

Village of Washburn

Mayor
Werner Elliott

July 13th, 2015
Monthly Board Minutes

Village Clerk
Becky Ulrich

Village Treasurer
Cheri Clark

Water/Sewer/Street Department
Matt Strauch

Board of Trustees
Edward Grebner
Kristy Humphrey
Steve Prather
Larry Tomlinson
Pat Winkler
Jessica Youngman

Chief of Police
Jeff Moline

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

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

The bills were reviewed. Jess made a motion to approve the bills. Ed said that we received the final bill from PIPCO. However they haven't removed the lead paint yet, so he recommends only paying part of the bill and holding a retaining fee until they come and remove the lead paint. The bill is for \$26,770.57. Ed made a motion to pay \$18,830.76 of the \$26,770.57 and retaining the difference until the lead paint has been picked up, Jess seconded it. All ayes, motion carried. Steve seconded the motion to pay the bills. All ayes, motion carried.

Werner asked if there was anything from the audience, there was not.

STREETS: Jess said she wasn't at the committee meeting. Matt said the trees between Sicily's and the old Plow are hanging over the fence and creating some problems. Willie Morgan said it was an agreement when the sewer went in, the town was supposed to removed them. Mike's Tree Service has provided an estimate to remove those five elm trees for \$1,000. Matt also talked to Larry Polston about maybe coming and cleaning up some of the trees along Rt. 89 during the festival since the road will already be closed down. Matt wants to know if he can have permission to spend \$3,000-\$4,000 to have Larry do that? Jess made a motion to accept the bid from Mike to take out the five elm trees, Ed seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Matt said he cleaned out a drain at the corner of Woodford and Washington at 5:30 p.m. Saturday and this morning it was completely clogged again. That's why we can't blow grass into the streets. It was suggested we display this at the water plant open house to show people what happens when they blow grass clippings into the streets.

There was a small discussion regarding putting a little money into the one-ton truck because Matt can't find anything right now to replace it. Ed suggested looking into a leasing company.

WATER/SEWER: Matt said the water plant is running good. The water tower was struck by lightning this a.m. He already ordered the part to fix it. He should have it tomorrow. Matt said he made a decision to order an extra one to keep on hand in case something like this happens again.

Ed said back in April we tabled Judd's final bill of \$4230.35. There was a discussion regarding this final payout. Ed made a motion to pay Judd's bill in full, any billing or negotiating that needs to be done with contractors will be handled through us as a village, Jess seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

POLICE: Larry said they had a meeting to discuss punching a time clock. One has been purchased and installed and everyone is supposed to be using it.

Jeff provided an inventory list as requested. The committee will look at the items at next committee meeting and will decide what to keep and what to pitch. We don't need to be keeping equipment that doesn't work.

Larry made a motion to make a permanent transfer of \$9,100.00 from corporate to police, Jess seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Jeff gave his monthly police report.

There was a small discussion regarding curfew.

Jeff said he met with Danny at his office regarding SOP (Standard operating procedures). They went through it and struck a few things etc.

FINANCE, INSURANCE & TIF: Cheri checked into getting exempt from paying taxes on the old Strong Oil lot and the dump site lot. Cheri stated what info she would need in order to make this happen. Jess said she will help her get the info.

Cheri said Phil is coming Thursday for the Audit.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Nothing.

LIBRARY: It was mentioned that the ice breakers never got installed last year.

PARK: There was a discussion regarding moving the utility pole. It was determined the money to do this can be taken out of TIF. We have an estimate from Kennell's to do the work. Jess would like to see if we can get the boxes moved inside. Jess made a motion to work with Kennell's on the electrical work at Half Moon, spending up to \$4,000, Ed seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

ATTORNEY: Nothing.

Ed asked Danny about the curb never being replaced at Mike Morger's property. Danny will send him a letter.

OLD BUSINESS: Werner brought up the compliance officer. He's having trouble finding people willing to be on the compliance/zoning board. Cheri is going to help find some people that have mentioned they may be interested in it. Werner recommended tabling this until next month. Jess made a motion to table until next month, Ed seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

The siren agreement has been finalized. Ed and Werner went and talked to the fire department. One person was reluctant but they finally agreed. We do need to make one small change in the agreement. We need to change the wording from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to read 06:00 to 18:00 hours. Jess made a motion to approve the agreement with the change as stated, Ed seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

There was a small discussion regarding the website. Steve said he discussed the info about setting up something a little more robust with Alpha Media in Peoria. They deal lots with social media, blogs, websites, etc. He said it would cost \$8,000-\$12,000 to set up the site. He would like to meet with the board. The board suggested Steve ask them if they could come to the next committee meeting. Jess said we don't have that kind of money in the budget for this year. Steve has not looked into anything short term. It was asked can we update the current website as a quick fix for now. Steve will look into it.

Werner said Ed looked into getting the ordinances codified. It's going to cost an estimated \$6,500. This would include getting it scanned electronically and then we would receive eight PDF copies. This company could also do a yearly upkeep. Can we use TIF money for this? Let's look into. We will look into further next month.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

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

Washburn Village Clerk

Date