

## Village of Washburn

**Mayor**  
Steve Forney

December 9<sup>th</sup> 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, all here. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The November meeting minutes were reviewed. Jess makes a motion to approve the minutes, Randy seconded it. All ayes, motion carried

We will come back to the bills as they are still being reviewed.

Steve asked if there was anyone from the audience that would like to address the board? There was a community member that asked if we salt the roads? We don't use salt but we use a cinder mix. She was concerned about people near her house running the stop signs etc because of the condition of the roads/intersections during the first snowfall. Jess mentioned they were caught off guard by that early snowfall and they went to get some cinder mix but there wasn't any available. However, they have since gotten some so should be prepared for the next snow.

**STREETS:** Jess said they are working hard to get all the trucks and stuff ready for winter. We had to spend \$300 for a hydraulic lift for the spreader.

**WATER/SEWER:** We need to get a replacement roto-phase unit. The cost is \$4,442. Are there any objections to purchasing this? No. Alvin made a motion to purchase the roto-phase for \$4442, Jess seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

**POLICE:** Ginger made a motion to transfer \$12,500 from corporate to police, Scott seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Ginger said there's nothing major on the police report. We had a few issues this month but they are now resolved. Ginger also mentioned Deb will be back on duty starting tomorrow.

**FINANCE, INSURANCE & TIF:** The auditor was supposed to be here tonight but they are working on an issue that came up from a transfer from a previous year and they are still looking into it. This will be tabled until next month

Mike came in and talked about life insurance during the committee meeting. The life insurance policies seemed very affordable. Cheri said we had the money in the budget for it. Scott made a motion to provide the full-time employees life insurance up to a \$25,000 policy, Jessica seconded it. All ayes, motion carried. It's noted that this is optional to the employees. The village is offering it, however it's the employees responsibility to sign-up for it.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Scott said regarding the revolving loan/grant that the county hearing was last week. Scott, Alvin and ~~Randy~~ Steve attended the hearing. There were no objections at the county level so it's moving onto the state level now. It was mentioned at the hearing that all the surrounding communities requests equaled 1.5 million and there is 1.3 million to give out.

**ZONING:** Wayne wrote up a new ordinance for the swimming pool changes in red in a copy he provided to the board. We will put this on the agenda for next month to vote on/approve.

**LIBRARY:** Nothing. We are just waiting on them to install the new sign.

**PARKS:** Jess said we discussed before that we should replace the door on the concession stand. Vince went and looked at it and decided that what we were thinking wouldn't really work. So Vince put some metal reinforcement on the striker etc so that problem has been taken care of.

Also, Nick did get the cameras installed. There is a hard drive attached so we can pull footage if needed. Small discussion,

Back to bills. Ginger made a motion to approve the bills, Scott seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

**OTHER:** Danny has some info about prevailing wage. He said we no longer have to pass a new prevailing wage ordinance according to the IL Dept of Labor. Danny has made a letter/form that says we are following the IL Dept of Labor guidelines but we direct workers to go directly to the IL Dept of Labor to get the info.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Danny has a tax levy ordinance ready to pass. It is raised the max 5%, as usual. Jess made a motion to accept the Tax Levy Ordinance 19-04, Ginger seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Jessica - yes, Jess - yes, Scott - yes, Alvin - yes, Ginger - yes, Randy - yes.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Jess made a motion to pass the Mediacom Utility Franchise Agreement Ordinance 19-03, Randy seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Jessica - yes, Jess - yes, Scott - yes, Alvin - yes, Ginger - yes, Randy - yes.

There was a small discussion regarding the cannabis opt in/out.

There was a small discussion regarding Christmas bonuses for employees. How did we come up with the amounts win the past? No one is for sure. Do we have money in the budget to do so? Yes. Randy said he likes the direction the police force has taken over the past 6-10 months so he would like to see them get a bonus. Randy made a motion to award a Christmas bonus of \$250 to full time employees and \$100 to scheduled part-time employees Deb and Nick, Jessica seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

The insurance renewal needs to be approved. The cost is \$39,768 for the insurance renewal. There is an increase of \$385 in the water tower insurance, the cyber insurance costs \$1,062, \$11 for terrorism and \$512 for bond renewal. Scott made a motion to renew all the insurance policies in the amount of \$41,738, Jess seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Cheri said if anyone wants info about lead testing done we have the forms and bottles to provide to homeowners. It's the individuals' responsibility to do it and pay for it. They can mail it in or drop it off to PDC. Someone from the audience asked if the lead is in the water or the pipes? It's in some pipes.

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

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Washburn Village Clerk

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