

# Village of Wapella Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 30th, 2022

Village Hall – 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order by Village President Dennis Klatt.

## **Present:**

Dennis Klatt  
Sean Holland  
Lauren Johnson  
Jane Buraglio  
Mark Miller  
Steve Marht – Attorney  
Robin Morrow – Clerk

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve minutes from February 16th meeting made by Jane Buraglio, motion to second by Sean Holland. All voting yes.

## **Bills:**

Motion to approve all Village bills as presented to the board made by Jane Buraglio, motion to second by Lauren Johnson. All voting yes.

## **Department Reports:**

### **STREETS: Jane Buraglio**

All the alleys (except part of Cherry Street and the community center) have had their first coat of rock applied.

The modified center gravity flow wagon is doing exactly what Paul envisioned. (Pictures) "Like a Playdough machine." Paul designed and built the chute under the wagon that distributes the rock. It has an adjustable door to change the depth of the rock which is operated by a hand crank.

Paul brought in his grader with a tail wheel and modified it with side attachments that help contain the rock to the width of the alley. The truck and wagon drop the rock. The tractor and grader levels the alley rock.

19 blocks of alleys – 10-12 Tons per alley = 190 - 228 tons of CA-6. Later this summer after this layer gets pack in, more rock will be applied.

We caught illegal dumping on our cameras. The individual brought in a U-Haul packed full of trash. The video showed a person who drove the car behind the U-Haul pull things out of our dumpsters and put it on the ground so they could get their stuff in it. (Pictures) They left the dumpsters overflowing, things on the ground and paneling shoved behind the dumpster against the fence. We can't see a license number, but that didn't matter. Most all the boxes were labeled with his name and address. His parents live here, and I took the pictures to his father. He identified his son and the woman. His father said his son lives in Stanford and had no idea he was in town that day. He called it unacceptable. I agreed.

I sent the individual a letter, copies of the pictures and a bill for \$75 to cover the employee's time to pick up what was on the ground and what blew out over the weekend and for the use of the backhoe. I also invited him to come to this meeting if he wanted to talk to the board.

I will be getting the ads out for bids for the sale of the bucket truck, the 1995 Ford Truck and the snowplow in the next week or two. I would like the sealed bids open at the April meeting. Everything will be sold as is and must be removed at the buyer's expense from our lot before the end of April.

There has been work on clearing some ditches and helping the drainage on Walnut Circle and other places around town. Wapella Automotive lot had extensive flooding and you can see today the water is flowing to the tile on Armour's corner.

We have three village culverts that need replaced – the south end of the alley of the 300 block of South Fourth, the east end of Cherry Street and the south end of the alley of the 400 block of South Second.

#### **HEALTH & SAFETY: Lauren Johnson**

Jodi Head resigned. Hired someone from Clinton but didn't work out as she was offered a full time position elsewhere. Now Natalie Bar is the new person handling the Community Center and already receiving positive feedback.

We need to update the rental policy for the CC. It is very outdated. Since a contract Steve to review for legal concerns.

Refrigerator handle. Left another message at Menards and no response so far.

#### **WATER: Sean Holland**

Consumer Consumption Report (CCR) to be updated and put on the website. EPA stuff.

16 Shut offs on list – 16 people paid. Hung only 4 notices hung on doors. Notices and phone calls are helping.

No Main breaks! Yay!

#### **ZONING: Mark Miller**

Issued one permit to Christian Church for an additional garage.

#### **FINANCE: Jane/Jessica**

#### **CHECKING ACCOUNT FEBRUARY 2022 BALANCES:**

GF Checking	\$182,216.89
Park CD	\$ 41,542.32
Park CD	\$ 54,679.87
Police CD	\$ 18,402.95
WF Checking	\$ 77,955.16
MFT Checking	\$104,572.44
WPF Checking	<u>\$86,614.79</u>

We had someone's \$750 rent check deposited into our Water Fund. They wrote the wrong account number on their deposit slip. The next bank statement should show the \$750 removed from the account.

