

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARDSVILLE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 03, 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 6:31 p.m. by Board Chairman William (Bill) Gratz, those present were, Rachel Busche Board Co-Chairman, Rick Taube Treasurer, Brian Schrimpf Board Member and Mark Buschjost Board Member. Bill Gratz certified a quorum present. In attendance were Libby Chipman, Village Clerk, David Bandre', Village Counsel, Gary Frank, Maintenance Supervisor, Don Welch, President of Planning & Zoning Committee.

Bill asked that the minutes be approved from May 06, 2026, meeting, Mark Buschjost made a motion to approve Rachel Busche seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Report from Chairman Bill Gratz

Bill had nothing to Report

Report by Rachel Busche

Rachel had an outline for July 5th Celebration, but Gary Frank will get in touch with someone from the Color Guard and Honors on the deduction. Rachel will ask for help if needed.

Report by Rick Taube

Nothing to Report

Report by Brian Schrimpf

Brian gave a sample of the Banner that we will put out at Mid America Bank, everyone liked the look of the Banner, Libby will take care of getting it to the bank when Brian gets it.

Report by Mark Buschjost

Mark had nothing to Report

Report from David Bandre'

Dave had nothing to report, said we haven't had Sheriff's Report for few months.

Report from Gary Frank

Gary spoke about the storm drain on the property that we are supposed to swap with Missouri American Water, said he will contact them again, Dave said we may have a storm water easement, should be on maps, Gary will check if we have any information, and contact Missouri American Water again. Gary spoke about the bushes in front of the building; they are basically dead. Brian Schrimpf made a motion to remove all the bushes and put more rock in, Mark Buschjost seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Report from Don Welch

Don said they would start digging out and hopefully pouring concrete for the Memorial layout tomorrow. He said he was one that did not want his name on anything recognizing a donation for the Memorial. Said Libby sent him out a setback yesterday on a property that Cole County requested a permit on, at 2118 Rt M, they are doing an addition, he gave approval. Libby issued the permit needed for the Village and sent information to Cole County Public Works.

Report from Libby Chipman/Village Clerk

Libby brought up that David Bandre' contract is up in July, said Dave has asked for an increase of \$30.00 per hour, he had not had increase since 2012. Brian Schrimpf made a motion to approve David's contract with eh increased amount and Rachel Busche seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Old Business

Libby brought up getting a plaque to recognize the donors for the Memorial, many people are saying they don't want their names on a plaque. So, we will not get one. Libby stated she is sending out personal Thank You cards to each donor.

New Business

Libby will be out of the office for MML Elected Officials conference June 11th and June 12th, Libby will be out of office June through June 29th, will have laptop and phone.

Dan Bernskoetter from Cole County 250th Celebration Committee has what is called a Liberty Tree for our community, it is an Oak Tree they want to provide as a gift, it's in a 15-gallon container and needs to be planted as soon as possible, it was discussed and decided that the tree would be planted near the New Veterans Memorial, Libby will arrange for Gary to pick up.

Payment of Bills

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

Rachel Busche made a motion that we adjourn the meeting, Rick Tuabe seconded, motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 1ST, WITH MARK BUSCHJOST MAKING THE MOTION, RACHEL BUSCHE SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted



Libby Chipman-Village Clerk