

Village of Washburn

Mayor
Werner Elliott

May 9th, 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

Mayor swore in John Scroggs, the new officer.

STREETS: Jess said they discussed to use some of the vehicle fund money to purchase a mower for Matt. Jess made a motion to give Matt permission to purchase a mower spending up to \$5000, Pat seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Jess said L&L gave a quote to remove four trees for \$3500. Jess made a motion to approve to spend the \$3500 to cut down the four trees, Steve seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Ed said Junk Day went well. He said we had 7 dumpsters with the steel one. He said we had a good turn out this year.

Matt mentioned he got Art's house torn down.

Ed made a motion to approve Heartland Cable contract as reviewed by Danny, Jess seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

WATER/SEWER: Ed said he doesn't have anything.

Cheri said she got a new program all installed and the bills out. She talked briefly about the new program.

POLICE: Eric made a motion to make a permanent transfer of \$9,700 from Corporate to Police, Ed seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Jeff gave his monthly police report.

Jess said the radar guns have been certified.

Officer John Scroggs is now working for us.

Jeff said we are weather radio certified now, so Jeff will get the radio from Jesse tomorrow.

FINANCE, INSURANCE & TIF: Pat said Jess got quotes for health insurance to have a comparable plan to what we have now. The Humana Gold plan seems comparable. We currently pay \$2435/month for just Jeff and Cheri. The Humana plan for Medical is \$1824/month for all three of them. Vision would add \$27-33/month for all three and dental would add \$150/month for all three. All together this would still be less than what we are currently paying for just the two of them. However, we still don't know if we can cancel our current plan.

Pat mentioned not a lot of companies pay for Gold plans. There was some discussion.

Ed makes a motion to get Matt a temp plan until we can get all the info gathered to get everyone all on a group plan, Pat seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Steve handed out a list of email addresses for the board under the new site. The emails are active, however the website is not.

LIBRARY: Pat doesn't have anything.

Matt said he was going to get estimate to see about getting the building painting. He said the paint is peeling and the trim is looking bad etc.

PARKS: Jess said things are going good down there. She said the school is paying for the gates on the dugouts.

She said they found some wood that was left over/over purchased from the building. They took it back to Winkler's for credit and got some stuff to fix the dugout instead.

Matt said Les gave us a bill for the electrical stuff; it was \$5000, which is what they quoted us. We had to pay for a couple breakers that were bad also.

Ed said there will be a bill coming for the spray for down there too.

OLD BUSINESS: We already discussed Heartland Cable; nothing more.

Jess said she doesn't have the plat prepared for the lot at the industrial park prepared. She said we can still vote on it without the plat. Everything will still be platted as originally planned. There was a small discussion. Jess made a motion to sell a portion of lot 7 for \$1575 as previously discussed, Larry seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Larry – yes, Jess – yes, Ed – yes, Steve – abstained, Eric – yes, Pat – yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Ed made a motion to rehire all current employees: Matt as head of streets & water/sewer, Jeff as Police Chief, Danny as attorney and Lee Grebner as zoning officer; Jess seconded it, all ayes, motion carried.

Pay increases were briefly discussed. Jess said she did a review with Matt, but left it at her office. During the review they did discuss water certification. The licensing requirements have now changed so it will take Matt longer to get his certification, but he's taking the steps he needs to. Werner said he has nothing but good reviews for Cheri.

Pat doesn't feel a 3% increase across the board is fair. Werner went around the room asking everyone's opinion. Ed mentioned it's not fair to give Matt and Cheri and Jeff a raise and start providing insurance for Matt. Matt's raise would be getting the insurance. Ed made a motion to give pay increase of 2% to Cheri and Jeff, Pat seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Washburn Village Clerk

Date