

Village of Washburn

Mayor
Steve Forney

November 11^h 2019
Monthly Board Minutes

Board of Trustees
Jessica Damerell
Scott Forney
Alvin Grebner
Ginger Humphrey
Randy Knoblauch
Jessica Youngman

Village Clerk
Becky Ulrich

Village Treasurer
Cheri Woodson

Water/Sewer/Street Department
Matt Strauch

Chief of Police
John Scroggs

Steve called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The October meeting minutes were reviewed. Jess made a motion to accept the minutes, Randy seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Steve said he'd like to try and do something a little different at the meeting tonight. It seems like we have lots of good discussion at the committee meetings but it seems like we are listening to a lot of repetition at the board meeting, so maybe we can keep from discussing the same things it may speed the board meetings up.

STREETS: Jess said they completed the MFT project on Walnut and Parkside. They used the remaining blacktop over on Madison.

WATER/SEWER: Alvin said Matt and Jared are going to re-take the water test on December 10th. Ginger asked if we knew how much it cost to take the test? Cheri can't look it up right now but we think it cost about \$100, so minimal.

POLICE: Ginger made a motion for a permanent transfer from Corporate to Police for \$10,000, Jess seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Ginger said there wasn't anything major in the police report but they've been writing quite a few tickets.

FINANCE, INSURANCE & TIF: Scott said we need to renew the insurance but Scott wasn't prepared to have to vote on it tonight. Let's skip and come back to Scott so he has a few minutes to look at the numbers.

The auditor cancelled tonight and will come next month.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Nothing new.

ZONING: Wayne doesn't have anything new.

There was a small discussion regarding a house on Lincoln St that no one is living in now and there's a bunch of stuff that the tenants left, including a car in the back. How long do we let this stuff/problem linger? Seems like too soon to take action as the tenants were still moving stuff out within the past month. Let's just keep an eye on it for a bit and see if it gets cleaned up, if not we'll take action.

LIBRARY: Nothing.

PARKS: Jess talked to Nick about getting the cameras installed ASAP. He said he'd get to them next week for sure.

Jess also mentioned they are going forward finally with getting a new door. The current one is still broken/not closing properly so getting that done and secured.

OTHER: Steve asked Danny about publishing a link to a change rather than publishing the whole ordinance for a minor change.

There was a small discussion regarding this.

Scott said they went over the employee Policy Manual and we want to make some changes...more grammatical error type changes if anything. Scott said he'd send Danny the notes he has to look over before any changes are made.

Going back to Insurance...The annual premium is \$39,768. The cyber policy is \$1,070. We've added \$12,500 worth of insurance for rental equipment. Scott needs some more explanation from Mike on some of the increases etc, he'd like to table until next month.

NEW BUSINESS: Steve received something from Mediacom. They are requesting an ordinance to be passed regarding receiving franchise fees. Do we get any money from Mediacom currently? Cheri said yes it's usually \$2000-\$4000 per year. In the letter they said they've been paying the fees without an ordinance but will discontinue doing so after 30 days.

(Jessica had to leave the meeting early for an ambulance call.)

Steve said we need to have a discussion about whether we should opt in or out of the cannabis option. If anyone feels strongly either way then Steve recommends that person make a motion and see if it's seconded and passed.

(Jessica returned from the call, not needed.)

Before anyone would even be able to ask permission through the village the person would have to apply through the state first. If someone is interested in doing so they would have to go to zoning board and he would then direct them to us.

Jessica said she feels strongly about opting out.

Jess said other local towns have already said they are allowing it.

Danny reminded Wayne that if the village would like to approve, Wayne would have to hold two public meetings for discussion and then come back to the board with a recommendation.

Jessica made a motion that we opt out, no one seconded the motion.

Danny reminded that we are not allowed to be more controlling with the village than the state is as far as regulations go; however, we can make zoning restrictions.

No more action needs to be taken tonight. We'll be working on it over the next couple of months.

The board needs to review what Danny wrote and make sure we're happy with what he has, if not we need to make suggestions for changes.

Jess made a motion to adjourn, Ginger seconded it. All ayes, motion carried

Washburn Village Clerk

Date