

**May 10, 2022**

The monthly meeting of Wapella Township officials was held on May 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Wapella Community Center. Meeting minutes were read. Trustee Paul Armstrong made a motion to accept the minutes. Trustee Linda Wickenhauser second. All aye. The board reviewed all submitted bills. Trustee Scotty May made a motion to pay all submitted bills. Trustee Ben Donovan second. All aye.

Trustee Ben Donovan provided the board with an update on the new township building. There is ongoing work on the concrete pad preparation along with some plumbing. TKS Concrete will hopefully pour concrete in the next week, weather permitting. Greg Hale has ordered his supplies to do the HVAC work.

The board discussed the fraudulent credit card charges made by Road Commissioner Eldon Cusey. Supervisor Jay Haycraft, Clerk Lindsay Donovan and Trustee Scotty May have met with attorney Joe Taylor. The attorney's recommendation was to have the road commissioner pay restitution and resign or the case would be turned over to the State's Attorney. The road commissioner has agreed to pay restitution along with resign from his position due to his unethical behavior. Road Commissioner Eldon Cusey presented Joe Taylor with a check in the amount of \$27,253 which has been deposited into the township checking account. Joe Taylor has also prepared a document outlining Eldon Cusey's resignation which he is to sign. Trustee Paul Armstrong made a motion to accept this resolution along with Road Commissioner Eldon Cusey's resignation. Trustee Ben Donovan second. All aye.

With a vacancy in the road commissioner position, the board discussed options to ensure maintenance of the township roads until a replacement is found. Trustee Linda Wickenhauser made a motion to give employee Denny Donovan authority to oversee road maintenance for the time being. Any expenses will need to be brought before the board. Trustee Scotty May second. All aye. Denny Donovan will check the roads daily and work with the trustees should any unexpected expenses come up.

Trustee Paul Armstrong made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Linda Wickenhauser second. All aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Lindsay Donovan, Clerk