

Village of Wapella Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 18th, 2022

Village Hall – 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order by Village President Dennis Klatt.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Jane Buraglio to approve the minutes from April 20th, 2022, meeting. Second by Mark Miller. All voting yes.

Bills:

Jane asked question bill for GA Rich since quarterly report has not been done do we pay out of WF because of relief money is in there and then GF will repay water. Agreed. Motion made by Jane Buraglio to approve the bills as presented to the board. Second by Sean Holland. All voting yes.

Department Reports:

STREETS: Jane Buraglio

We are having some issues with the drainage off US 51 on the west end by the detention pond. The pond is holding water and is not draining correctly. Paul has been in contact with Gary Sims from IDOT.

We lost a trail light in the last windstorm. It snapped off close to the base. It was put back together with a sleeve and has been reinstalled.

All the security cameras have been installed at the park. The scope of observation from both ends of the park is broad. The upgraded security cameras are being installed at the shed, which will include monitoring at the east end of the shed behind cold storage.

Ordinance violation letters: We have several places in town that have accumulated junk on their properties. I would like to send each an individual letter with a copy of the Code Section prohibiting junk and a copy of the Town Clean Up flier. I would propose giving them until the end of Clean Up on June 12th to completely remove their junk or they will be turned over to the Village Attorney June 15th to face further legal action.

We had to replace two front tires on the backhoe last week.

We had a service call on the John Deere tractor. It would not start at all. After Paul traced down all he could, he called AHW. They sent a technician who found where two wires were rubbing together causing fuses to trip. He corrected the problem, and it should all be warranty work.

Railroad mowing has begun. The railroad paid the bill in April for last year's mowing based on the hours worked - \$7150.00. They were being billed a flat rate of \$800/month (\$4800) for the past several years. The employees are keeping track of the mowing hours again this year. The existing rate is \$50/hour.

Illegal Dumping – Another incident this weekend, which continued Monday while the employees were at the shed. The culprit was identified and admitted to dumping furniture behind the shed and in the burn pile. They also admitted to leaving 12 five-gallon paint buckets containing paint stacked nicely behind the dumpsters. The paint buckets were taken back to the culprit's home. We have several pictures of the items dumped.

The employees spent all morning (4 hours) working on this incident – from reviewing the video footage, removing the furniture from the burn pile, and placing the other furniture and junk in the dumpsters. Luckily the GFI driver saved our dumpsters for last on his route giving them time to get the furniture picked up and loaded.

They had to deal with the returning culprit and her husband Monday afternoon. I believe our employees ought to be able to come to work and do their jobs without facing threats of violence. Threatening to beat some sense into someone because his wife believes she was insulted by employee telling her she couldn't illegally dump on Village property is no excuse for that kind of behavior. Our employees handled everything professionally, but I will make sure the police are involved if the behavior continues.

I billed the last identified illegal dumping culprit and they paid the bill. By rights, these identified culprits should be billed at the going rate of \$50/hour x 3 employees x 4 hours = \$600. They wasted our employee's time who all expected to come to work on Monday morning to finish installing security cameras in the park, mowing, and other vital Village work. I'd like to hear the board's opinion on this proposed bill.

CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES

It will be on the agenda next month. We need to move forward. Review your Code Books.

HEALTH & SAFETY: Lauren Johnson

Lauren has a big announcement – the refrigerator handle arrived!!!

There are 4 letters going out for Ordinance violations

Asphalt at the Community Center needs to be fixed. Will be looking for quotes. McLean County Asphalt or Dunn possibly. Maybe even adding some bushes or flowers

Rumor is that there is a homeless person living in the park.

Carla wants to put some annual flowers in the park.

Morgan Massey with Softball League in Clinton that is using the ball field at the park would like to get authorization to change the grassy by putting in another infield and they would do all the work and pay for it. Is a permit needed? Paul commented about any liability concerns for them doing the work and that if they do the sod/dirt should be saved and brought to the shed to be used elsewhere if needed. Will revisit next month. Should the village be involved?

WATER: Sean Holland

GA Rich & Sons / April 25, 2022

The work took a day and a half. All the used media was vacuumed out of the two filter tanks and was taken to the shed and dumped. Both filter tanks had all the nozzles replaced before the new media was installed.

While the vacuum truck was in town, they assisted in removing dirt from around a vertical pipe connecting to a watermain valve in the northeast corner of the automotive shop lot. Our employees stabilized the pipe, repaired the lid hub, and replaced the dirt. This valve was discovered when the Township had the fire. The vacuum work was done pro bono and we bought their lunch that day.

The entire Village was under a boil order beginning Monday, May 25, 2022, at noon. The filter tanks were refilled and had to sit with chlorine for a period before the first backwash. Water samples were collected and taken to the EPA on Wednesday. The EPA returned an all-clear on Friday about 1 pm.

