

Village of Wapella
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2014
7:00 pm
Village Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order.

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

3. Motion to approve minutes from October 21, 2014. Vernon Meadows motioned to approve the minutes from October 21, 2014. Rusty Karr seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadows, Rusty Karr and Suzanna Holland.

Nays: None.

Absent: Brad Karr and Shay Burke.

Motion carried 3 to 0 with 2 absent.

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

Ayes: Vernon Meadows, Rusty Karr and Suzanna Holland.

Nays: None.

Absent: Brad Karr and Shay Burke.

Motion carried 3 to 0 with 2 absent.

5. Acceptance of Trustee Logan Redman's Resignation. Rusty Karr motioned to accept Logan Redman's resignation. Suzanna Holland seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadows, Rusty Karr and Suzanna Holland.

Nays: None.

Absent: Brad Karr and Shay Burke.

Motion carried 3 to 0 with 2 absent.

6. Appointment with advice and consent of the Board a new Trustee. President Karr said he would like to appoint Rosalie Summers. She was the fourth highest vote getter in the last election. Vernon Meadows said he had concerns because of nepotism. President Karr didn't think this qualified as that. She did run in the last election. She is a relative but a distant one. Vernon Meadows still felt that this was a concern. Suzanna Holland asked if the seat would open up at the next election. Attorney Kimmons said yes, this would only be until April. Rusty Karr motioned to accept the appointment of Rosalie Summers as Trustee. Suzanna Holland seconded.

Ayes: Rusty Karr and Suzanna Holland.

Nays: Vernon Meadows.

Absent: Brad Karr and Shay Burke.

Motion carried 2 to 0 with 2 absent.

Rosalie Summers was sworn in as Trustee and took the Oath of Office.

7. Department Reports.

- A. Streets- Rusty Karr said they had got the hydraulic pump working of the red dump truck. We think the lines were dried out. We are reading to plow snow.
- B. Health & Safety- None
- C. Water-None
- D. Zoning- Willis Strange Jr. reported that he had issued a permit to Chad Graves for demolition of a garage. He has also issued a permit to Cade Bray to demo the property at 511 Division Street. He said the date for the hearing had been set for Cale Price and Evergreen FS for December 9, 2014 at 7 pm.
- E. Finance-None.

8. Public Comment, 3 minutes per person.

Sherry Mears presented the Board with a letter from a citizen about noise and the bar. President Karr read the letter presented.

Dale Karr discussed the gravel at the Christian Church and the need for more parking.

Jane Buraglio discussed the lack of plan for Feed the Cause.

Dr. John P. McHale spoke about supporting Feed the Cause.

Jenny Bratcher spoke in support of Feed the Cause.

Mark Miller spoke about the business plan and cleanup for Feed the Cause.

Rob Smith spoke about the insurance for Feed the Cause.

9. New Business for Discussion and Vote :

A. Feed The Cause. President Karr said what we need to do is define the scope of the Village's participation. I don't know that Rob is asking for anything other than to use the park. Rob Smith said he would like the support of everybody and for everybody to help. I would like the Board to help me make the decisions.

President Karr said so we need to find out how far the Village is going to go. Rob Smith said if you guys don't want it here, then honestly I don't want it here. If you guys are willing to work with me to make it a success, then lets do it. Rusty Karr said there are concerns. I would like to see that stuff before we decide such as insurance. Jenny Bratcher said that last time they did have a cleanup crew and the musicians participated in cleaning as well. Rusty Karr said that he would like to see that in writing so that we know for a fact that is what will happen. President Karr said so what we need to do is if the answer is no, then tell them no. But if the answer is yes, then Rob will come back with a plan. Suzanna Holland said she thinks we need to tell them a decision. She said that had she received feedback from citizens who did not want the festival. President Karr said he had heard just as many that did. Suzanna Holland thought we should do what the citizens wanted since we represent them. Vernon Meadows motioned to not support Feed the Cause. Suzanna Holland seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadows and Suzanna Holland

Nays: Rusty Karr and Rosalie Summers

Absent: Brad Karr and Shay Burke.

