

Village of Wapella Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 28th, 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 from 8/17 and 8/31 meetings:

Motion made to approve minutes from both meeting by Jane Buraglio. Second by Mark Miller. Sean questioned which meeting he was absent from. All voting yes.

Bills:

Motion made by Jane Buraglio to approve the bills as presented to the board. Second by Mark Miller. All voting yes.

Department Reports:

STREETS/ALLEYS/DRAINAGE: Jane Buraglio

The most important thing accomplished this month has been the 2022 Motor Fuel Program completed. Rodger Sprague will be at the October meeting and will provide more details. According to notes 14,000 gallons of HFP (Oil) and 536 Tons of Slag. On the updated map, all the orange are the streets that were done. The green are the areas that were primed first – The edge of Walnut Circle, the east edge of S Chestnut and the parking area of the community center. These areas were extremely deteriorated and eroded and were basically rebuilt with rock and cold patch.

Jane hoped that the board members have taken a trip around the village and seen the work that was done. Some highlights are **1)** South Chestnut from N Third to N Second had all the edges torn up by the trucks going to the elevator. The street now appears several feet wider. **2)** Walnut Circle has the edges reclaimed and large potholes in the cul-de-sac filled. This road has never been resurfaced since it was built. **3)** North Locust Street had all the scars from the new main installation leveled and covered.

Autumn Road was the last major project done prior to resurfacing. There was a soft spot in the road that had to be repaired. The road had to be cut, dug up, cored out, determine what was the cause, build a new road base and cover it all with cold patch. That Monday I had one employee to do the work – Paul. On that site we had Chuck Nelson, Gene Welch, Rodger Sprague and Nelson Thorp. Paul was the ground man and did the manual labor. It was the best, talented crew we could wish for. Very thankful to Chuck, Gene and Nelson for all coming out of retirement and volunteering to help us out.

The road was cut out 32 feet long and 6 ½ feet wide. It was cored out 22 inches deep on the north end and about 16 inches on the south end. We feared a water main or line break, but that was not the case. There had been a prior repair in that area and it was a case of using bad and inferior fill to build a road base. We are confident that road base is now packed and solid.

Williamson Repair

The repair done on Autumn Road drainage is done. He repaired and installed a Hickembottom Tile. The price came in under \$900. If you remember the motion was made not to exceed \$3200 and it came in well under that total.

We have asked him to look at the collapsed tile on the east side on Greg Hale's shop located along S Oak Street.

JULIE

Staking University is having a Locator Seminar in Heyworth on October 4th. It's an educational opportunity taught by professional locators. Attendees bring their own locating equipment for the hands-on training in the field. Jane has made reservations for two to attend.

DUNK TANK

Looking for bids for the dunk tank at the October meeting. It needs to be pulled out and cleaned out. We have not had the time to devote to that this month.

MEDIACOM

Internet & WiFi are installed at the shop. Next step is to port our phone numbers and drop Frontier.

CODIFICATION

Jane has been in contact with Paul Jones at American Legal Publishing about update our Code. She sent him copies of all the ordinances passed since 2018. His next concern was getting answers to all the questions the company had sent about some of our ordinances conflicted with State statutes and how we wanted to address those situations.

There was a list sent in 2017 where she could see quite a few things in our 1975 Code that were deleted. There was another list sent later in 2018. The board never addressed these lists, and our attorney was never involved in discussions about the lists or the Code. The prior mayor contacted American Legal Publishing and authorized publishing what they had.

So now here we are again addressing too many unanswered questions. They were mostly what Jane consider legal questions about conflicts between our Code and State Statutes. She contacted Steve and we now have Erin Monforti and her team at Ancel Glink working with Paul Jones to address these questions for us. Jane hopes to hear more by the October meeting, unless Steve can give us an update tonight.

HEALTH & SAFETY: Lauren Johnson

Lauren has been in contact with Insurance, Jim Clausen, but still working on getting a meeting regarding bringing the Park up to code.

