

Village of Wapella  
Regular Board Meeting  
February 18, 2014  
7:00 pm  
Village Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order.

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

3. Motion to approve minutes from January 21, 2014. Logan Redman motioned to approve the minutes from January 21, 2014. Suzanna Holland seconded.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Rusty Karr

Motion carried 5 to 0 with 1 absent.

4. Motion to approve all okayed bills. Vernon Meadows motioned to pay all okayed bills. Logan Redman seconded.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Rusty Karr

Motion carried 5 to 0 with 1 absent.

5. Department Reports.

A. Streets- None.

B. Health & Safety-None.

C. Water- Logan Redman reported about main breaks. He said they would try to get some reads on the meters.

D. Zoning- President Karr reported that there was a gentleman wishing to move a trailer into town and he was conferring with some of the Board members about it.

E. Finance- Shay Burke asked if there were any questions about the treasurer's report. Logan Redman said some of his budgeted numbers were incorrect. Shay Burke said she would have the treasurer fix those. She then reported that the computer for the treasurer had been looked at and could not be fixed to make it run faster.

6. Public Comment, 3 minutes per person.

Mark Miller discussed the Board applying for grants to repairs old mains in town.

Logan Redman thanked the employees for their work on the water main breaks.

Jane Buraglio had questions about the treasurer's report. She asked about the budget totals, the 7 line items over in administration and the payroll tax. She asked about the railroad bill and reported on the progress of her FOIAs.

Trustee Burke said she had spoke to the railroad company in December and they needed a breakdown of the hours.

Ed Fleck asked about the status of the garage hit by the Village plow and discussed the windshield that was broken on the truck.

Willis Strange Jr. reported that the Village was looking into a new plow.

Beth Fleck thanked the employees for plowing .

#### 7. New Business:

A. Discussion and vote to institute a yearly performance bonus to be reviewed at yearly payroll raise review and at no time to exceed \$100.00 with board approval. Brad Karr said that we talked about this last meeting and we tabled it to ask the lawyer some questions first. The Clerk said the reason you tabled it was because there was some questions as to how it would relate to the employee manual and whether it should coincide with the raise. Brad Karr said he didn't see any problem with it. President Karr said we are going to have to have a study session to work on the employee manual, we can work on this then. We can also do it now and when we do the manual just put it in it. Brad Karr said that is fine. President Karr thought the wording on it was narrow. He thought the not to exceed shouldn't be in it.

Vernon Meadows asked the lawyer about the issue with the garage. Attorney Kimmons said there may be an immunity that applies for municipalities. She said it should be turned over to the insurance. It happens, that is why we have insurance. She said she would look into it. President Karr said this is off topic, lets get back to the bonus discussion.

Brad Karr then motioned to institute a yearly performance bonus to be reviewed at their yearly payroll review. Attorney Kimmons suggested not doing this until we do the employee manual. Brad Karr withdrew his motion.

B. Discussion on junk, inoperable and unlicensed vehicles. President Karr said nothing has been done, so there is nothing to report. Brad Karr asked what would be done about it. President Karr said the only reason this is being done is because I have three cars at Shay's house. Brad Karr said I keep bring this up because this has been going on for a year. It was voted on, I don't know how many times. We never follow through on what we are going to do. Logan Redman said it says on the agenda junk, inoperable and unlicensed vehicles, it does not say your name. It applies to everyone. It just needs to be done. Vernon Meadows said I started this and I didn't start it because of you. I went around town and made a list. There were close to 20 names on it. President Karr said we should prioritize the list. He thought they should start with Greene's building across the highway. Brad Karr said he thought they couldn't do anything about that because of the way the property was zoned. Logan Redman said then send a letter to him, if you think he needs one. Brad Karr said he does think the list needs to be updated. He drove around and some are already gone. Attorney Kimmons said she would be happy to do the letter if the Board directs her to do so. Vernon Meadows said our

ordinance says that the President has to do the letters. President Karr said he would take care of it. He will do the first draft and the ones that don't get moved the attorney can handle.

