

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF
WARDSVILLE
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 03, 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 6:30 p.m. by Board Co-Chairman Paul Stonner those present were, Paul Stonner, Co-Chairman, Rick Taube Treasurer, Brian Schrimpf Board Member, and Rachel Busche Board Member. Paul certified a quorum was present. In attendance were, Libby Chipman, Village Clerk David Bandre' Village Legal Counsel, Gary Frank, Maintenance Director, Joe Britton, Village Employee, Don Welch, Planning and Zoning President, Michael Slote, Village Resident, Dan Bernskoetter, Cole County Committee for USA 250th Birthday, Matthew McFarland and Chris Young from the News Tribune, Jon Stanbaugh Village Resident, Trisha Barnes and Michelle Kobb from MidAmerica Bank Darrell Mantel, Emily Mantel, and Brad Schrimpf from Knights of Columbus, Adam and Becky Franchenbach Village Residents.

The minutes from August 06, 2025, were approved, the motion to approve made by Rick Taube and seconded by Rachel Bushe, and the motion carried unanimously.

Rachel Bushe made a motion to accept the financial report presented by Libby; Brian Schrimpf seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and financials were approved.

Guests:

Michael Slote was not on the agenda but asked to speak to the Board regarding the letter he received from David Bandre' the Village Counsel. The Board granted him to speak, he had letter dated August 13, 2025 regarding clean up on his property, with a time limit of 15 days, he asked for an extension because he and his wife have are having difficulties, she has restraining order, therefore he isn't allowed on the property, his court date is September 11th, 2025, he will let the Village Clerk know status after court date, Paul Stonner made motion to allow extension, Rick Taube seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Darrell Mantle spoke regarding the Knights of Columbus 1st Annual Christmas Parade scheduled for December 13th, 2025, Darrell was able to get all the releases from the State and County for the Parade that the Village asked for, he will forward those documents to the Village Clerk tomorrow, also asked if we would put something on our new website regarding the Parade, which the Board said we would do. Brian Schrimpf asked to make sure that they would have members of the Knights of Columbus in communication in case of emergency during the parade, and Darrell assured the Village they have that all laid out.

Therefore, the Village gave final approval for the Parade, Brian Schrimpf made the motion, Paul Stonner seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Trisha Barnes with MidAmerica Bank presented to the Board the new program that Paul and Libby had met with the bank representatives previously, which offers better protection for our monies, we will still work with Michelle Kobb on a personal basis, the program should be a win for both us and the bank. David Bandre' had looked it over also, so the Board proposed that Rick Taube look over the documents and will sign them as the treasurer as soon as possible.

Dan Bernskoetter was here to present the celebration for the United States 250 Birthday party, in 2026, many small communities around the area are doing celebrations, asked that we get in touch with the committee if we decide to do anything for the Celebration. He showed a video of history for Cole County and some of the possible ideas. The Board made no decision regarding this, said it would be tabled to later date, since we still had much to cover, thanked him for presentation.

Adam Franchenbach was here regarding the addition on the extra lot he owns next to his home; he is wanting to put a stand-alone garage on this lot; there has been much discussion regarding this. The Village Ordinance says that he must have a home on the lot, not just the garage. David explained that the Village does not have anything to do with the convent laws of the subdivision, only the Village ordinances, and that someone could come back at a later date on the convent laws if they wanted to pursue it, David wanted to make sure that Adam understood the Village in no way is giving him permission to proceed, with possibly of breaking convent rules. The first option is to join the two lots and make them one, which they do not want to proceed with in this way. Adam wishes to keep the lots separate. The second option is to get a Variance from the Village to allow him to build the stand-alone garage on the separate lot. After the discussion, Adam wishes to proceed with getting a Variance from the Village. It was decided that the Variance hearing would be October 1, 2025, at 6:15 p.m., Libby will send out letters to all the neighbors that it would be notified.

Adam was granted the curb cut by the Board, Rick Taube making the motion, Rachel Bushe seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Report from Chairman Bill Gratz

Not present

Report by Paul Stonner

Nothing to Report

Report by Rick Taube

Nothing to Report

Report by Brian Schrimpf

Brian brought up the Flood Plain maps, and asked that we get them framed, and Libby will take them to Hobby Lobby for a price, if over \$250, will have to get Board Approval again.

Report by Rachel Busche

Nothing to Report

Report from David Bandre'

Dave gave the Crime stats from the Sheriff's Department for August 2025

Property Theft 4

Assist Citizen 2

Traffic Stops 37

Animal 1

Suspicious Activity 4

False Alarm 3

Security Patrol 2

Assist Ambulance 1

Fraud 1

Property Damage 2

Accident 4

Sexual Offense 1

Disturbance 1

Threats 1

Civil Process 2

Report from Gary Frank

Gary spoke about finishing Sunrise Acres, the Board said he just need to go ahead and complete the repair.

Report from Don Welch

Don spoke about building at 1301 Friendship Road, David explained that at this point that we would have to say no unless they wanted to come get a variance for this property also, because it is a very unique piece of property, and Don will talk with Matthew Allen, if they choose to do the Variance it will be done on the same date, October 1st, 2025, Don Welch will have to let Libby know so she can get the letter out regarding this. He stated he was approached about the Village purchasing a piece of property on Glendale Court, after looking at the property in question, no one understood why the Village would have any need to purchase this, so answer was no.

Report from Libby Chipman/Village Clerk

Libby spoke about the letter received from Eric Landwehr, the total additional money for the Village is \$326,764.85, not including the money left from the current Falcon Lane project, because we have not received the final bill. This **does** include the \$100,000 for 2026, but this money all must be spent

December 2026. In the letter Eric suggested the Board decide quickly and get with Matt Prenger to complete Falcon Lane and possibly overlay Deer Haven Subdivision.

Libby spoke about the E-Code for the Website, David Bandre' spoke up and said we might as well do it now because our codes have to be updated, and that they are one of the best, and that the price was very good considering, the price was \$!2,955.00 including the first year, then \$1,295.00 each year after. Jon Stanbaugh asked if we would be able to search the Ordinance easily, David said one of the easiest, just use one code word, and you have everything possible to come up. Rachel Bushe made a motion to move forward with E-code, Brian Schrimpf seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Mo American water is still awaiting approval from DNR per Byron Shaw from MO American water.

New Business

Libby said that Blair Oaks will be hosting the Marching Bands again on October 25, 2025, that Tiffany asked for permission to do as they did last year, closing Falcon Lane from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. David Bandre' said he was surprised at how well they did last year with very little notice, that they were good about giving notice this year. Brian Schrimpf made motion to approve, and Rachel Busche seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously. Libby will notify her tomorrow.

Libby explained that she spoke with Ben earlier in the summer about the High School students coming up with a Village Emblem, which many cities are using now. Libby explained that they just talked about it, but Ben already ran with it, that Brandi the art teacher said that some of the students were already done, so Libby asked about a prize, the Board decided they would donate \$250.00, Rachel Bushe made the motion, Rick Taube seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Libby will notify Brandi

Payment of Bills

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

Rick Taube made motioned that we close the meeting, Rachel Bushe seconded, motion carried unanimously, meeting closed at 7:52 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE IN DRAFT FORM AND COULD BE CHANGED BEFORE APPROVED AT THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON OCTOBER 01, 2025

Respectfully submitted



Libby Chipman
Village Clerk

