

Village of Washburn

Mayor
Werner Elliott

December 13th, 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

Mayor called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken; all members were present but Steve. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

STREETS: Jess said they received three mowing bids. There is one from Kuehn of Magnolia for \$5,000; one from Ulrich Lawn Care Inc. for \$5,166; and one from J&J Lawn Care for \$8799. Jess said they had a discussion at the committee meeting regarding the bids. Jess made a motion to accept the bid from Ulrich Lawn Care Inc. for \$5,166, Eric seconded it. Larry had a question, why are we not accepting the lowest bid? Jess gave an explanation of why they are choosing to accept the local bid for just \$166 more, as per their discussion at the committee meeting. There was a small discussion. A roll call vote was taken: Larry – no, Jess – yes, Ed – abstained, Steve – absent, Eric – yes, Pat – yes. Motion passes.

Jess doesn't have anything else for streets.

WATER/SEWER: Ed doesn't really have anything.

Matt said they are replacing the bearing a phase converter at the sewer plant.

POLICE: Eric made a motion for a permanent transfer from corporate to police of \$9,200, Pat seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

There was a brief discussion regarding John' "contract". We will come back to this discussion one John arrives.

FINANCE, INSURANCE & TIF: Nothing.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Nothing.

LIBRARY: Pat mentioned we still never got the ice shields/breakers installed on the library. Larry will talk to Lee about it, as it was supposed to be done several years ago.

PARKS: Nothing.

Back to Police as John arrived.

Werner asked Eric about the tornado siren. He said they came to check it out last week. The batteries were dead so they've been replaced.

Eric also mentioned they are still checking into the repeater system. One of them had a loose wire but now it's working. However we still need to get on the booster for the radios.

Eric read a brief police report that Jeff sent to him.

OLD BUSINESS: There was a brief discussion regarding the ordinance book. Becky asked how are we supposed to update the book? She will probably just have to call the company and double check on that policy.

Jess made a motion to pass the Tax Levy Ordinance 16-07, Ed seconded it. All ayes, but Larry; motion carried.

John went read over his “contract” and had some questions. The board agreed there may be a few kinks to work out in the contract and that we should table until next month.

Pat made a motion to continue John’s full-time status and current pay schedule until next board meeting, Eric seconded it. All ayes, motion carried. The police committee will meet with John next month and answer any questions/negotiations before signing next month.

Larry asked if Danny could read through the ordinance book and make sure it’s ok before approving it? The board agreed to table the ordinance books until next month.

There was a brief discussion regarding how to handle the ordinance violation procedures.

There was a discussion regarding the Strong Oil property. Jess read her notes regarding Harold’s requests. Eric asked why couldn’t we put up our own building and let a business(s) rent it out? The board decided to table until next month when they can collect more information. The board is requesting Harold attend the next committee meeting to have further discussion regarding this to be able to get more information.

NEW BUSINESS: Jess would like to get the boards permission to get bids to see how much it would cost to get a flood plain map done. She said it’s going to cost a significant amount of money that we’ll need to budget for. Larry asked what the town would benefit from this? It is majorly impacting the sale of houses/businesses in our town. Werner thinks we should be able to use some TIF money towards this. There were no objections for Jess to get bids. She will move forward with sending out RFP’s.

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

Washburn Village Clerk

Date