

Village of Washburn

Mayor Pro-Tem
Ed Grebner

December 10th 2018
Monthly Board Minutes

Board of Trustees

Kevin Burdette
Jessica Damerell
Edward Grebner
Ginger Humphrey
Steve Prather
Jessica Youngman

Village Clerk
Becky Ulrich

Village Treasurer
Cheri Clark

Water/Sewer/Street Department
Matt Strauch

Chief of Police
John Scroggs

Pro-Tem Mayor called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken; all here. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

The bills were reviewed. Ginger made a motion to pay the bills, Jessica seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

STREETS: Nothing.

WATER: Ed said they had Cheri look up the surcharge info on the sewer. Our contact that she talks to regarding our balance is on vacation so Ed suggest we table this until next month once we can chat with her and get the info we need.

POLICE: Ginger made a motion to transfer \$8,200 from Corporate to Police, Jess seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Ginger said we've had two insurance payments on the previous chief who we've had trouble getting cancelled. We are supposed to be getting reimbursed though. Cheri said she tracked it online and it looks like payment should be coming soon.

Ginger can't find the copy of the police report so we'll come back to it once she locates it.

FINANCE, INSURANCE & TIF: Mike Storm is here with the insurance renewal info. Everyone got a packet to look at. Mike said the building coverage is going up about \$80,000 next year and the contents insurance will go up about \$20,000 due to inflation. Mike suggested someone go through the vehicles and such to make sure the insurance company has all the correct info.

Mike said in short the insurance will be about 1% over where we were this past year.

Steve said he received two taxing bodies letters back of the nine we need. Those tow are from the Library and Fire Department.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Nothing.

ZONING: Nothing.

Jessica said that Nick Grebner approached her and asked if he could get an extension on his deadline to get his property cleaned up? So she's asking what the board thinks about that? Steve said he's made a solid effort to start getting thing cleaned up. Ed said it looks to be approximately 80% cleaned up. The board and Randy all agree that we could provide an extension. They will let Nick know that we've extended his deadline to April 15th.

Ed asked bout Charlie Kennell's property. Randy said his deadline is Wednesday, December 13th.

LIBRARY: Jessica talked with Metamora and they will cover the costs of the benches we want to purchase with the money from the Kennedy family fund that was left.

PARKS: Jess said they opened the mowing bids for Half Moon Park. We received two bids. One from Green Acres Lawn and Landscaping for \$1,200. The other they received was from Ulrich Lawn Care for \$5,382. Kevin said he did some homework on this since the bids were so different. He talked to Louis, he said he is the owner of Green Acres Lawn and Landscaping. He also said he is aware of what's being asked of him per the bid specs. Louis said he does have insurance and would provide us proof if he was awarded the bid. Kevin made some calculations; if he mowed 32 times for the season he would get about \$37.50/mowing if it took

him 4 hours to mow. If Jared had to mow it because this guy was no longer able or he quit in the middle of the season etc, it would cost the town at least \$72/mowing in just labor charges. This doesn't include gas or other expenses.

Kevin said he feels Matt's bid is more in line with what we've done in the past. Jess said she can't fathom that someone would be able to do it for that amount of money with the knowledge of what's really expected. Jess said she's very leery. Kevin agreed; he's all for saving the town money but this seems extreme. Jessica said sometimes "you get what you pay for".

Jess asked if Louis was aware that the voting for the bid was tonight? Kevin said that he was aware that he told him. It was ask that if it was that important for him to get the job or his "foot in the door" why wouldn't he show to the meeting to be able to ask questions, etc. The board agreed with this statement.

Cheri said she would like to give some input. Matt with Ulrich Lawn Care works with Matt/Jared and the school, he picks up all the garbage, etc and goes above and beyond what is required/asked of him.

Ginger makes a motion to go with Ulrich Lawn Care, the higher bid over the lower bid, Kevin seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Ginger said she can't find the Police report. There has not been too much going on. She did say that John go the grant application submitted. John has also completed his training that he said he would get done by the end of the year.

John is going to set up a meeting with some applicants for part time officers. We have two applicants.

OTHER: Danny wanted express his sincerest appreciation during his mom's passing. He also wanted to thank everyone for the bench, it is beautiful and greatly appreciated.

Danny has a Tax Levy Ordinance that needs to be passed in December. He's aware it's not on the agenda for tonight, which Danny takes the blame for, but it needs to be passed tonight so. Jess made a motion to pass Ordinance 18-05 Tax Levy Ordinance, Ginger seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Ginger asked Danny about what the guy at the white top said about not going to do anything about cleaning it up? Danny said he was going through his file and found a paper that the white top owner signed stating that his company would adremnign us. Danny said we have a little bit of leverage because of this signed agreement. Danny said he would send him a letter with a copy of the agreement he signed etc. Danny will take care of it and let us know.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing.

Jess asked Cheri what we gave for Christmas bonuses last year? \$250 for full time and \$100 for part time. Kevin made a motion to give \$250 Christmas bonus to all full time employees, Jess seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Last year the Police Department donated \$250 to the Woodford County Coat/Food Drive. They've asked for a donation again this year. Jess made a motion to donate \$250 to Woodford County for the coat/food/toy drive, Ginger seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Cheri said FYI to the board...She wanted to let them know of a couple of incidents that happened this month. Someone got their water shut off, then they came in a paid. When the guys went to turn the water back on, the homeowner had already turned it on themselves. That's a federal offense. Cheri said wants the ok from the board to end people a letter stating that it's a federal office and it this happens again we will take action and prosecute etc. Yes, the board the thinks that's fine.

Cheri said the other issue is that she got threatened and is supposedly getting contacted by this residents' attorney because their water got shut. Cheri told the story of what happened and there was a small discussion regarding it. Cheri said the woman that threatened her never came up but the boyfriend did to pay. Cheri told the boyfriend that she will no longer deal with the women that she would appreciate if the boyfriend would just pay the bill from now on etc.

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

Washburn Village Clerk

Date