

# Village of Washburn

**Mayor**  
Werner Elliott

March 14<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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

**STREETS:** Jess said we need to make a resolution to close Rt. 89 for the Festival. Jess made a motion to approve Resolution 16-01, Pat seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Jess said the Woodford County Highway engineer was here. They asked him if we could put a conduit casing in at the industrial park when they have the road ripped up down there. He agreed.

Pat said Ken Schumacher wants \$95,000 for his building. Pat thinks we need it. Jess asked why? Ed mentioned with Ulrich's possibly closing, it has a lift Matt could work on vehicles. Pat said the current building is a piece of junk. Jess isn't sure that's enough reason to spend the money. Larry asked if we've looked elsewhere. Pat asked Cheri about the money situation. Her suggestion is to pay off our current debt and then use the line of credit to purchase the building, if that's what we choose to do. Pat asked for Matt's input. He says it's causing issues with equipment having to sit outside etc. There was a small discussion.

Mayor asked everyone their opinions. Larry thinks we should look at other options. He thinks taking that building could take away from other customer opportunities. Ed thinks if the opportunity is there now, we should grab it. Steve doesn't want to get into debt with it. Eric thinks it's a good opportunity, but thinks getting an appraisal is a good idea. Pat agrees with Ed. She also thinks if we table it until next month the opportunity will be gone because there is another interested party.

Pat made a motion to buy the building for \$95,000, Ed seconded it. A roll call vote was taken. Larry – no, Jess – no, Ed – yes, Steve – no, Eric - yes, Pat – yes. Tie goes to mayor's decision. Mayor said not at this time. We need more info. We can hold a special meeting before next month if need be.

**WATER/SEWER:** Matt said the well was pulled on Friday. No info on it yet.

Cheri wanted to let the board know she had a complaint from someone about her. The resident is not happy that her bill is \$130 every month all of a sudden. Customer is question if Cheri is doing her job correctly. Cheri said her highest bill is \$102 and that is with fees. Cheri just wanted to bring it to the boards attention in case someone brings it up to a member.

**POLICE:** Eric made a motion for a permeant transfer of \$8,200 from corporate to police, Ed seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Jeff reminded everyone of the storm chaser meeting tomorrow night. Jeff and Derek plan to attend. Werner and Ed both said they are going to try to attend also.

Jeff gave his monthly police report.

**FINANCE, INSURANCE & TIF:** Mayor said we need to approve the budget.

There was a small discussion regarding budget. Jess made a motion to approve 2016-2017 budget, Ed seconded it. All ayes,

motion carried. Budget approved.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Steve gave an update regarding MTCO. He said there is a \$30 charge for domain name. Its \$11.99/month for 10 email addresses.

Mayor asked how long after will it be up and running? Steve said basic info could be ready in a month.

We need to put this on the agenda to vote on next month.

Steve said he would have a visual next month to help make decisions.

**LIBRARY:** Nothing.

**PARK:** Jess said we need to vote to approve bid. Kennell's gave a bid for \$5,000 to finish the electric. There would also be \$300 due to Jamie for the conduit pipe.

Jess made a motion to approve to spend \$5,300 to finish the electric at Half Moon Park, Steve seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Jess gave a brief update on some things that are going on down there right now with the dugouts etc.

Ed asked if we wanted to spray at Half Moon? The board agreed, we probably should. Ed will get the info etc.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Pat made a motion to approve Ordinance 16-01 to Vacate the Alley, Ed seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Larry – yes, Jess – yes, Ed – yes, Steve – yes, Eric – yes, Pat – yes.

Danny said he talked to Mr. Stair's attorney today. He said Mr. Stair is trying to negotiate a sale of house with someone. Mr. Stair was in attendance at the meeting. He has been in contact with Mr. Martin. Mr. Stair said he would take \$2000 for the property. He said he doesn't have the money to demolish it or fix it up. Mr. Stair feels it's beyond repair. There is a small amount of back taxes due on the property. He said he would take the money from the sale and pay the back taxes on it. There was a small discussion regarding this. Danny said he would talk to Mr. Stair's attorney. Danny recommends to have an agreement drawn up within three weeks. Danny will follow up with his attorney and let him know the Village has authorized a three week extension.

Mayor asked if there was anything from the audience; there was not.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jess made a motion to donate \$3,000 to Baptist Cemetery for lawn care upkeep, Larry seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

There was a discussion of when town clean-up days would be. Cheri will get the bid sheets out. Everything will be the same as last year, just changing the dates.

Danny talked briefly about Heartland Cable. Jess has some questions/concerns before she would allow them to come in. Danny said it is legally possible. There was a discussion regarding this. We will table it until next month. Werner will get in touch with them and have them come to the meeting next month.

Ed made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Larry seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

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Washburn Village Clerk

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Date