

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARDSVILLE
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 07, 2025
1825 ALBERT PLACE
COMMUNITY BUILDING
6:30 P.M.

The Board of Trustees may enter Closed Session at any time during the meeting upon a majority vote of the Board of Trustees under Section 610.021 RSMo for issues pertaining to personnel, real estate, possible litigation and/or to receive advice of counsel.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Board Chairman Bill Gratz, those present were William (Bill) Gratz, Paul Stonner, Co-Chairman, Rick Taube Treasurer, Brian Schrimpf, Board Member and Rachel Busche Board Member. Bill certified a quorum was present. In attendance were, Libby Chipman, Village Clerk David Bandre' Village Legal Counsel, Gary Frank Village Maintenance Supervisor, Don Welch Planning and Zoning Chairman, and distinctive guest were Jon Stanbaugh, Resident, Sheri Morgan Resident, Shawn Lowe, Byron Shaw from Missouri American Water.

Announcement of Election Results Again, then we proceeded to have a Board Election of Officers.

Public election results on April 8, 2025, William (Bil) Gratz 27 Richard (Rick) Taube 31

Re-election of Officers were done

Chairman----	William (Bill) Gratz	Yea 4	Nay 0
Co-Chairman	Paul Stonner	Yea 4	Nay 0
Treasurer	Richard (Rick) Taube	Yea 4	Nay 0

The minutes from April 02, 2025, were approved, the motion to approve made by Paul Stonner seconded by Rachel Busche, and the motion carried unanimously.

Rick Taube made a motion to accept the financials presented by Libby Chipman; Brian Schrimpf seconded the motion. motion carried unanimously and financials were approved.

Guests:

Sheri Morgan-Resident from Deer Haven Estates

Sheri wanted to speak to the Board regarding open barrel burning in the subdivision of Deer Haven, the subdivision covenant does prohibit it. Dave Bande explained that the Board can't enforce covenant of the subdivision, they would have to move forward with an attorney, but the Board can't do anything. And that the Board is at this time not willing to try to pass an ordinance for this.

Bryon F. Shaw-MO American Water & Shawn Lowe

Shawn gave us the plans where MO American water will trade properties for there improvements, the land will be traded evenly, however, Gary Frank pointed out that there was 30 to 40 feet behind where they were showing that was not part of the plans, and leaving in for the Village, he indicated that the Village would have to maintain that area, so the Board voted that the Missouri American Water, would take the entire property to the property line, including back to the ditch, Brian Schrimpf made the motion, Rachel Busch seconded, and motion passed unanimously. They will make sure the documents show the entire piece of land, and get back to us, then start the improvements as soon as they get the permits from the DNR.

Report from Chairman Bill Gratz

Bill explained that Brian Williams from ES&S Services, Libby Chipman, and himself were present at the Village Hall on May 2, 2025, for the pre-bid meeting. There were only two bids presented, and they were open at 12:02 p.m., Higgins Asphalt was \$177,635.80 and CL Richerdson was \$236,443.48. Brian took the bids back and went over them and sent a recommendation that we accept the Higgins Asphalt bid. Paul Stonner made the motion to accept the bid for Higgins Asphalt for the construction of Falcon Lane and Brian Schrimpf seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. Libby will advise Brian Williams, and he will move forward.

Report by Paul Stonner

Nothing to Report

Report by Rick Taube

Nothing to Report

Report by Brian Schrimpf

The only thing Brian Schrimpf brought up was to make sure that Ben Meldrum is advised as the Falcon Lane project proceeds. Libby will make sure to advise Brian Williams

Report by Rachel Busche

Nothing to Report

Report from David Bandre'

Report on Wayne Rackers' property, Wayne has passed away and this property is in probate, they are aware that it needs to clean up, they will try to clean some of it up, but until it comes out of probate, there isn't a property owner to go forward with. Will get back to this at a later date.

Knights of Columbus, Bill spoke with Wayne Bernskoetter after receiving Dave's letter, and Wayne said he will get working on the issues.

Dave said the cow should be gone out of the back yard, by May 15th, it's a little longer than it should be, but since she gave a time period, we will wait and see.

Libby received the County Police Incident Reports today at 2:00 p.m., and Dave reported on them.....this is for the time period of 04/01/2025 to 04/30/2025. 15 traffic stops, 3 alarm responses, 3 disturbances, 1 assault and 1 suspicious activity.

Report from Gary Frank

Sewer System on Friendship, a resident approached Gary about building, and if he would have to Hook into sewer, after discussion, it was decided that Bryon Shaw would contact the gentleman regarding building. Gary is getting trees behind the buildings trimmed, Delbert's nephew would be doing with Gary overseeing the trimming. Gary said the bobcat was pretty shot, and that he can get the equipment from someone that Dan VanLoo gave him cheaper. Brian Schrimpf made motion that Gary get whatever he needed to get the bobcat repaired. It will be less than \$2,500.00, it was seconded by Rick Taube, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from Don Welch

Don asked if we received a bill for the curb repair yet that was approved previously, and Libby said no bill received yet at this time. He said that he said they were proceeding with plans for the Tattoo Parlor, but nothing further has been submitted.

Report from Libby Chipman/Village Clerk

Libby wants to change the website, explained that she had reached out to 8 cities/villages, and got 5 responses, and none had anything negative to say. The initial fee is about \$1,600 for setting up and then it is about \$90.00 per month, with savings of about \$185.00 per month, but we have total control of the website. Libby or anyone that has the passcode can post information onto the website. Explained that Calvin, our IT person, was okay with it, and Dave was okay with the wording, because we really don't have a contract per say. Rachel Busche made motion to change the website, Paul Stonner seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Renewal of Republic contract for 5 years or put out for bid, Dave Bande' said that we have put out for bid about 3 or 4 times previously, and no one can even come close. Rachel Busche made motion that we just let the contract renew, and Paul Stonner seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Church Food Truck, Tina Forbis from the Catholic school asked about food truck and lemonade trailer again for their open house, said it would be scheduled for August 11th, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., the Board said, same as last year, as long as it is on church property, no permit needed, Libby will advise Tina.

Old Business

None

New Business

Jon Stanbaugh, brought up about looking into the property near Gratz Real Estate for a possible park, Bill Gratz said that we will have Dave Bandre' do some checking about the property and look into writing a letter to see if the owners might be willing to donate to the Village. Libby will send Dave the information on the property. The Parcel #140306004002003, name is Kovlakas, Evpripidis on Wardsville Road.

Payment of Bills

Rick Taube made a motion to approve paying the bills, Paul Stonner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Paul Stonner made motioned that we close the meeting, Rick Taube seconded, motion carried unanimously, meeting closed at 7:57 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE IN DRAFT FORM AND COULD BE CHANGED BEFORE APPROVED AT THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON JUNE 04, 2025

Respectfully submitted



Libby Chipman
Village Clerk

