

Village of Washburn

Mayor
Werner Elliott

December 14th, 2015
Monthly Board Minutes

Board of Trustees
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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

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

The November meeting minutes were reviewed. Pat made a motion to approve the minutes, Ed seconded.

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

STREETS: Merle Guy is interested in vacating the alley behind his property. Jess did a quick check and it doesn't look like it's previously been done. There was a discussion regarding this. Pat doesn't think the village should incur any cost to do so. We will look into moving forward.

Matt said there is another big spot on Arthur Stair's roof caving in. Something needs to be done.

Becky asked about an ordinance for housing updates timeline regarding siding etc.

WATER/SEWER: Matt mentioned they cleaned a bunch of stuff at a residence and an hour later the home owner was putting more stuff out again. Jeff will look into it.

Matt got the stickers on the truck. He also said they got the spreader repainted.

Ed said we are going to pull the #2 well and replace the pipes. They've determined that's where the odor is coming from. John said it should cost \$3,000-\$4,000. Ed made a motion to allot money to pull well #2 to replace the foot valve and pipe, Jess seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

POLICE: Eric made a motion to transfer \$9,300 from Corporate to Police, Pat seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Jeff gave his monthly police report.

There was a discussion regarding an incident at the Bar Thanksgiving weekend.

There was also a discussion regarding an angry homeowner with her neighbor about their fence. Jeff is getting involved and will follow up.

FINANCE, INSURANCE & TIF: Cheri said the state has started to release some money. We received deposits both Friday and today for MFT and gaming.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Steve's not here.

LIBRARY: Pat talked to Grant. Their board was supposed to discuss at their meeting last month but they didn't have a quorum so they will discuss at this month's meeting.

PARK: Jess said they received one bid for the mowing of Half Moon for \$5,166 from Ulrich Lawn Care. Jess made a motion to accept this bid. A roll call vote was taken. Larry – absent, Jess – yes, Ed – abstain, Steve – absent, Eric – yes, Pat – yes. Motion

carries. Eric asked about finishing the building at Half Moon. There was a small discussion regarding this.

OLD BUSINESS: Matt had a question regarding prevailing wage regarding Lee Grebner. Matt thought if it was family owned and operated we didn't have to pay prevailing wage. There was a small discussion regarding this.

NEW BUSINESS: We need to discuss the Tax Levy Ordinance. There was small discussion regarding taxes. Jess made a motion to pass 15-05 Tax Levy Ordinance, Ed seconded it. A Roll call vote was taken: Larry – absent, Jess – yes, Ed – yes, Steve – absent, Eric – yes, Pat – yes. Motion carried.

Danny talked about Good Energy contract. Jess made a motion to create R15-6 allowing mayor to enter into agreement with Good Energy and allowing them to negotiate a deal for us, Ed seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Larry – absent, Jess – yes, Ed – yes, Steve – absent, Eric – yes, Pat – yes. Motion carried.

Jess made a motion to approve ordinance 15-06 and 15-07 as written, Pat seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Larry – absent, Jess – yes, Ed – yes, Steve – absent, Eric – yes, Pat – yes. Motion carried.

Pat made a motion to pay part-time employees \$100 each and full-time employees \$250 each as a Christmas bonus, Jess seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Rich Frommeyer was here to talk about codification of ordinances. He brought an example of what the book would like, and will leave this copy as a reference. Their company attorney would look at all our ordinances, point out conflicts and make suggestions/recommendations, and looks at state law changes also and will ask if we want to update to reflect changes.

Rich has been doing this for 21 years. He is part owner, and the company is employee owned. Their company does take care of some Major cities such as Chicago, LA and New York, but most of their municipalities are our size.

It takes three-six months to get a draft composed. We can pay over a two year period. We can update as often as we like. We will put this on the agenda for next month and discuss how to pay for this etc.

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

Washburn Village Clerk

Date