

Village of Wapella
Regular Board Meeting
January 21, 2014
7:00 pm
Village Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order. The Clerk called the meeting to order.

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

Suzanna Holland motioned for Logan Redman to be acting President for the meeting. Vernon Meadows seconded.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Logan Redman

Absent: Shay Burke

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

3. Motion to approve minutes from December 17, 2013. Vernon Meadows motioned to approve the minutes from December 17, 2013. Rusty Karr seconded.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Logan Redman

Absent: Shay Burke

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

4. Motion to approve all okayed bills. Brad Karr asked about the replacement of the windshield in the truck. Rusty Karr said the windshield had cracked because the truck had torqued. Suzanna Holland motioned to pay all okayed bills. Rusty Karr 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 on the plowing in town.

B. Health & Safety- Suzanna Holland reported the chair rack had been completed and that we had built it ourselves cheaper.

C. Water- Logan Redman reported on the two water main breaks and thanked the volunteers who helped out.

D. Zoning- None

E. Finance- Treasurer's Report. The Trustees discussed the layout of the reports and how the spent to date for each department needed to be more visible. They

showed interest in meeting with the Treasurer to discuss the report. The Clerk said she is available to answer question. They should just contact her. The Clerk reported the W-2s were done and could be picked up after the meeting. Brad Karr asked why we are paying the equity line down from the park fund. The Clerk explained that currently the utility tax is direct deposited into the park fund. Instead of transferring the money to the water fund and then cutting a second check to the equity line from the water fund, the finance department has been cutting a check from the park fund directly to the equity line. The Board then discussed the equity line and getting it transferred into the right account. The Clerk said she would look into what the process would be for moving the utility tax into the right account for the Board.

6. Public Comment, 3 minutes per person.

Mark Miller thanked the employees for plowing the drive at his house.

Jane Buraglio thanked the employees for plowing and discussed her FOIA requests that the Attorney General has resubmitted to the Village. She thanked to the Clerk for filling the requests.

Terry Redman thanked the employees for plowing and the firemen for opening the firehouse as a warming shelter.

Ed Fleck wanted the employees to know about a light out on the truck and wanted to know about the new and old mower.

Willis Strange asked about the evening that the water needed to be shut off at a residence.

7. New Business:

A. Discussion and vote to abolish Christmas bonus and replace with a \$25.00 gift card at a local grocery for the purchase of a Christmas Turkey, Ham or etc. Brad Karr said he didn't mind giving a gift but he didn't like being pressured into a bonus. Suzanna Holland said she would prefer it be a Visa card where they could use it anywhere. The Board agreed. Brad Karr motioned to abolish Christmas bonuses and replace them with a \$25 gift card. Rusty Karr 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.

B. Discussion and vote to institute a yearly performance bonus to be reviewed at yearly raise review and at no time to exceed \$100.00 with board approval. The Board discussed doing it in conjunction with the raise. The Clerk said they could discuss this in executive session in June when they go into discuss the raise. Rusty Karr thought they should do it half way through the year and call it a year end performance bonus. Mark Miller advised that they should discuss it with the attorney and work on a employee manual. The Board agreed and decided to table the item until the attorney was present.

C. Discussion on interest to place a plaque or marker to identify Wapella's 1st settler Gibson Coy buried in Sugar Grove Cemetery. Brad Karr his approached

with the idea of having a marker or plaque for the town's first settler. He wanted to make sure the Board was interested before he spent any time on it. Rusty Karr wanted to know where it would be at. Brad Karr said he thought out at the cemetery. The Board thought if it was in Wapella, they would be interested in it but not at the cemetery. Brad Karr said he would look into some more.

D. Discussion on old bank building, junk, inoperable or unlicensed vehicles and zoning permits. Brad Karr said asked about the old bank building. Suzanna Holland said she had sent the letter to Richard Greene. She heard back from him about the building. He said it was the inside glass broken not the outside. Suzanna had it looked at and it was both panes of glass, inside and out. She also said he had plans to take the building down in the summer. After discussion with Vernon, she found out that he told him the same thing before. So, that is where the issue stands. Brad Karr then asked about the unlicensed vehicles. The Clerk said the letters have not been sent. Brad Karr said this has been voted on and discussed for a year, something needs to be done. Brad Karr asked why legal counsel was not present, since he wanted to discuss this with her. He then asked who was issue zoning permits in town. The Clerk said no one. Brad Karr said without a zoning officer the buildings don't get on the tax role. Jane Buraglio said the new assessor wanted to know who to contact for permits. Since there is no one, she will have to go house to house to do the assessment. Brad Karr said he didn't think a board member should be the zoning officer. The Board agreed to address this next month.

E. Discussion on where we stand with a committee for a Village festival. Brad Karr wanted to know the status of the festival. The Board agreed to table this item.

F. Discussion and vote on walkers at the Community Center. Suzanna Holland said this was follow up from last meeting. Rusty Karr said it needed to be advertised more. Suzanna Holland said she had it posted at the two most visible places. The Board discussed keeping it open until a certain date. Rusty Karr motioned to continue with the walking at the Community Center, as it is currently being done, with a close up date of March 1, 2014. Vernon Meadows 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.

G. Discussion and vote on cars parked on Main Street during snow storms. Rusty Karr said we had to cars on main street parked for four days. He thought there needed to be signs. Willie Strange said it needed to be between certain hours. The Clerk said what they need was a snow route through there. Rusty Karr said he would like to see it done for the winter to allow the employees to plow main street. The Board discussed possible hours and days for the snow route. Camille

Redman said to check with Clinton and see how they do it. The Board wanted to see the ordinance on removal of cars and talk to the attorney about it. Rusty Karr wanted to just order the signs. Brad Karr said he could purchase them but we couldn't enforce them. The Clerk said the code doesn't say anything, so we need an ordinance. The Board agreed to look into an ordinance.

H. Discussion and possible vote on employee manual. The Clerk said President Karr would like to do a work study session on an employee manual. This item was table into the attorney was present.

I. Discussion and vote on easement for Ameren. The Clerk said this was President Karr's item. She thinks they would like an expanded easement. The Board tabled this item until President Karr was present.

J. Discussion and vote to donate money to support the Show Bus Public Transportation. Logan Redman read the letter sent to the Board asking for a donation. Rusty Karr asked if they were currently doing service in Wapella. The Clerk said yes, they currently do pick ups in town. The Board discussed how they were funded and whether or not they should donate. They decided to table to this item until next month.

8. Executive Session.

A. Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under section 2 (c) (21). Rusty Karr motioned to go into executive session for the above reason. 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.

Brad Karr motioned to leave executive session. 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.

9. New Business Cont.

K. Discussion and vote on approval and release of executive session minutes from July 16, 2013. Vernon Meadows motioned to approve and release the executive session minutes from July 16, 2013. Rusty Karr seconded.

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

Nays: None

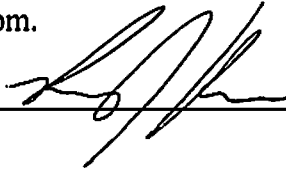
Absent: Shay Burke

Abstain: Brad Karr

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

10. Motion to adjourn. Vernon Meadows motioned to adjourn. Rusty Karr seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

President Rich Karr

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