

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARDSVILLE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 1, 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 Gary Frank, Maintenance Supervisor, Don Welch, President of Planning & Zoning Committee.

Becky Knoll was present, she is running for State Representative in District 59 and just wanted to introduce herself and meet the Village Board. Also present was Jon Stambaugh, Village Resident, Doug and Arrell Kolb regarding the rezoning of property on Route B, Aaron Adlers, and Byron Shaw from MO American Water.

Bill asked that the minutes be approved from June 03, 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 June 2026, Rachel Busche made the motion to approve, Brian Schrimpf seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from Chairman Bill Gratz

Bill stated that he had spoken to the Highway Patrol Officer that lives here in the Village, she has been giving a few tickets, did invite here to a meeting. Bill asked Becky to introduce herself, then we moved on to Darrell Kolb and Doug Kolb about the Zoning change and Lot Split on Route B. Bill told them there was no sewer on the property, and no easement for it, they would have to work something out with Gary Frank because it backs to his property. If they can get something worked out with Mr. Frank and MO American water, then they would have to come back and make a petition for the rezoning, but that would have to be passed by the majority of property owner that surround the property. Letters would have to go out, then the Board would decide, but were told many details would have to be worked out before anything comes to the Village Board.

Report by Rachel Busche

Rachel said that we are pretty ready for the Celebration on July 5th, and that it looks wonderful.

Report by Rick Taube

Rick took the speaker home and will learn to operate it for the Celebration but had nothing to discuss.

Report by Brian Schrimpf

Brian had nothing except liked the police reports that we finally received, Libby split it out in three months, the breakdown was just on a spreadsheet. Libby will attach the spreadsheet.

Report by Mark Buschjost

Mark had nothing

Report from David Bandre'

David Bandre' not present

Report from Gary Frank

Gary spoke about the storm drain on the property that we are supposed to swap with Missouri American Water, and Byron Shaw had some drawings, but said that they would put in writing if anything goes wrong with the pipes, the MO American water would repair. The Board said as long as everything is outlined in writing and the Legal Council agrees, it will proceed. Gary said Matt from Cole County should have a schedule next week or so for the road repairs.

Report from Don Welch

Don Welch was thanked profusely for the Memorial because it looks wonderful, said he had help from John Wilbers, Ted Vanloo, Gary Frank, Delbert Hoelscher, and Joe Britton.

Report from Libby Chipman/Village Clerk

Libby stated that she sent thank you cards out to all the donors on the Memorial, she will double check with them before we actually put up a plaque thanking anyone. She said that Don Welch did get a lot of the materials donated, we are coming in just under budget. Libby said she wasn't able to give real financial reports; statements won't come in till after tomorrow. Did give income and expenses for the month.

Old Business

Gary & Delbert will be picking up the Cole County 250 Celebration Liberty tree tomorrow in time for the dedication. We will have people from MML here, Cole County people

New Business

Gary talked about the storm water issue above us but decided to table to later time.

Payment of Bills

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

Rachel Busche made motion that we adjourn the meeting Brian Schrimpf seconded, motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 5, 2026, MOTION MADE BY BRIAN SCHRIMPF AND SECONDED BY MARK BUSCHJOST, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted



Libby Chipman-Village Clerk

