

Village of Wapella Special Board Meeting

Monday, July 10th, 2023

Village Hall – 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order by Village President, Dennis Klatt.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Dennis Klatt
Mark Miller
Jake Simmons
Jane Buraglio
John Goergen
Carl Spath
Sean Holland
Robin Morrow – Clerk

Excused:

Steve Marht – Attorney

Approval of Minutes: N/A

Bills: N/A

Department Reports: N/A

Dennis thanked everyone for all of their help and hard work with clean up around town after the storm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/Village Organizations: None

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION, APPROVAL, AND POSSIBLE VOTE:

- 1) Discussion and possible approval of the cost of tornado debris removal from 710 Walnut Circle – 2 Bids

Jane passed out copies of the two bids she had received to have all the debris generated from the storm that came through town on June 29th to be mulched and hauled away. Jane explained the situation at the village shed with the huge pile of debris and that this project could be started this week and take approximately 3 days. One bid was from R&R Services for \$17,400 and the other was from Henson Services for \$20,500. Clinton has used R&R and they have not had any issues. Carl commented that he was concerned that there is still quite a bit of debris still around town to be collected. Dennis asked if we were keeping any of the mulch and Jane answered that it was all being hauled away. She did have another company that just wanted to grind and leave everything. Jake mentioned that once this was mulched it would not be something anyone would want to use in their yards as it has other debris mixed in like shingles. It was stated that the debris needed to get cleaned up soon before becoming a fire hazard and/or mosquito haven. John Goergen mentioned that the village may want to investigate purchasing our own grinder. John also asked if any of this would be covered with insurance and Jane responded that it is not

just the village trees, it is everyone's. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Carl Spath to approve the bid with R&R Services. Second made by Jake Simmons. All voting yes.

Before adjourning, Dennis mention that he wanted everyone's opinion on a situation that happened at Murphy's with someone picking up wood from their property during all the cleanup and he would put on next meeting's agenda if there needed to be further discussion and/or approval of anything. Sean explained that the resident had stacked firewood in his yard and during the several days of cleaning up brush and limbs throughout town someone had come into his yard and hauled away all of his wood. The resident has approached Sean more than once and wanted to know what could be done. Telling them to go get more firewood does not seem like the appropriate response. Jane asked what Sean suggests the board do. His response was that he felt we should give him a couple hundred dollars. Jane disagreed. Sean pointed out that this was a mistake and it happened, and the homeowner should be compensated. Mark suggested that this be added to the agenda for the next board meeting. Dennis agreed. Jane suggested to Sean that the homeowner come to the next meeting and present his case.

Motion to adjourn made by Carl Spath. Second made by John Goergen. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:16pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Robin Morrow, Village Clerk