

# Village of Washburn

**Mayor**  
Werner Elliott

February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Monthly Board Minutes

**Board of Trustees**  
Edward Grebner  
Steve Prather  
Larry Tomlinson  
Eric Vaughn  
Pat Winkler  
Jessica Youngman

**Village Clerk**  
Becky Ulrich

**Village Treasurer**  
Cheri Clark

**Water/Sewer/Street Department**  
Matt Strauch

**Chief of Police**  
Jeff Moline

Werner called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken; all members were present but Pat. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The January meeting minutes were reviewed. Ed made a motion to approve the minutes, Jess seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

The bills were reviewed. Jess made a motion to approve the bills, Ed seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

**STREETS:** It was mentioned that we need to vote on the amended MFT from last year.

Matt said he dug up and fixed the hole in the alley by the Frontier station.

**WATER/SEWER:** Ed said the #2 well is back up and running.

There are a few water leaks around town. There is leak on Rt. 89 that requires an IDOT permit, but we haven't heard back from them yet.

**POLICE:** Eric made a motion to transfer \$7,700 from corporate to police, Ed seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Jeff gave his monthly police report. Jeff said Vernice Unker asked about two handicap parking spaces being put in at the Legion. He told her to check with Lee because that would be more of a zoning thing. Jess said she can get the specs for a handicap space also.

Eric said an officer told him that the radar gun doesn't work. Jeff asked which one because as far as he knows they both work. Jeff said he will call Tom after the meeting and chat with him about it. Eric told Jeff to check into some prices of new ones in case we need to get a new one.

**FINANCE, INSURANCE & TIF:** Ed said they talked about keeping a line of credit open with the bank. Ed made a motion to have the mayor and clerk renew a 364 day open line of credit for \$150,000 with the Washburn Community Bank. A roll call vote was taken: Larry – yes, Jess – yes, Ed – yes, Steve – yes, Eric – yes, Pat – absent. Motion carried.

It was asked what we still owe on the previous line of credit. We owe \$88,625. We can pay \$52,700 this fiscal year without going over budget and then we can pay the remaining balance after May with the 2016-2017 budget.

Ed made a motion to pay \$52,700 on the line of credit with the bank, Steve seconded it. All eyes, motion carried.

Matt said he and Cheri started looking at the budget a bit today and it looks like there is a couple of small changes that will need to be made but nothing major.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** The website guy responded to Steve through a voicemail. He doesn't think there will be a problem keeping the same website name, just going through MTCO. It's approximately \$17.95/month for 15 email addresses. Steve said the tech guy will take down the current site.

Back to the Streets department, Jess made a motion to approve the revised MFT documentation, Ed seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

**LIBRARY:** Jess made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the village and Library District for use of real estate, Ed seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Larry – yes, Jess – yes, Ed – yes, Steve – yes, Eric – yes, Pat – absent. Motion carried.

**PARK:** Matt did some clean-up at Half Moon from the flooding.

Matt talked to Landon about putting lights in. He wants to wait until it warms up a little to go down and do it.

Matt said whatever got washed away from the diamonds looks like it's at the edge of the fields. He thinks we can get most of it back on. The only thing that may need attention is the softball field dugout. Those dugouts are supposed to be getting concrete anyway, so we will wait until the weather warms up a bit and see if we can get that done before the start of the season.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The board discussed not being able to vote on the alley vacation, due to not having noticed published 15 days prior. It was said that Cochran's had some concerns about the price of recording etc. and if their taxes would go up.

Larry asked if there was any utilities easements. Danny said yes and he would be taking care of it.

There was a small discussion regarding the nuisances of abatement notice.

Danny also mentioned the Electric Aggregate Bid meeting is on 2/24 at noon at the Gateway Building.

Werner opened the floor to the audience. Randy Martin was here expressing concerns with the house of the corner of Main and State. Werner said we've began the process of abatement. We've sent a certified letter but he's never picked it up. We have to follow the legal process. Tammy Prather was in the audience and mentioned she has been in contact with him about the concerns. He was here at the meeting tonight for a brief minute then left before the meeting actually started. Tammy said he's not trying to flee from the problem. But why they didn't he stay for the meeting? There was a discussion regarding this.

Rosie asked about the blue house on Lincoln Street. It's falling in as well. We will look into.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor said the agreement for the radio contract with the Fire Department will expire in June, so something we need to keep on our mind.

Werner said there is an ESDA class free of charge on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the El Paso Community Center if anyone wants to attend.

Lee Grebner asked Eric today about getting Washburn re-evaluated for the flood plain. There was a discussion regarding this. Mayor said we can start looking into the process of gathering info. Someone needs to talk to Judd and get info from Judd on Rt. 89 Bridge study.

We need to set a budget meeting. Meeting is set for February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00.

Jess made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Eric seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

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Washburn Village Clerk

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