A switch was accidentally bumped and broken by the crew while climbing the ladders with the new media. It didn't affect the water distribution, but it needed replaced. GA Rich found a replacement switch and brought an electrician to get it installed at their own expense on Thursday. This work did not affect or extend the boil order.

Except for a couple of minor remarks on Facebook, we heard very few complaints from residents during the duration of the boil order. Our prior notification of the boil order on the water bills and fliers worked in alerting our customers. I believe most customers were well prepared.

New Water Service will be installed at the old bank before the end of the month.

ZONING: Mark Miller

Issued 2 permits for portable sheds.

Resident requesting a variance hearing with Zoning board for a septic tank. Ordinance requires 20 ft away and they want 10 ft.

Last Zoning meeting went well.

FINANCE: Jane/Jessica

Account Balances:

General Fund Checking	\$180,466.32
Park CD (Heartland)	\$41,542.32
Park CD (DeWitt Savings)	\$54,679.87
Police CD (DeWitt Savings)	\$18,402.95
Water Fund Checking	\$81,951.19
Motor Fuel Checking	\$113,870.33
Water Project Fund	<u>\$103,094.50</u>
Total:	\$594,009.48 APRIL 2022

Our fiscal year ends June 30th. New budget worksheets will be ready for you in July. There will be new line items. The auditor advised to eliminate line item 116 Employee Wages, and new wage lines will appear in Streets and Park. Right now, all employee wages – Streets and Water – are in line 116 so the line item looks over the budget. It will be split apart at the audit of this fiscal year and in our new budget for next fiscal year.

I should have a spread sheet by next meeting to show how much money needs to be moved to the Water Project Fund to keep us in compliance with the USDA Loan Ordinance.

Account Balances:

General Fund Checking	\$182,838.56	
Park CD (Heartland)	\$41,542.32	
Park CD (DeWitt Savings)	\$54,679.87	
Police CD (DeWitt Savings)	\$18,402.95	
Water Fund Checking	\$81,883.67	
Motor Fuel Checking	\$112,012.79	
Water Project Fund	<u>\$98,697.52</u>	
Total:	\$590,057.68	MARCH 2022

WATER OPERATOR: Steve

Nothing to report

CLERK: Robin Morrow

Numerous calls about Community Action's water program.

OSF Nurse called about Village or Township providing any financial aid to our residents. Jane commented that Village does not, but Township does.

FOIA OFFICER: Robin Morrow

Nothing to report

WEBSITE: Jane Buraglio

Flyer is up on the Website about Town Clean-up

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dale Karr – Commented about junk car at the shed that is now gone. Per Jane, Village was helping the Fire Dept. And voiced his opinion about the recent raises that were issued. He does not agree with them.

New Business for discussion, approval, and possible vote:

Discussion and authorization of Ordinance granting setback variance to Les and Jill Foster.
Based on the finding at the Zoning board meeting it is recommended that the variance be approved with a \$25 fine. Mark Miller makes a motion to the board. Second by Jane Buraglio. All voting yes.

Discussion and Possible authorization of TKM quote for Park maintenance.
Lauren Johnson makes a motion to approve the \$4000 quote from TKM for maintenance work at the park. Second by Jane Buraglio. All voting yes.

Appointment and vote of Village Treasurer.
Jessica has taken a position with the hospital leaving us with an open Treasurer position. Mayor, Dennis Klatt appoints Pat Good from Floyd & Associates as the new Wapella Village Treasurer. She comes with a lot of experience and will be a great addition to the team. Motion made to approve the appointment by Lauren Johnson. Second by Sean Holland. All voting yes.

Authorization of proposal from Floyd and Associates
Proposal received from Floyd and Associates for services that Pat Good will be providing as Village Treasurer. Monthly fee of \$750 which is same as Treasurer salary. Monthly payment goes to Floyd and Assoc and they will pay Pat. Jane makes motion to approve proposal. Second by Lauren. All voting yes.

Open and possible awarding of sealed bids for Bucket Truck and Ford Pickup Truck.
1996 Bucket Truck bid by Paul Schmid for \$2500.50. Ford F250 1995 w/ploy bid from LSO Ent.
For \$1000. Mark Miller made motion to approve. Second by Jane Buraglio. All voting yes.

Authorization of Ordinance to Amend Employee handbook to allow 5 sick days per year for full time employees.

Motion made by Jane Buraglio approve the ordinance to amend the Employee handbook to allow 5 sick days per year for full time employees. Second by Sean Holland. All voting yes.

Possible authorization of quote to change out certain water meters.

Have not yet received a quote. Will continued to look into and contact Greg Hale for the work.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jane Buraglio. Second by Lauren Johnson.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:57 pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Robin Morrow, Village Clerk