

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARDSVILLE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 04, 2026
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 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 present. In attendance were Libby Chipman, Village Clerk, Jon Stambaugh Village Resident Tim Hagenoff and Pam Stonner from the St. Stanislaus Parish Council, and Matthew McFarland from the News Tribune, who came in after meeting had started.

Bill asked that the minutes be approved from January 07, 2026, meeting, Paul Stonner made a motion to approve, Rachel Busche seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Bill asked that the treasurer report be approved from Libby for January 2026, Rick Taube made the motion to approve, Brian Schrimpf seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Bill acknowledged Tim Hagenhoff and Pam Stonner from the Parish Council, and the floor was open for discussion. Tim said they were here for help and maybe a little guidance to discuss the unfortunate accident that happened at St. Francis Xavier in Taos on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025. It was discussed that it is a State Highway between the church/school and the church/school parking lot. Tim stated that Missy Wilbers couldn't be here but had been looking at different avenues regarding what could be done, discussing with the Missouri Highway Department, and Cole County. Rachel Busche stated that there was new Grant money from the State, she would send them the information. Much discussion was brought up about not enough lighting in the area, Libby Chipman will reach out to Three River's see what can be done, and the cost of additional light on the other pole that has none. Brian Schrimpf said they should have a crossing guard from the Knights of Columbus during church events. It was also suggested by the Board that they speak to Bartlett & West, they can find them Grant money.

Report from Chairman Bill Gratz

Nothing

Report by Paul Stonner

Nothing

Report by Rick Taube

Nothing to Report

Report by Brian Schrimpf

Nothing to Report

Report by Rachel Busche

Rachel stated that she has a few people interested in her July 4th committee, and that they are trying to put some ideas together, but that they want to keep on a smaller scale, since so many Celebrations.

Report from David Bandre'

Not Present

Report from Gary Frank

Not Present

Report from Don Welch

Not Present

Report from Libby Chipman/Village Clerk

Libby spoke about the renewal of CDs for February, Matt Prenger will keep in touch on Road Bids, not even started County yet, also reassured Bill that trucks were cleaned and treated after last snow. Libby gave a copy of the Sheriff's Department to each Board member, but here are the Stats they David Bandre' usually reads.

January Stats

Assist Ambulance- 1

Traffic Stops- 6

Security Patrol- 5

Disturbance- 1

Assist Citizen- 6

Property Damage (Accidental) - 1

Suspicious Activity- 5

Burglary Alarm (False) 1

Well Being- 4

Harassment- 1

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Payment of Bills

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

Brian Schrimpf made motion that we adjourn the meeting Rachel Bushe seconded, motion carried unanimously, meeting closed at 7:03 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE IN DRAFT FORM AND COULD BE CHANGED BEFORE APPROVED AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING ON MARCH 4, 2026

Respectfully submitted



Libby Chipman-Village Clerk