Received Email from Shari Lannon USDA. When the Village borrowed \$500,000 from the USDA, part of the Ordinance dictated that there were to be two new accounts opened at the DeWitt Saving Bank. This was never done. The auditor told us that he reported this in the last three audits. Not only are we to make the loan payments, but we are required to make two payments each month into these accounts. (Read email)

Shari told me that if we can have the auditor separately line item in the next audit that these payments are being made and segregated within the Water Project Fund, we shouldn't have to open separate accounts. It will take some tracking and documents on my part to show the auditor how we are making the payments.

The \$2,289 will be covered by the Ameren Utility Tax. I contacted Ameren and it will now be direct deposited into the Water Project Fund.

The \$172/month will be covered by the Water Surcharge collected on the water bills. That money collected will have to be transferred by check each month to the Water Project Fund cover the \$172.

Each month that we have missed since 9/13/2018 has to be made up. I will have numbers at the next meeting to report before I have the money transferred from General Fund and Water Fund to make up the amounts collected and not transferred.

As I just read from Shari, our segregated funds are short \$110,745 so far. I am hoping the Utility Taxes and Water Surcharges still sitting in the General Fund and Water Fund will cover that total and satisfy the UDSA and the auditor.

I will be adding line items to the next budget so we can see these funds accumulate properly.

All three printers are having issues, which the cost of service calls and repairs might outweigh the cost of a new printer. This office is going to be rearranged soon and it would make more sense to have one more durable printer that everyone could use. I will bring some quotes to the next meeting.

**WATER OPERATOR: Steve**

Nothing to report

**CLERK: Robin Morrow**

Message about a \$100 refund check for rental of CC and check not cleared.

**FOIA OFFICER: Robin Morrow**

Nothing to report

**WEBSITE: Jane Buraglio**

Hometown Happenings

April 16, 2022 – 11:00 am Wapella Says YES Easter Party in the Park

April 23, 2022 – Second Chance Rabies Clinic at the Village Shed

## CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES

The Code of Ordinances posted online was never officially approved by any board. The 1975 Code is still the one in effect. I suggest we look at our books and bring back to the next meeting anything we see that needs corrected. If we are comfortable with the Code as is, then we should officially adopt the Code as posted and amend ordinances going forward.

We've got about three years or more of new ordinances to send to the Codification Company. The Code online is somewhat outdated right now.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

#### **New Business for discussion, approval, and possible vote:**

Motion made by Jane to hire Fryman Tree Service to trim tree at S Locust and S Fourth not to exceed \$1000. Second by Sean Holland. All voting yes.

Appointment of Zoning Board Members. John Goergen, Brandon Karr, Carl Spath, Andrew Johnson, Ed Fleck. Motion made by Mark Miller, second by Sean Holland. All voting yes. Discovered Lester Kaufman still has 1 yr left on his term. Will be sending a letter to determine if he wants to finish term or resign. Will need to discuss current members term duration and possibly stagger.

Discussion of increasing compensation of the new Zoning Board members. Motion made to increase their salaries to \$125 per meeting by Jane Buraglio and second by Sean Holland. Ordinance for Zoning Board members updated with compensation. Motion made for the authorization and approval for the updated ordinance by Mark Miller and second by Sean Holland.

All Zoning Board members in attendance sworn in. Ed Fleck, Andrew Johnson, John Goergen, Carl Spath

Motion made for authorization to hire Natalie Barr by Lauren Johnson and second by Jane Buraglio. All voting yes.

Town Clean up week after Town Garage sales. Notify 30-60 days and Paul will take care of calling. Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. No electronics at this time.

Vandalism in the park is a concern. Broken glass, etc. Need to think and discuss surveillance measures. Cameras, additional police patrol, etc. There is a Police fund. We used to have a contract and may need to consider renewing. Jane will talk with the Sheriff to see what options are.

Mark Miller made Motion for a 10 minute recess to speak with the new Zoning Board officers. Second by Jane Buraglio. All voting yes.

Motion made by Mark Miller to go enter in to closed session for the purpose of discussing Pending Litigation. Second by Sean Holland. All voting yes.

Entered Closed Session @7:40pm

Exited Closed Session @ 7:58pm

Entered Open Session and roll call taken. All in attendance.

Motion to adjourn open session by Lauren Johnson and second by Sean Holland. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:59pm