

## Village of Wapella Special Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 31st, 2022

Village Hall – 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order by Village President, Dennis Klatt.

### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Present:

Dennis Klatt  
Sean Holland  
Lauren Johnson  
Jane Buraglio  
Mark Miller

#### Absent:

Robin Morrow – Clerk  
Steve Marht – Attorney

### PUBLIC COMMENTS/Village Organizations:

Jeff Finger - Regarding letter from Lawyer received. Do not agree with the harassment allegations from the incident at the village shed. Dennis and Mark both tried to explain situation and how things transpired. Lauren stated that showing up at a board member's residence with a complaint is not acceptable and complaints and comments should be brought up at the monthly meetings. Dennis reiterated that instead of going directly to the employees' complaints should be directed to him. Sean commented that he did not feel harassed and didn't agree with the letter either. Paul and Jeff are friends, and he feels that this was just a big disagreement and misunderstanding. Sean also stated that he is at the point of quitting because he is so tired of things like this, and it is very disappointed. Jeff formally apologizes for the way he acted and feels that several of his concerns have been addressed. He doesn't want anyone to quite as he feels everyone is doing a very good job.

Jeff asked about the culvert at his mothers and Jane confirmed it is on the list of things to be fixed.

### New Business for discussion, approval, and possible vote:

#### 1) Approval of Bills:

Motion to approve bills as presented to board made by Jane. Second by Sean. All voting yes.

#### 2) Discussion and possible approval to reimburse Christian Church for replacing and installing section of Village sidewalks.

The Wapella Christian Church built a garage next to the house. In the process, they had to replace a section of the village sidewalk. We reimbursed St. Patrick's Church for their expense in replacing sections of village sidewalks. The cost for the village sidewalk at the Christian Church was separated on the bill they received from K & K Construction in the amount of \$3360.

Jane made motion that the board reimburse the Christian Church for \$3360 to cover their expense for replacing a section of village sidewalk. Second by Sean. All voting yes.

3) Discussion and possible approval to purchase never used Street Broom for \$3500

Jamie Marvin of D & D Paving Solutions has a never used Sweepster Street Broom he purchased a couple of years ago. He has decided he does not have a use for this one and is willing to part with it for what he paid - \$3500. Considering what a new one costs, if you can find one, the cost for renting one and the shape the one we have is in, I believe this is an opportunity I do not want to miss for the Street Department.

Jane made motion that the village purchase the Sweepster Street Broom from Jamie Marvin for \$3500. Second by Sean. All voting yes.

4) Discussion and possible approval to hire Rob Williamson to repair tile on Autumn Road, not to exceed \$3200

On the east side of Autumn Road about 50 feet north of Mark Miller's driveway in our ditch is a sinkhole caused by a broken tile. On further north outside our corporate limits there is a similar sinkhole also caused by a broken tile. Rob Williamson will be repairing that tile for Wapella Township in the next week or two. We thought it would be wise since he would be in the same area to have him look at and repair the tile inside the village limits. Jane called him Sunday night and he said he would look at the spot and get it JULIED for a repair. He gave her a range of cost from a simple repair of \$500 to a more involved repair if they must cut the road or work around utilities of \$1500. Dennis made a little mistake on the agenda regarding the cost not to exceed, but I can live with that.

Jane made a motion to hire Rob Williamson to do the broken tile repair on Autumn Road not to exceed \$3200. Second by Lauren. All voting yes.

5) Discussion and possible approval of repairing the Park Walking Path, Entrance Drive, Parking Lot, and Tennis Court for \$9000

Motion made by Lauren. Second by Jane. All voting yes.

6) Budget Workshop

**Overall Format:** Jane worked through all the line items comparing them to what we spent last fiscal year. Some she had to raise, and some could be lowered. She also added the line items for wages in the park and CC and Streets. Our Treasurer is already coding figures to those lines. We do not have Park Fund Checking, so she took the word Checking out. It is part of the General Fund.

**Balancing the Budget:** Please look at the last page. This is the list of the Estimated Receipts. The beginning balances are as of June 30, 2022. Jane got the current CD balances from the banks. The line items are estimates compared to what we received last fiscal year. The actual receipts could come in higher or lower. For instance, for the Replacement tax we have \$5000. Jane just read an article from IML and found a report

that shows the replacement tax to Wapella in 2023 could be \$8297. The estimate by the end of 2022 should be \$7717.23.

At the bottom of the page, is the Recapitulation – the total of all the department’s budgets as the line items stands now. The difference is \$464.75 on the positive side. We can find a place to put that figure and then have a totally balanced budget or leave it as is. If we adjust figures in one line item, we should adjust another a line item to balance the difference.

Jane had Lauren and Sean look over their budgets and they both said the figures look good. There is \$10,000 in the Park Building line item because the concession stand needs some work. There is \$30,000 in the Water Tower line item and she suggested to Sean we could get the water tower painted this Spring.

**Motion to Enter Closed Session** – Motion made by Lauren. Second by Jane. All voting yes.

Return from Closed Session:

Roll call:

**Present:**

Dennis Klatt

Sean Holland

Lauren Johnson

Jane Buraglio

Mark Miller

Jane had a short discussion with the board about a second incident w/Jeff Finger invading the employee’s workspace that happened this afternoon (08/31/22). He attempted to tell Paul how to patch the road in front of his house. In Jane’s opinion this was the reason Jeff attended the meeting tonight. The letter sent to Jeff set boundaries and they were crossed again.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jane. Second by Lauren. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:49 pm

Respectfully submitted by:  
Robin Morrow, Village Clerk