

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARDSVILLE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 06, 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 6:33 p.m. by Board Chairman William (Bill) Gratz, those present were, Paul Stonner Board 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, David Bandre', Village Counsel, Mark Buschjost, newly elected Board Member and Matthew McFarland, News Tribune, coming in a few minutes late were Pam Stonner and Helen Campbell, Wardsville residents.

Bill asked that the minutes be approved from April 01, 2026, meeting, Rachel Busche made a motion to approve Paul Stonner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Bill asked that the treasurer report be approved from Libby for April 2026, Rachel Busche made the motion to approve, Paul Stonner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from Chairman Bill Gratz

Bill said that we need to thank Cole County Sheriff's Department again, has the speed sign, and they have had officers here, and many stops.

Report by Paul Stonner

Nothing

Report by Rick Taube

Nothing

Report by Brian Schrimpf

Lines especially left turn lane on Ashbury, are getting very faded, think would be Gary but will double check

Report by Rachel Busche

Nothing

Report from David Bandre'

Nothing

Report from Gary Frank

Not Present

Report from Don Welch

Not Present

Report from Libby Chipman/Village Clerk

Spoke about the road maintenance that we will be doing with the County on Falcon Lane and Deer Haven Subdivision. Matt will get back with the final figures as soon as possible. But Libby told them that we will need to use some of the Road and Bridge money to get complete project done, which she had already told Matt Prenger to go with it, because as the Board discussed last meeting the projections and decided it would be more expensive if we did at different times.

Old Business

Libby stated that the Memorial Fund has surpassed the \$10,000.00 mark, so we will now just have to get the project done. Said that Gary had gotten the labor donated, Don Welch had gotten the concrete donated, and Libby spoke with Tim Wilburs, and he is donating the benches.

The Board decided that the Memorial will go out to the side of the building, because it is easier to get everything completed without destroying any part of the front of the building.

New Business

Bill presented Paul Stonner with a Memorial Plaque for his ten years of service, Paul was surprised, he thanked the Board and Libby said they would have a small celebration after meeting with cake and other refreshments.

Libby brought up the grass as Dollar General stated that she had spoken to the Manager, tried to reach the district manager about it, but he again was on vacation. Brain said we might as well get letter out to the school about their tall grass which they never took care of last year, David told Libby to remind him, and he will also get letter to Larry Hoelcher for his property.

Payment of Bills

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

Brian Schrimpf made motion that we adjourn the meeting Rachel Busche seconded, motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. to go into Special Meeting for the swearing in of the New Board Members for 2026-2028.

THESE MINUTES ARE NOT APPROVED, THEY WILL BE APPROVED AT THE REGULAR MEETING ON JUNE 03, 2026,

Respectfully submitted



Libby Chipman-Village Clerk

