

Village of Wapella
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2014
7:00 pm
Village Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order.

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

3. Motion to approve minutes from September 16, 2014. Logan Redman motioned to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2014 meeting. Suzanna Holland seconded. Ayes: Vernon Meadows, 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.

4. Motion to approve all okayed bills. The Clerk reported that some fraudulent charges had been removed from the Walmart bill. Logan Redman said that Clyde was out for out patient surgery and had Steve Westerfield as plant operator during that time. The Clerk said he worked 15 days and in previous times, we paid him \$35 a day. Vernon Meadows voiced his concern over the large amount of pop purchases. Willis Strange Jr. said that Rusty Karr had already told them not to purchase any more. Suzanna Holland motioned to approve all okayed bills. Logan Redman seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadows, 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.

5. Department Reports.

A. Streets-None.

B. Health & Safety-Suzanna Holland reported that the bathrooms were going to be winterized in the park after the Halloween Party. She also reported that she sent her letters (abandoned cars) last month after the meeting. She reported a good response with those. President Karr asked about Greene's. Attorney Kimmons said she had spoke with his attorney who is passing along our information to his client. President Karr asked if we sent him one for his cars. Suzanna Holland said no, we thought it was a business. She is not opposed to sending them one. Attorney Kimmons said she would check on it and see if it was fine to send a letter. Suzanna Holland said she would wait on the green light from her. Vernon Meadows reported that we did get our street light down at Casey's. He then asked if the second step would be started for the abandoned vehicles. Attorney

Kimmons asked about the property with the vehicles. After some discussion about the property, she said that she thought it would be okay to go ahead and send the letter for the abandoned cars. Vernon Meadows said he did move the trailer abandoned on his mother's property. Attorney Kimmons said that the next step for the vehicles is to set a Compliance Hearing. She said that we also need to set a hearing for the Mediacom franchise, so we could probably do that at the same time. Attorney Kimmons said we would have to wait until the November meeting to set a hearing date. We would then give the people one week notice of the hearing. We would need it on the agenda in November because it has to be approved by the Board to hold the hearing.

C. Water- Logan Redman said he had received complaints about garbage pickup. It was discussed that there is a new driver and it is automated pickup and has to be closer to the curb. He also reported that some of the customers were refusing to pay for service.

D. Zoning- Willis Strange Jr. reported that Cale Price had turned in his paperwork for his special use permit, so now all that was needed was to set a hearing. He also reported that there were some issues with his paperwork and the signatures he gathered.

E. Finance-None.

6. Public Comment, 3 minutes per person.

Jane Buraglio spoke about the ZBA hearing, the audit and Steve Stivers garage repairs.

Dale Karr said the insurance is taking care of Stivers' garage.

Jane Buraglio then spoke about underage events and noise violations at Misflips.

Ed Fleck spoke about the drainage on Chestnut, standing water for 42 days and mosquito problems.

Dale Karr spoke about the benefits of the parking at the church.

7. New Business for Discussion and Vote:

A. To Set Halloween Hours. Suzanna Holland motioned to set Halloween hours October 31 from 5 pm to 8 pm. Logan Redman seconded.

Ayes: Vernon Meadows, 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.

B. On Rock in front of Park. Vernon Meadows thought we needed a full Board to discuss it. So, this item was tabled.

C. Feed the Cause Festival in the Park. Vernon Meadows thought this should be tabled also, until we had a full Board. President Karr read some letters supporting Feed the Cause. Lola Camp spoke about the impact of Feed the Cause on the food pantries and what they are able to donate. Rob Smith then spoke about how the event might work with kids events at the park and all alcohol remaining in the bars. They are looking for a set place to hold this event every year. Several other

audience members spoke in support of Feed the Cause. It was said that they would provide their own insurance and security for the event. President Karr asked if any of the Trustees had any questions. Logan Redman thought they had explained it well. Rob Smith said that this year's donations would probably go to Dove and Community Action. The Board decided they wanted to wait for the full Board to be there, so this item was tabled.

D. Chickens in the Village. Vernon Meadows said that there were two people in town that have chickens. President Karr asked if they were considered livestock, he thought it was cattle and horses. Several people spoke at once saying that chickens were livestock. The topic was brought up of cattle at the south end of town. President Karr then asked Vernon what he would like done about the chickens. Vernon Meadows said he would like a letter sent to them about chickens in the Village limits. President Karr said Attorney Kimmons would send them.

E. To approve a zoning ordinance for permit fees. Attorney Kimmons had sent them a copy to review. She asked them if they wanted to wait until they had more Board members present or if they wanted to discuss the amounts for permitting. Vernon Meadows discussed that they had raised the building permit from \$5 to \$25. They thought alterations should be the same cost. The Board talked briefly about Cook building, carports and other moveable structures and whether they need permits. The Board discussed what "fees for occupancy permits for the use of land other than for agricultural, residential or public utility purposes shall be \$5.00. No fee shall be charged for occupancy permits for buildings." meant and whether it was needed in the ordinance. The Board agreed to delete it and bring this ordinance forward next month. The Clerk said since we are bringing this forward next month, we actually raised more fees that I don't see listed here. They raised the permit fees for Special Use permits, Variances and Rezoning. Attorney Kimmons said they needed to be amended as well. She would prepare those amendments for the Board as well.

F. To move forward with the grant process for the water department through the company Farnsworth Group. Logan Redman said he had not spoke to Farnsworth. This item was tabled.

G. Appoint with advice and consent of the Board a new Trustee. This item was also tabled.

H. Assignment of Departments by President. This item was also tabled.

Logan Redman then read his resignation to the Board (copy attached).

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

President Rich Karr



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10/21/14

Village of Wapella

To the Village and Residents of Wapella,

I, Logan Redman, am hereby resigning my position as a Village Trustee of the Wapella Village Board, effective immediately on this date Tuesday, October 21, 2014.

First, I would like to thank my constituents for their support before and during my time as a trustee. Recent events in my life have given me opportunities to further my education, and ultimately my career goal. It saddens me to resign, but given the time and dedication it will take to achieve my life goals, I wouldn't be able to serve the taxpayers like they deserve to be represented, and for me, that is not an option.

My hope is the board will continue to look after the best interest of the taxpayers of our community. As a trustee, I believe that we should serve others, and not ourselves.

As I leave now, I just want to share famous words of former President John F. Kennedy.

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future."

Again, thank you for your time and support these last two years.

Sincerely,

Logan Redman 10/21/14
Logan Redman



Jane Buraglio