

Village of Wapella
Regular Board Meeting
June 17, 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, Clerk Elizabeth Weikle and Attorney Heather Kimmons.

3. Motion to approve minutes from May 20, 2014. Suzanna Holland motioned to approve the minutes from May 20, 2014. Rusty Karr seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadow, 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. Logan Redman motioned to approve all okayed bills. Suzanna Holland seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadow, 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 the piece on the mower had been glued back on. He also reported the need for another employee. He also reported that we were waiting on parts for the Red Dump Truck. He then discussed the new mower and how the tractor was too small (not enough horse power) to support the mower deck. He was negotiating with Nord and Kubota to get a better deal for a trade in mower.

B. Health & Safety- Suzanna Holland reported that Town Cleanup was this week. She also reported on the work of the new park employee.

C. Water- Logan Redman reported on the leaky valve on the corner of Main and Locust.

D. Zoning-None.

E. Finance-None. The Board discussed the open seat on the Board. The Attorney advised them that they could create an ordinance about attendance for all Trustees. She also said she would look into abandonment of the seat.

6. Public Comment, 3 minutes per person.

Rob Smith spoke on behalf of the Feed The Cause Music Festival which is interested in bringing the festival to Wapella.

Jane Buraglio thanked the Board for hiring an employee to work in the Park.

Cale Price wanted to know the status on his permit for a trailer and what was going to be done.

Vicki Holland spoke about the what was going to be done about vandalism at the park.

Mark Miller spoke about supporting fellow Board members when they do something.

7. New Business for Discussion and Vote:

A. To appoint a zoning officer. Rusty Karr asked about the email the Board received after the last meeting. Attorney Kimmons explained that there was a misunderstanding last meeting. She said that the motion was voted on to have Rich be the zoning officer. While doing her tally, she had recorded Brad's vote as a no and not a yes. She gave the advise that Suzanna's abstention would go with the majority. Elizabeth declared the vote failed. It was not until later that she realized the vote error. President Karr should have been allowed to vote to break the tie. She advised that Elizabeth should read the roll of votes and Rich could them vote to break the tie. President Karr said but if we vote to make Willie the Zoning officer then that vote would be moot. Attorney Kimmons agreed. Rusty Karr asked what the board thought about compensation. Suzanna Holland asked if Heather had looked into the Clerk being the zoning officer since she had experience. Attorney Kimmons said she had researched the option and this was no clear cut decision. She advised that they should either have Rich vote or vote on Willie to do it. The Board then discussed compensation. The ideas were thrown around as either a flat monthly fee or an extension of his duties with his regular wage. Willie Strange said he is up for a raise next month anyway. They could make it part of his duties and make it part of his raise next month. Attorney Kimmons said that it was her advise that if there was going to be a position with pay associated that an ordinance be adopted to cover it. Rusty Karr motioned to appoint Willie Strange the zoning officer. Logan Redman seconded.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Brad Karr and Shay Burke.

Motion carried 4 to 0 with 2 absent.

B. Reconsideration of vote to appoint a temporary zoning officer. This item was moot after the appointment of an officer.

C. To appoint and assign terms for current zoning commission members and new members. The Clerk said the last zoning board consisted of Jeff Finger, Ed Fleck, Vicki Holland, John Karr, Barb McKinney and Bill Settles. Bill Settles has moved and Barb McKinney wants off the Board. So, the question came up about their terms. I did some research and I couldn't find where they were actually assigned terms per the minutes. I did find out that they were re-appointed. According to the Ordinance 2012-216, the seven members of the first zoning board appointed shall serve terms as follows: one for one year, one for two years, one for three years,

one for four years and three for five years, the successor to each member so appointed to serve for a term of five years. They were all actually re-appointed. President Karr said but that doesn't solve who is at what term. The Clerk said they should all be 5 year terms. They were appointed in December and then reappointed in March with two new members. Attorney Kimmons said then they are appointed until 2018. Then we need to make a notation that they are appointed until then. Is there any interest in filling the remaining spots? The Board didn't have anyone interested. President Karr asked why there was such a quick reappointment of the members. The Clerk said there was a loss in members and a change in ordinance renaming them from zoning board to zoning commission. Do we have enough to proceed? Attorney Kimmons said we have a quorum. Is there a chair appointed? The Clerk said Vicki Holland. Attorney Kimmons said Vicki would be in charge of calling the meetings.

