

**Village of Wapella Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting**

**Wednesday, August 9th, 2023**

**Village Hall – 7:00 pm**

Meeting called to order by Zoning Officer, Mark Miller.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:**

Mark Miller

Ed Fleck

Andrew Johnson

Sara Goergen

Lisa Merida

Vicky Holland, late

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Andrew Johnson to approve the minutes for May 4th, 2022 meeting. Second made by Ed Fleck. All voting yes. Motion approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

John Georgan brought up a question about having to register with the Dept of Agriculture if a homeowner has chickens. This was his biggest concern with the ordinance as he didn't feel it necessary. Mark Miller responded that it would be to the discretion of the homeowner in the ordinance and not the responsibility of the board or police that. John also asked about the fees associated with having chickens. Mark responded stating that the topic is still up for discussion.

**A. Zoning Board of Appeals Duties (Ordinance 154.117)**

Mark Miller passed out printout of Zoning Board members duties and stated it can be found on website also. He gave a brief explanation of responsibilities. He also thanked everyone for stepping up. He also mentioned that at some point the Board would need to determine who would get a 1 yr, 2 yr, 3 yr, etc term.

**B. Elect Chairman of Zoning Board of Appeals**

Mark Miller stated that the Board would need to appoint a chairman as he would only be in attendance as an advisor. The Chairman would be in direct contact with him when the Zoning Board would need to meet and discuss anything or have a hearing. Mark brought up examples about when permits are needed or not needed like roofs, fences, solar panels, etc. As long as there is no change to the footprint of the property a permit is not needed.

Robin asked if she could make a comment. She wanted to state that she is the Village Clerk and not necessarily the clerk for the Zoning Board. She is stepping in to do the minutes as a courtesy and cannot guarantee availability for every meeting.

Mark reminds everyone that the Board needs to elect a chairman. Vicky stated she did not want the responsibility and nominated Ed Fleck. He did not want to accept due to personal reasons. Then someone mentioned Lisa. Mark decided to table this until the next meeting but asked everyone to think about it.

No Chairman appointed.

## **New Business**

### **1. Review, Discussion and Possible Vote of Proposed Poultry Ordinance**

Mark explained background as to why this ordinance review has come to surface. Everyone received a copy of the proposed ordinance and copies of a couple of other local ordinances to compare to. Mark commented that if the board wanted to take time to review and reconvene at another time that would be acceptable. Once final wording is determined and approved then a Public Hearing would need to be scheduled before sending Zoning Board recommendations to the Village Board. Several concerns were brought up about showing chickens, 4-H projects, FFA, where the funds go, etc. Other issues pertaining to fencing, dogs, coops, etc. The board felt more thought and research needed to be done. This is tabled for now. Mark suggested reconvening in a couple of weeks. Next meeting scheduled for 8/23/23 at 7pm. All agreed.

Reminder that everyone needed to take the online open meeting class and turn in their certificate to clerk to keep on record.

### **2. Set Date for Public Hearing**

Because the above was tabled this date cannot be set at this time.

Motion to adjourn made by Ed Fleck. The second was made by Vicky Holland. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:55pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Robin Morrow, Village Clerk