with the neighbors so close and the parking there. They will probably end up lining the streets. I have received some feedback from the neighbors around the park who aren't interested. President Karr said he had spoke to several people that were interested in having the festival. Logan Redman said since you both have spoke to lots of people, it is a stalemate. Lola Camp described the set up last year at Old Settlers in Kenney. President Karr said that it wouldn't cause the Village a dime. Lola Camp said that they would like to involve the bars but they would restrict it to their beer gardens. Rob Smith wants to include the whole community. They are discussing kids games at the park, food at the Community Center and Church events. It is not promoted as an alcohol event. President Karr suggested waiting a month for more discussion. Lola Camp said that the committee could speak to the Board in a month. The Board agreed to table the motion for a month.

D. To approve the new garbage contract with Area. President Karr said Area was here last month and we have their contract. Brad Karr asked if we advertised this out for any other companies. President Karr said we talked about it last month and the Board thought Area was doing a good job. Brad Karr asked if legally we have to bid this out? Attorney Kimmons said no, not on this particular contract. Brad Karr thought we should get the citizens the best deal we can get. Suzanna Holland asked when we had to tell them before the rates increased. The Clerk said October 1. Logan Redman said so we need to decide at this meeting. President Karr read out the new rates. The Clerk said the \$12.04 is what the Village is currently

paying so there is a freeze for a year. Logan Redman thought they were doing a good job. They pick up the garbage, it is a set schedule. The Board discussed what was best for the citizens. President Karr said the only company that approached the Board was J & S who asked when our contract was up and we have not heard anything else from them. Logan Redman motioned to approve a new garbage contract with Area. Vernon Meadows seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadows, Brad Karr, Logan Redman and Suzanna Holland

Nays: Rusty Karr

Absent: Shay Burke

Motion carried 4 to 1 with 1 absent.

E. To approve an ordinance for permit fees for projects started prior to receiving a permit. Attorney Kimmons said we discussed it the last meeting and I was going to prepare an amendment to code. However, when I looked at the city code. The first thing that was discussed was that the fees for zoning permits had been increased to \$25 at one point in time. However, you code itself doesn't reflect that change and I don't see any ordinance making that change either. So, before I make a change to your current city code, I want to make sure so I can change the code for the other changes made as well. Unless there was an ordinance. The Clerk said they made a motion with no ordinance. Attorney Kimmons said she will need to write that in the ordinance. I will have that for you at the next meeting. She then asked if the \$50 fee would be a daily fee or a one time fee for projects started prior to permitting. Vernon Meadows said which she suggested. Attorney Kimmons said she would come back with a couple different options. President Karr said so we are tabling this until next month. The Board agreed.

F. To move forward with the grant process for the water department through the company Farnsworth Group. Logan Redman said he wanted to have that budgeted before we did anything. Last year, I believe around \$15,000 was the cost. It may have increased somewhat. I plan to call them and find out. We need to move forward. The Board discussed whether it needed to be voted on again. Since the money amount had changed they decided to table it and come back with a new price.

G. To approach the railroad with options that deal with the outstanding bill and current mowing on the property. Suzanna Holland wanted to talk to Attorney Kimmons about potentially voiding the bill out. My goal in suggesting this is to be able to get back on the property and mow it when we need to. Ideally, I would like us to be able to charge for it, but I don't know if that is an option either. Basically, I would like to play nice, so we can remain able to mow it and I would like for the gardens to be able to remain. Attorney Kimmons said she had spoke to the attorney for the railroad since the last meeting. He has made it quite clear that they won't entertain any payment for past years. I asked about the Village continuing to mow and he said he would have to talk to his people which was about a week and a half ago. I will follow up on that. With your permission, I will send him correspondence waiving any past claim that we made but in return for

that we would like to continue to have access to the property. The Board agreed to have Attorney Kimmons send a letter.

Brad Karr then asked about the sidewalk in front of the fire department. President Karr asked Fred and Dale if the firemen were waiting on us? Dale Karr said they are not sure how much they are taking out at the Holland Bros building. Willis Strange Jr said they could put a standard sidewalk in since the fire trucks would not be driving over it.

H. Appoint with advice and consent of the Board a new Trustee.

I. Assignment of Departments by President. President Karr said the above two items he was not prepared to do yet. So, they are moot.

8. Motion to adjourn. Vernon Meadows motioned to adjourn. Rusty Karr seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

President Rich Karr



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