D. Regarding new noise ordinance for Chapter 21-108 titled AN ORDINANCE REGULATING LOUD AND UNNECESSARY NOISE IN THE VILLAGE OF WAPELLA. President Karr said there are at least two different drafts of the noise ordinance. This has gotten out of hand. When we first talked about it, all we wanted was music in at midnight and now we are talking about permits and feet limits. Logan Redman said the issue is the timing. Attorney Kimmons said she tried to put out everything she was hearing. The first draft was a standard draft of what most municipalities have. What was learned from that is that the Board doesn't want something so comprehensive. Draft four laid out the process for seeking a permit for sound application. Vernon Meadows thought it should be a Board decision. President Karr didn't like that since it limited the person to once a month to apply. He also said that one of the drafts limited it to no music on holidays. Vernon Meadows said he agreed with the Sundays but not the holidays. The Board agreed to have Heather draft another ordinance for next month. The Board gave Heather a wish list for the ordinance of: the music should stop at midnight for everyone on weekends, on weekdays at 9 pm, no need for machinery section, no need for permit section, outside music only, leave the section on loud and unreasonable noises, music on Sundays should be noon to nine.

E. For street light on South Second Street at Casey's. President Karr said the guy who was going to help me with the surplus pole hasn't returned my calls. Lets just vote to spend the money and have Ameren put it in. It is like \$4000. The Board discussed making sure it was on our property and not IDOT's or Greene's. Vernon Meadows motioned to approve having Ameren put in a street light on South Second Street. Suzanna Holland seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadow, Logan Redman and Suzanna Holland.

Nays: Rusty Karr.

Absent: Brad Karr and Shay Burke.

Presidential vote: Rich Karr - Aye.

Motion carried 4 to 1 with 2 absent.

F. Abandoned Vehicles. Attorney Kimmons said the missing part of the ordinance has been located. The President or the chair of Health and Safety can send them.

They will have 30 days to comply. She will help Suzanna if she needs to. She then explained the full process of handling abandoned vehicles to the Board.

G. Greene's Building. Vernon Meadows wanted to know what we are going to do about it. Suzanna Holland said after a letter and calls. He has done some of the work but not all. Attorney Kimmons asked if we have been explicit on what needs to be done? Suzanna Holland said just the original letter. Attorney Kimmons said we need to look at determining if it needs demolition. It would have to be in unsalvageable condition. Suzanna Holland said the windows are coming out. Vernon Meadows said it is down to a single layer of bricks in on one side. Attorney Kimmons said she would look into demolition. She will also send a letter to get his attention that we are look at the state it is in.

H. Railroad right-a-way causing a mosquito problems. Vernon Meadows said he put this on. He heard that the railroad is intending to mow only once a month. Willie Strange said he was told that were instructed to mow it to eight inches. Attorney Kimmons asked how long ago he spoke to them? Willie Strange said two weeks ago. Attorney Kimmons said what I have done, because Brad sent me an email last week, is told them they had ten days to take care of the mowing and get it to reasonable and acceptable standards. If it is not by June 23, then the Village is authorized to go ahead and mow it. You need to keep track of the time spent. I have also given them 30 days to pay what they owe us for past years or to reach a compromise.