Presidential Vote: Rich Karr-Nay.

Motion failed 2 to 3 with 2 absent.

Rusty Karr motioned to continue to work with Feed the Cause with further action contingent upon filing approval of an appropriate business plan. Rosalie Summers seconded.

Ayes: Rusty Karr and Rosalie Summers.

Nays: Vernon Meadows and Suzanna Holland.

Absent: Brad Karr and Shay Burke.

Presidential Vote: Rich Karr-Aye.

Motion passed 3 to 2 with 2 absent.

B. Hire Barbara McKinney to do the Community Center Rentals. Suzanna Holland said that Vernon and Kathy were no longer doing the rentals. What I am presenting here is to turn that duty over to Barb for a monthly fee. I think it should be in the neighborhood of \$75 a month. Vernon Meadows motioned to hire Barbara McKinney to do the Community Center Rental for the amount of \$75.00 a month. Suzanna Holland seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadows, Rusty Karr, Suzanna Holland and Rosalie Summers.

Nays: None

Absent: Brad Karr and Shay Burke.

Motion carried 4 to 0 with 2 absent.

C. To proceed with the Abandoned Vehicle Compliance Hearing. Suzanna Holland said this is follow up from the letters that were sent. Suzanna Holland motioned to hold an Abandoned Vehicle Compliance Hearing on December 16, 2014. This item was not seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadows, Rusty Karr, Suzanna Holland and Rosalie Summers.

Nays: None

Absent: Brad Karr and Shay Burke.

Motion carried 4 to 0 with 2 absent.

D. Chickens. Vernon Meadows said he had received a letter from the attorney about our ordinance on chickens. She said the ordinance was not good enough. At a previous meeting, we were told that what we had was sufficient. Attorney Kimmons said she is telling him what her advise is at this moment. Suzanna Holland asked what other towns were doing. Attorney Kimmons said she had sent them a link to a website. It is so individualized per Village that I can't give a description. I would advise the Board to read the website. My concern at this point was the Board had advised me to notify individuals and the ordinance is not very clear as to whether chickens would fall under livestock. So I did not feel comfortable telling any resident that they were in violation of the ordinance. That is why I suggest you look at the website and talk to your constituents and work on updating the ordinance. Rusty Karr discussed updating the ordinance and regulating what is already there. Vernon Meadows said he didn't want them at all. His concern was them running all over town. Suzanna Holland asked if we could

allow them but have them caged. Attorney Kimmons said yes. The Board agreed to table this item in order to work on revising the ordinance.

E. To approve a zoning ordinance for permit fees. Attorney Kimmons said that they should have all received this ordinance. She said it would take a vote of four to pass this ordinance. The Board gave Rosalie time to review the ordinance. Rusty Karr motioned to approve the ordinance amending building and occupancy permit fees, and variance, special use and amendment filing fees in the Village of Wapella. Vernon Meadows seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadows, Rusty Karr, Suzanna Holland and Rosalie Summers.

Nays: None

Absent: Brad Karr and Shay Burke.

Motion carried 4 to 0 with 2 absent.

F. Rock in front of Park. Vernon Meadows said that if they put parking blocks there, they would be parking in the road. He thought they should put grass back in. Rusty Karr said he thought they were going to do what Rodger Sprague suggested. He hasn't been able to attend the meetings. Suzanna Holland thought there need to be a separation between the rock and the trail so people don't park on it. Rosalie Summers suggested a continuous curb. Rusty Karr thought that was possible and he would have Rodger look at it and get costs. Suzanna Holland thought a curb would look the nicest to protect the trail. The Board decided to table this item until they could get Rodger Sprague here with some numbers.

