

**Village of Wapella  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
(rescheduled due to lack of quorum)  
July 22, 2014  
7:00 pm  
Village Hall**

1. Call Meeting to Order.

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

3. Motion to approve minutes from June 17, 2014. Rusty Karr said he would like the wording changed on the section about the mower. It didn't convey what he meant. Suzanna Holland motioned to approve the minutes for June 17, 2014 with corrections. Rusty Karr seconded.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Brad Karr and Shay Burke.

Motion carried 4 to 0 with 2 absent.

4. Motion to approve all okayed bills. Suzanna Holland motioned to pay all okayed bills. Vernon Meadows seconded.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Brad Karr and Shay Burke.

Motion carried 4 to 0 with 2 absent.

5. Department Reports.

A. Streets- Rusty Karr reported that he had brought in his skid loader and that they had worked on Gene's ditch. They plan to work on more ditches this summer. They got the Red Dump Truck back. They also got the piece to fix the John Deere. The piece for the Kubota comes in Thursday. The new employee Rusty Stamp has been working out great.

B. Health & Safety- Suzanna Holland said she was in the process of working on the letters for the abandoned cars. There is a large tree on the north side of the Park that is dead, so at some point in time we need to remove it. Vernon Meadows said he had talked to Fryman's Tree Service and they suggested we let it ride until next spring to see what it does. They think it may come out of it. Suzanna Holland said she had nothing else to report. Vernon Meadows said that the plants at the front of the park had been trampled again. He does not plan to replant them. He also reported that a child had torn up a bush. He later discovered a second bush torn up in the same manner. He wound up cutting them off, that was all he could do. Rusty Karr said the employees did a lot of work pulling the weeds so the

garden looks good. He asked if any work would be done on the gazebo? Suzanna Holland said we have talked about it. It needs repairs. The roof and the ceiling inside need work. Vernon Meadows said also we are getting work done on the concession stand which is all volunteer. Rusty Karr asked about putting rock in front of the park across from the Christian Church. Vernon Meadows asked how much rock would it take? Rusty Karr was unsure. He and Rodger Sprague said they would look at it. Suzanna Holland said she would like to look at it as well. Vernon Meadows suggested figuring out what it would cost. Rusty Karr also thought that the trustees needed to get organized at the shed. If the spring, when new trustees are elected, they will need to know what the employees duties are. He would like a list available for what they need to do, posted at the shed. This will also help with new employees.

C. Water- Nothing to report.

D. Zoning- Willie Strange had 8 permits to turn in. He also gave Cale Price his paperwork for a Special Use Permit. He also made the Board aware of a neighbors' zoning dispute down on Thomas Court.

E. Finance: None.

#### 6. Public Comment, 3 minutes per person.

Kathy Meadows talked about the employee list.

Mark Miller suggested that the Village bow out of the garage zoning issue.

Clerk Weikle informed the Board that she had given them a blank budget to work off of since they were in the new fiscal year.

Dale Karr discussed the budget and how it would work.

Mark Miller discussed making sure to budget in any pre-approved projects not yet completed.

#### 7. New Business for Discussion and Vote :

A. To increase the permit fees. Vernon Meadows said he wanted to increase the permit from \$5 to \$25. Rusty Karr asked what the County charges? Mark Miller said it is a sliding scale depending on the size of the project. It can be as much as \$150. Dale Karr said they need to increase the permitting for special use permits. It costs \$300 to hold a meeting and we are charging \$25. Vernon Meadows motioned to increase zoning permits from \$5.00 to \$25.00. Suzanna Holland seconded.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Brad Karr and Shay Burke.

Motion carried 4 to 0 with 2 absent.