I. To hire a new employee for Streets and Water. Logan Redman said that Willie needs help. He wanted to put an ad in the paper. Rusty Karr said he already had people interested. President Karr said asked if we had to bring them before the Board. Rusty Karr said he would like to pick someone like the Park department did and start them on a trial basis. Vernon Meadows asked if he had anyone interested. Rusty Karr said he had someone that worked for Bloomington that was interested. Rusty Karr motioned to hire a new employee for Streets and Water on a 30 day trial basis with the decision to be made by Logan Redman and Rusty Karr. Vernon Meadows seconded.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Brad Karr and Shay Burke.

Motion carried 4 to 0 with 2 absent.

J. Interest in Geothermal, which requires the drilling of a well. Logan Redman said he been contacted about interest in it. We have an ordinance on windmills. He thought it possibly needed an ordinance on it since it required a well. He discussed it with Clyde and has lots of questions. Duffy Haremaker spoke about it. He said it was a re-circulating loop that goes down in a pipe. What goes down in the pipe is water. It is a sealed system. They drill 150 feet. He said Mashburn is who is working on his. If the thing broke, you are putting tap water into the ground. Rusty Karr said he would like more information on the systems.

K. Mower. Rusty Karr said we already touched on this earlier. If the grass is too tall, it bogs the mower down. We are waiting to hear from Kubota. Willie Strange thought there would be around a \$3,000 difference in price. The Board agreed to wait to hear from Kubota.

L. To approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance. Vernon Meadows motioned to approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance. Rusty Karr seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadow, 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. Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under section 2 (c) (21).

Rusty Karr motioned to go into executive session. Logan Redman seconded.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Brad Karr and Shay Burke.

Motion carried 4 to 0 with 2 absent.

Logan Redman motioned to leave executive session. Vernon Meadows seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadow, Logan Redman and Suzanna Holland.

Nays: None.

Absent: Brad Karr, Rusty Karr and Shay Burke.

Presidential Vote: Rich Karr- Aye.

Motion carried 4 to 0 with 3 absent.

9. New Business Cont.:

L. Discussion and vote on approval and release of executive session minutes.

Logan Redman motioned to approve for content the executive session minutes from December 17, 2013. Vernon Meadows seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadow, Logan Redman and Suzanna Holland.

Nays: None.

Absent: Brad Karr, Rusty Karr and Shay Burke.

Presidential Vote: Rich Karr- Aye.

Motion carried 4 to 0 with 3 absent.

Vernon Meadows motioned to approve for content and release the executive session minutes from January 21, 2014. Logan Redman seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadow, Logan Redman and Suzanna Holland.

Nays: None.

Absent: Brad Karr, Rusty Karr and Shay Burke.

Presidential Vote: Rich Karr- Aye.

Motion carried 4 to 0 with 3 absent.

Logan Redman motioned to approve for content and release the executive session minutes from February 18, 2014. Suzanna Holland seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadow, Logan Redman and Suzanna Holland.

Nays: None.

Absent: Brad Karr, Rusty Karr and Shay Burke.

Presidential Vote: Rich Karr- Aye.

Motion carried 4 to 0 with 3 absent.

Logan Redman motioned to approve for content and release the executive session minutes from March 18, 2014. Suzanna Holland seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadow, Logan Redman and Suzanna Holland.

Nays: None.

Absent: Brad Karr, Rusty Karr and Shay Burke.

Presidential Vote: Rich Karr- Aye.

Motion carried 4 to 0 with 3 absent.

Logan Redman motioned to approve for content the executive session minutes from May 20, 2014. Vernon Meadows seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadow, Logan Redman and Suzanna Holland.

Nays: None.

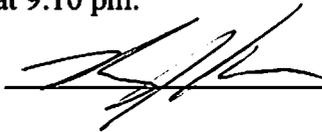
Absent: Brad Karr, Rusty Karr and Shay Burke.

Presidential Vote: Rich Karr- Aye.

Motion carried 4 to 0 with 3 absent.

10. Motion to adjourn. Logan Redman motioned to adjourn. Vernon Meadows seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

President Rich Karr

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rich Karr', is written over a horizontal line that extends across the page.