G. Estimate of Tax Levy. The Clerk said it has to be done this month, so that next month we can pass the actual levy. Attorney Kimmons said it has to be done 20 days before the date that the tax levy ordinance is passed which is before 11-26. The Clerk gave the Board last years levy. President Karr asked if anyone saw a need to increase the taxes levied. Rosalie Summers asked if there were any shortfalls or disasters? President Karr said no. Suzanna Holland asked the Clerk her opinion on these numbers. The Clerk said I did not do your tax levy last year, Jane did. President Karr said we got our insurance bill and our audit will be \$5000. Our insurance is \$19,499 and we only have \$18,500 levied. Attorney Kimmons suggested having a special meeting to discuss this. President Karr suggested raising the insurance. Attorney Kimmons explained the process. Vernon Meadows agreed we should raise the insurance. Vernon Meadows motioned to accept the estimated tax levy with a thousand dollar increase for insurance. Rusty Karr seconded. Dale Karr asked if it would raise taxes. Vernon Meadows withdrew his motion. President Karr discussed passing it and changing it later. Attorney Kimmons advised against that. Rusty Karr motioned to keep the estimated tax levy appropriation ordinance the same as last year (see attached). Vernon Meadows seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadows, Rusty Karr, Suzanna Holland and Rosalie Summers.

Nays: None

Absent: Brad Karr and Shay Burke.

Motion carried 4 to 0 with 2 absent.

H. Codification of our ordinance book. President Karr said that this was something he was working on. Our ordinance code is a mess. I have talked to two different places and have an estimate of \$4000 and \$6000. It takes around a year and they will work around our budget. Attorney Kimmons said she very strongly recommends it. The Board agreed to put it off until April when the need Board is seated.

I. Cleaning of retention pond at pump house. Willis Strange Jr said we don't have any prices yet. It needs to be cleaned all the way out to the bottom. It needs to be redone and not just cleaned. It needs to be done now Clyde is having problems with the backwash pit being drained out. Ed Fleck last time it was done he was on the Board and Chuck Nelson did the work. He advised contacting Farnsworth. Attorney Kimmons said if it is under \$20,000 then it doesn't need to be bid. The Board agreed to table this until they had a better idea of pricing.

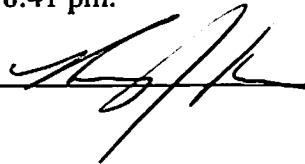
J. To move forward with the low interest loan process for the water department through the company Farnsworth Group. President Karr said he had received a new bid from Farnsworth. It was still \$11,000 for the process. The Board agreed to table this until the new Board was seated in April.

The Clerk read the resignation of Brad Karr (see attached).

Vernon Meadows then asked about Trustees driving to get checks signed. Willis Strange Jr said that it was a day he was off and needed his check early. The other check was for Rush truck so they would let us have our truck. Vernon Meadows then asked about checks not getting deposited. President Karr said that had been handled.

10. Motion to adjourn. Vernon Meadows motioned to adjourn. Rusty Karr seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

President Rich Karr



12-17-14

Estimated Tax Levy Appropriation Ordinance

BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustee of the VILLAGE OF WAPELLA, ILLINOIS:

For the purpose of defraying all necessary expenses and liabilities of the VILLAGE OF WAPELLA, ILLINOIS, for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st day of July, 2014 and ending on the 30th day of June, 2015, the following sums or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, are hereby appropriated and set aside for all corporate purposes to be provided for by the real estate tax levy of the year indicated.

<u>ITEMS OF APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT LEVIED</u>
A. General Corporate	\$ <u>11,700</u>
B. Police Protection	\$ <u>-0-</u>
C. Garbage	\$ <u>1,000</u>
D. Audit	\$ <u>5,000</u>
E. Insurance	\$ <u>18,500</u>
F. Street and Bridge	\$ <u>-0-</u>
G. Street Lighting	\$ <u>3,300</u>
H. ESDA	\$ <u>-0-</u>
I. Social Security	\$ <u>5,500</u>
J. Unemployment	\$ <u>4,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$ <u>49,000</u>

Wapella Village Board

Wapella Village Clerk

I resign my position of village trustee effective on the date of Wednesday November 19th 2014 due to other obligations and commitments that are more important at this time.

Bradley W. Karr

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Jane Buraglio

11/15/14