Rusty Karr motioned to increase Special Use Permits from \$25 to \$300. Willie Strange Jr. asked when that would take effect since he had already told Price it would only be \$25. The Clerk suggested putting an effective date on the motion. Suzanna Holland asked what all Special Use entails. President Karr said anything that doesn't conform to the area. The Clerk said that under each zoning district there is a list of things that require special use permits. Rusty Karr motioned to

increase Special Use Permits from \$25.00 to \$300.00 effective August 19, 2014. Vernon Meadows seconded.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Brad Karr and Shay Burke.

Motion carried 4 to 0 with 2 absent.

Vernon Meadows motioned to increase Variances and Rezoning permits from 25.00 to \$300.00 effective August 19, 2014. Rusty Karr seconded.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Brad Karr and Shay Burke.

Motion carried 4 to 0 with 2 absent.

B. For permit fees for projects started prior to receiving a permit. Vernon Meadows said this for the people that start the projects without getting a permit. He wanted to charge them \$50. The Clerk said she had a question about this but the lawyer is not here to ask. President Karr said he did not think we could charge anyone who hadn't gotten a permit before this point. Only residents who build going forward. Vernon Meadows agreed. The Clerk said since we don't already have a section in the zoning that pertains to this, wouldn't we have to create an ordinance or amend the ordinance to add this section. The Board agreed to table the item. President Karr said he would send her an email to let her know this is what we would like to do.

C. To Adopt an Ordinance regulating noise in the Village of Wapella. The Board agreed to table this item until the attorney was present.

D. To upgrade the Kubota Mower. Rusty Karr said he had presented the Trustees with papers outlining the Kubota Mower. The new mower will cost us \$3600. Willie Strange said the mower we are getting will run a 110 inch swing deck and we are only putting on it a 72 inch deck. The mower should not bog down. Rusty Karr said that is the price out the door. Rusty Karr motioned for the Street Department to pay for the new mower from Kubota not to exceed \$4000. Suzanna Holland seconded.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Brad Karr and Shay Burke.

Motion carried 4 to 0 with 2 absent.

E. Rodger Sprague and Motor Fuel Tax. Rodger Sprague presented the wrap-up for last years MFT. We had authorized \$16,405, we spent \$14,235. We had a surplus of \$2,170 which goes back in. For this years MFT, I have an estimate of cost \$11,047.50. I also have a map as to where the oiling will be. Rodger Sprague said the rock we got last year was the only stuff available at the time so we got it

for a good price. This year he was able to make an arrangement with Nixon Township (Weldon) to get the same rock. The Board thought they should take as much rock as we could get from Weldon. Rusty Karr motioned to pass the resolution for Motor Fuel Tax for the amount of \$12,500. Suzanna Holland seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadows, Rusty Karr, Logan Redman and Suzanna Holland.  
Nays: None.

Absent: Brad Karr and Shay Burke.  
Motion carried 4 to 0 with 2 absent.

8. Executive Session.

A. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the Village under Section 2 (c) 1.

Rusty Karr motioned to go into Executive Session. Vernon Meadows seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadows, Rusty Karr, Logan Redman and Suzanna Holland.  
Nays: None.

Absent: Brad Karr and Shay Burke.  
Motion carried 4 to 0 with 2 absent.

Rusty Karr motioned to leave Executive Session. Logan Redman seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadows, Rusty Karr, Logan Redman and Suzanna Holland.  
Nays: None.

Absent: Brad Karr and Shay Burke.  
Motion carried 4 to 0 with 2 absent.

9. New Business for Discussion and Vote Cont.:

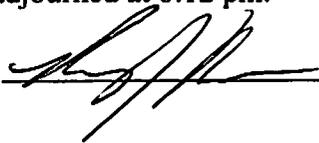
F. Employee raises. Rusty Karr motioned to give Willie Strange Jr. a \$.50 raise. Suzanna Holland seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadows, Rusty Karr, Logan Redman and Suzanna Holland.  
Nays: None.

Absent: Brad Karr and Shay Burke.  
Motion carried 4 to 0 with 2 absent.

10. Motion to adjourn. Vernon Meadows motioned to adjourn. Suzanna Holland seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

President Rich Karr



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