WATER: Sean Holland

Been working with Jordan Ricks regarding the painting and cleaning of the water tower. Still waiting on proposal (Viking). Will need to replace a piece at the pump house with could be somewhat costly. Just giving everyone the heads up.

Also plan to talk to Greg Hale about the study on the Drainage.

ZONING: Mark Miller

Issued 2 permits for fencing. Also contacted by resident on Valerie Lane in regard to a single family home that has been inherited and they are wanting to tear down and build Duplex. Property is R3 which is multi family home / Carters.

FINANCE: Jane/Pat

Account Balances as of August 31, 2022

General Fund Checking	\$209,583.38	
Park CD (Heartland)	\$ 41,564.04	
Park CD (DeWitt Savings)	\$ 54,679.87	
Police CD (DeWitt Savings)	\$ 18,402.95	
Water Fund Checking	\$ 64,287.18	
Motor Fuel Checking	\$ 12,474.46 121,474.46	
Water Project Fund Checking	\$104,010.83	
Total:	\$505,002.71	<i>Call</i>
	614,002.71	10/19/2022

We just received our 2nd installment of Property Tax Distribution. (Not included above)

\$23,347.51 Levied Property Taxes plus \$3,195.25 of our share of Township Road Taxes = \$26,542.76

We received the 2nd payment of the ARPA funds - \$35,518.09 (Not included above)

Jane is working with Jamie Wilkey of the Lauderbach & Amen firm in Naperville. She is helping her try to get the forms filled out required by the Treasury Department. The website is not very friendly at all.

Jane does not have a folder with all the spending we have done that she believes is allowed as far as upgrading our water distribution system. So far we have spent \$44,334.32 of the \$71,036.18. We are expecting some quotes on more work to the water tower and she will let Sean elaborate on that. Jamie has a couple more ideas of what is allowed as far as lost revenue. I think we will be in good shape if she can help.

AUDIT

Jane has been in touch with Neal about our audit and if the dates work out he will be here at the hall on Tuesday, October 18, and Friday, October 21. Pat Good has sent him a backup of the QuickBooks so they will be ready to start when they are on site. He should be a source of the ARPA requirements and might be able to help get that process done.

WATER OPERATOR: Steve

Nothing to report

CLERK: Robin Morrow

Nothing to report

FOIA OFFICER: Robin Morrow

Nothing to report

WEBSITE: Jane Buraglio

All updated

PUBLIC COMMENTS/Village Organizations:

Dale Karr – Commented about weeds along RR tracks, weeds in park, asked question for Lawyer on what the limit is on Bids before getting a 2nd bid on any work done in the village and lawyer responded it was \$25,000, he was also concerned about the board increasing employee wages again. Mayor commented that it was about an employee change and not salary changes. Dale did want to say how good the Community Center looks without the fence. Very complimentary on that.

New Business for discussion, approval, and possible vote:

- 1) Discussion and possible approval of Revised Ordinance for Unused and Inoperable vehicles in the Village of Wapella.

Mark moves that we accept and approve the Revised Ordinance for unused and Inoperable vehicles in the Village of Wapella. Jane Burglio Seconds. All voting yes. 2022-9-28A

- 2) Motion to approve the 2022/2023 Appropriation Ordinance

Jane Burglio moves that we accept and approve the 2022/2023 Appropriation Ordinance. Second by Lauren Johnson. All voting yes. 2022-9-28B

Motion to Enter Closed Session: Motion made by Jane Buraglio. Second by Sean Holland. All voting yes. Entered Closed Session at 7:38pm.

Return from Closed Session at 7:45pm:

Roll Call:

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

Jane makes motion to hire Scott Bishop as a full-time employee on a probationary period of 60 days at the starting salary of \$15/hr. Second by Sean Holland. All voting yes.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Sean Holland. Second by Mark Miller. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:48 pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Robin Morrow, Village Clerk