

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARDSVILLE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 5, 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 regular meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Board Chairman William (Bill) Gratz, those present were, Paul Stonner, Co-Chairman, Rick Taube Treasurer, Brian Schrimpf Board Member, and Rachel Busche Board Member. Bill Gratz certified a quorum was present. In attendance were, Libby Chipman, Village Clerk, David Bandre' Village Legal Counsel, Gary Frank, Maintenance Director, Jon Stambaugh Village Resident, and the following Blair Oak Students, Cooper Ennes 1st place winner, Jennifer Ennes Village Resident, Avery Winder 2nd place winner, Amy Winder Village Resident, Ben Meldrum Blair Oaks Superintendent, Michael Slote Village Resident, Scott Schaperkoetter from the Village Planning and Zoning Committee, a Village Resident, the 3rd place winner Rymario Jackson was not present.

Brian Schrimpf presented each student with their Certificate and Check, and the entire Board thanked them for the participation in the contest and pictures were taken of Cooper Ennes and Avery Winder with the entire Board. After the presentation, the students with their parents and Ben Meldrum left the meeting.

Bill asked that the minutes be approved from the October 1st 2025, meeting, Paul Stonner made a motion to approve, Rachel Busche seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Bill asked that the treasurer report be approved from Libby for October 2025, Rachel Busche made motion to approve, Paul Stonner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from Chairman Bill Gratz

Libby told Bill that Michael Slote was present, but not on the agenda, Bill asked Michael to please state the reason he was here. Mr. Slote state he was here because he wanted to find out exactly what he was supposed to do to clean up his property, because the letter stated he had till August 9th to be compliant. Gary stated that there has been improvement but still needed to have some things done. Mr. Slote said his wife had been in the hospital for weeks, and he came the wrong night for the previous meeting. Dave Bandre' said that he just needs to come back or contact the Village Clerk when he thinks he is completed the cleanup, and the Village will send someone to see if anything further needs to be done. Rachel Busche made a motion that he just come back when complete, Paul Stonner seconded, motion carried that Mr. Slote will notify the Village when complete withing reason. The Board all said they will work with him as long as he lets them know what is happening, He said that he believes he has made someone mad, because everyone is coming at him from all agencies in the County, Bill explained if we receive a complaint we must act on it. Libby gave Mr. Slote another card for him to contact her either by phone or email.

Bill said he had nothing further to report at this time.

Report by Paul Stonner

Paul announced he will not seek another term on the Board of Trustees, he said he has enjoyed his time, but he thinks it is time for him to not seek another term. Bill asked him if he had any ideas on a replacement, Paul said not at this time, he had not spoken to anyone.

Report by Rick Taube

Nothing to Report

Report by Brian Schrimpf

Brian asked about the map framing for the flood maps, everyone agreed that that will just access the maps on the Flood Site website, we will keep maps here, just not frame them.

Report by Rachel Busche

Rachel said that CAMPO hasn't had a meeting forever, so nothing to report.

Report from David Bandre'

Dave gave the Crime Stats report from the Sheriff's Office, for September and October 2025, said that he was impressed with the number of traffic stops they were making, even more than when we were paying the Sheriff's department for our own officer. Libby stated that we must thank Brian Schrimpf for getting the reports, because he made a number of calls to get them to us this month.

September Stats

1 Threat
3 Assist
35 Traffic Stops
2 Disturbance
1 Move Subject on
1 Trespassing
1 Theft
1 Assault
2 Suspicious Activity
1 Property Damage

October Stats

1 Assault
3 Alarms
31 Traffic Stops
2 Suspicious Activity
3 Assist Rendered
1 Harassment
1 Theft
2 Property Damage
1 Escort
1 Disturbance

Dave spoke about how we need to clarify who does and doesn't need a business license within the Village, said that we need to look over our Ordinances, and really clarify them further. We need to clarify the Code, so Libby will send the actual License code to everyone in an email, and then it will be discussed further at our December meeting.

Report from Gary Frank

Gary stated that he had the repairs done on Albert Place, while company was here with Bill's approval, the Board said that we will finish Falcon Lane, and Gary will get with Matt from the County and they will outline what they can get done with Deer Haven, just start and do what can be done with the money that we have from the county. Gary asked Dave Bandre' what we can do about the vehicles that continue to park illegally, Dave said just keep issuing tickets daily, and if they become nuisance, get him the information, and he will contact Sheriff's department, or will have Chairman Gratz contact Sheriff Wheeler.

Report from Don Welch

Not Present, on Vacation

But Scott Schaperkoetter was here, just to observe our meeting, then we spoke about what is being done about the inspections, and what the county does and doesn't do. Scott is going to clarify with the County about some issues, and get back with Libby, Scott will help Libby write something up for the Website on what is needed, and when it is needed on any type of construction within the Village limits.

Report from Libby Chipman/Village Clerk

Libby spoke about the Federal law that is making sure that the public sector communication has to be ADA complaint all by April 2027, said that we are working that way as quickly as possible. Trying to bring everything to automation.

Old Business

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

New Business

None

Payment of Bills

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

Rachel Busche made motion that we close the meeting, Paul Stonner seconded, motion carried unanimously, meeting closed at 8:43 p.m. after coming out of executive session.

THESE MINUTES ARE IN DRAFT FORM AND COULD BE CHANGED BEFORE APPROVED AT THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON DECEMBER 3, 2025

Respectfully submitted

Libby Chipman



Libby Chipman-Village Clerk