

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARDSVILLE
MEETING MINUTES
March 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 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 guests, Sheriff John Wheeler, Deputy Kyle Renick, both from Cole County Sheriff's Department, Bryon Shaw, Shane Lowe, Aaron Lachowicz, Aaron Rollins, all representing Missouri American Water, also present were Ross Eppe and Brian Williams from ES&S Engineering Survey, and Jon Stanbaugh, a Village Citizen

The minutes from February 5, 2025, were approved; Rick Taube made the motion to approve, Brian Schrimpf seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Rick Taube made a motion to accept the financial presented by Libby, Rachel Busche seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and financials were approved.

Guests:

Sheriff John Wheeler

Sheriff Wheeler explained what would be included if we were still interested in having a deputy here in Wardsville, the officer would be split with Taos, and that the fee of \$39, 203.83 would be our cost annually, this would include training for the officer, the equipment, the automobile and the sheriff's department would cover any overtime cost if needed. We spoke to the Sheriff regarding the Deputies not taking care of certain issues, such as the parking issue in front of the Albert Place apartments, and he said that he would have to get back to us on that. He also stated that his officers would not uphold our Village ordinances. The Board told the Sheriff, they would discuss it and get back to him.

Don Welch asked if they became short again, then we would lose our officer, and yes, that would happen, Sheriff stated they would uphold the contract as long as they had the manpower. Rick asked about the monthly reports that we were supposed to get, Kyle will start sending them again by email to Libby regarding the calls received.

Kyle Renick

Kyle Renick came to meeting to introduce himself again to the Board to say that he has taken the job as the Resource Officer and will be popping into our meetings when he can. He will get the monthly reports to us, saying that there were 41 calls in February, but he will email them to Libby. He has also set up in line for the Radar Trailer

Missouri American Water

Bryon Shaw, Aaron Rollins, Aaron Lachowicz, and Shane Lowe, all here regarding updates that Missouri American Water need to do with the sewer system. They would like to start the upgrades as soon as possible. They brought more drawings regarding the updates and easements, and the ground where they want to swap has been stated off, by the treatment plan, just to the right of the current ground now. They will not need to do near the church, they are going another route now. They will get us the easement paperwork as soon as possible. Byron will email Libby as quickly as possible.

Brian Williams/Ross Epple-ES&S

Brian Williams explained what they had found that the Village needed to have a permeant easement signed by Blair Oaks School for Falcon Lane, and the temporary construction easement signed by Blair Oaks, Brian Schrimpf and Brian Williams will be at the school Board Meeting on March 11th, Libby already has them on the agenda, as of today. Brian Williams also explained that the overlay could be longer than the original 400 feet from Route M back toward the baseball field. They will award the construction by May and hopefully close for 30 to 45 days and be finished with the construction prior to school starting. No utility poles will need to be moved. But everything will depend on the School Board approval at their next meeting. Rachel Busche made the motion to proceed with the project, Rick Taube, seconded, motion carried unanimously. Dave will draft the documents for the easements.

Report from Chairman Bill Gratz

Bill spoke about getting the Sheriff Deputy, and Paul Stonner made motion to get the monthly reports and to see what kind of activity is done, but Paul Stonner said no to hiring at this time, because the cost is just too expensive, Rick Taube seconded motion, motion carried unanimously Bill said that we need to get the emails and phone numbers for all the people in Wardsville, said that we had at one point. Libby explained that they were scrambled when put onto the new computer system, and unusable. Gary Frank will try to get them through Missouri American Water contact. Libby gave the figures on the Real Estate from Cole County, \$2,186,920.00 on Commercial Property and \$20, 905,080.00 on Residential Property.

Report by Paul Stonner

Nothing to Report

Report by Rick Taube

Nothing to Report

Report by Brian Schrimpf

Nothing to Report

Report by Rachel Busche

Nothing to Report

Report from David Bandre'

Dave said that he too, didn't understand why we would need a deputy if they were not going to uphold our ordinances. He was sure they did before.

Report from Gary Frank

Gary talked about the bucket for the bobcat, and it was decided that we would not buy the bucket from Joe Britton. He also spoke about the debris around the Knights of Columbus, and behind the Catholic cemetery, Libby will get the information and send to Dave Bande' and he will write letters.

Report from Don Welch

Don Welch said that he thought that Justus Schulte was trying to purchase the ground that the road was on from Auburn Living Centers.

Report from Libby Chipman/Village Clerk

Libby brought the Board up to par with the fact that the CD's are making us good bit of monies already, also that she received a call, from Darrell Matel from the Knights of Columbus regarding their first annual Christmas parade on December 13th, and the Board said that would have to have more information.

Old Business

None

New Business

Jon Stambaugh brought up the fact of drones on private property, Dave said we aren't even going to address it until some of the larger cities have to do so.

Payment of Bills

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

Rachel Busche made motioned that we close the meeting, Paul Stonner second, motion carried unanimously, meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON APRIL 2, 2025

Respectfully submitted



Libby Chipman
Village Clerk

