

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF
WARDSVILLE
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 02, 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, and Rachel Busche Board Member. Bill certified a quorum was present. In attendance were, Libby Chipman, Village Clerk David Bandre' Village Legal Counsel, and distinctive guest were Resident Adam Frandenback, also present with Missouri American water, Shane Lowe and Byron Shaw.

The minutes from June 04, 2025, were approved, the motion to approve made by Rachel Busche seconded by Paul Stonner, and the motion carried unanimously.

Paul Stonner made a motion to accept the financial report presented by Libby; Rachel Busche seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and financials were approved.

Guests:

Adam Frankenback, residential guest was present to speak to the Board about building a building, he has spoken with Don Welch from Planning and Zoning, the board said that if he has to have curb cut and other permits, it would need to go to Planning and Zoning, will speak with Don Welch about this on Monday, and find out if he needs to do the curb cutting, gave him the forms for the other permits, if needed. Will email him after I speak with Don Welch.

Byron Shaw and Shane Lowe gave the Board a copy of the surveyed property that the Village is swapping with Missouri American Water, Movement from Tract B to Tract 1, it was discussed with no additional monies, the tract with Missouri American Water being fenced just like the previous one, and the old one will be completely covered and rock covered by Missouri American Water and become part of the Village parking lot, a motion was made by Rachel Busche and Paul Stonner seconded to accept as proposed, motion passed unanimously.

Report from Chairman Bill Gratz

Bill discussed the issue with Brian Williams and Higgins regarding the disagreement with how the ground should be treated, the Board said that they must come to understanding, and our engineering company should know the specifications, and Libby will send Brian Williams email requesting a completion date in writing from Higgin on this project, since the two previous requests from Brian have not been answered, this request is coming from the Village Board.

Report by Paul Stonner

Nothing to Report

Report by Rick Taube

Nothing to Report

Report by Brian Schrimpf

Not present

Report by Rachel Busche

Rachel said that she heard from MO Dot that they have approved of the Knights of Columbus Christmas Parade, set for December 13, 2025, and that we just needed to reach out to them and let them know that we must have something in writing that the local Sheriff is on board for controlling the traffic. Libby will reach out to Darrell Matel regarding this.

Report from David Bandre'

Dave spoke about the audit we have done with Graves and Associates, and the email Libby received, and he agrees that we are being severely overcharged for what they do. So, after much discussion, it was determined that we would see if they try to bill us this year, since they did not complete the audit and go from there. But as of now, we will find a company to do our audit, one done every five years, since our income and expenditures are much less than they were when we had the water and sewer. Dave said that we are just easy monies for Graves, Dave will find out who Holt Summit uses, and we can request bids for the audit to be done. Dave said no more livestock issues, was a joke but have had a lot recently.

Report from Gary Frank

Not present

Report from Don Welch

Not present

Report from Libby Chipman/Village Clerk

Libby talked about the uploads for the website; how many of the original ordinances need to be updated in wording before putting onto the website, will be working on that, but will take time. If we change wording or any portion it has to be an added ordinance. Dave will help Libby with this. Libby spoke about the CD's they were coming due, and that she must pay the General Fund back monies, it will come out of the Bridge and Road CD in the amount of \$33,325.58 and the balance of the Bridge and Road checking account except \$1,000.00 will go into the CD. We will combine any CD's we can to get a better rate.

Budget for 2026 was presented by Libby, must be submitted to State by July 15, 2025. Rick Taube made motion to approve the 2026 Budget as presented, Paul Stonner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

None

New Business

Bill asked Libby to send a sympathy card to Ron in Taos, will get address from Dave Bandre'

Payment of Bills

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

Rick Taube made motioned that we close the meeting, Rachel Bushe second, motion carried unanimously, meeting closed at 7:58 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE IN DRAFT FORM AND COULD BE CHANGED BEFORE APPROVED AT THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON AUGUST 06, 2025

Respectfully submitted



Libby Chipman
Village Clerk