C. Discussion on zoning permits. President Karr said there is a trailer that wants to move into town. Brad Karr asked if anyone has been writing zoning permits. President Karr said there has not been any construction. He said there has been one fence put up. Brad Karr said that if we don't get permits, it doesn't go into our tax roll, so we don't get our tax. The Clerk said that the new assessor will have to go door to door since we have no permits to present her with. We don't have anything for this year or last year. Brad Karr said he doesn't know why we just don't hire a zoning officer like we use to. The Board discussed the ordinance and appointing someone.

D. Discussion and updates on Wapella Festival and committee. President Karr said there are no updates.

E. Discussion on snow plowing. Brad Karr had a complaint about the Village plowing the private lot at the Circle. He didn't think it was fair to the other businesses. Vernon Meadows said he heard the plow also went through Casey's parking lot. Willie Strange said it was plowed the first snow but no employee had plowed the lot.

F. Update on info for Gibson Coy (Wapella's 1st Settler) memorial marker discussed in January 2014 meeting. Brad Karr said Alex Calvert was willing to look into this with us. The tombstone is hard to read out at the cemetery. He thought we could do a simple thing out at the cemetery but also do a plaque at the park. He is still doing more research.

G. Discussion and possible vote on employee manual. President Karr said the manual is know where near being ready to be voted on. Brad Karr asked when they should have a meeting. The Board agreed to meet March 4, 2014 at 6 pm. Attorney Kimmons said she would run this by the attorneys in her firm and see what they had to say before the meeting.

H. Discussion and vote on Ameren easement. Attorney Kimmons said she had gone through the easement document. They are asking to widen their easement. She is concerned with the closeness to our shed. She would also like to speak to the other municipalities to get an united front. So, that we don't accept the offer and find out that someone else got a better deal. She said she should have more information by the next meeting.

I. Discussion and vote to donate money to support the Show Bus Public Transportation. Vernon Meadows motioned to donate \$100 to Show Bus Public Transportation. Suzanna Holland seconded.  
Ayes: Vernon Meadows, Logan Redman, Shay Burke and Suzanna Holland.

Nays: Brad Karr  
Absent: Rusty Karr  
Motion carried 4 to 1 with 1 absent.

J. Discussion and vote to pass an ordinance to create a snow route for Wapella. Attorney Kimmons had a standard ordinance for a snow route for all streets. It would amend Chapter 12 of the code and provide a provision for snow. Brad Karr said we were talking just for main street. The Board agreed to table the item.

K. Discussion and vote to purchase a street light for South Second Street. President Karr said this is about putting in a light, on the street as you turn into Casey's off of 51. He contacted Ameren and to put it not where he wanted is \$4000. The placement is at the end of the drive at Casey's. They would like it closer to 51. The cost will be more because of the wire cost. Willie Strange said that there are gas mains, water lines and fiber optic cables close to 51, so that is probably why they won't place it there. Brad Karr asked if we could negotiate for the street light with the easement. President Karr asked where we get the money for a project this big. Vernon Meadows said we need it. Brad Karr said he should meet with Ameren and see if it can be moved. The Board agreed and tabled the item.

#### 8. Executive Session.

A. Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under section 2 (c) (21).

Vernon Meadows motioned to go into executive session for the above reason.

Logan Redman.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Rusty Karr

Motion carried 5 to 0 with 1 absent.

Vernon Meadows motioned to leave executive session. Suzanna Holland.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Rusty Karr

Motion carried 5 to 0 with 1 absent.

#### 9. New Business Cont.

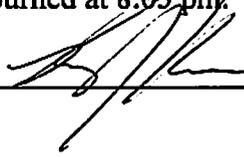
L. Discussion and vote on approval and release of executive session minutes from August 16, 2011 and August 20, 2013. Vernon Meadows motioned to approve and release the executive session minutes from August 20, 2013. Suzanna Holland seconded.

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

Nays: None.  
Absent: Rusty Karr  
Motion carried 5 to 0 with 1 absent.

10. Motion to adjourn. Vernon Meadows motioned to adjourn. Suzanna Holland seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

President Rich Karr



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