

# Village of Washburn

**Mayor**  
David Humphrey

January 9, 2012  
Monthly Board Minutes

**Board of Trustees**  
Edward Grebner  
Randy Ragains  
Larry Roop  
Robert Stanfield  
Bill Strauch  
Nate Swanson

**Village Clerk**  
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**Village Treasurer**  
Cheri Delap

**Water/Sewer/Street Department**  
Mark Frerichs

**Chief of Police**  
Craig Rutledge

Mayor David Humphrey called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken: all members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The December meeting minutes were reviewed. Bill noted that in reference to Snyder Village we needed to change "sewer" line to "water" line. Rob made a motion to approve the minutes with the amended change, Bill seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Mayor Humphrey then opened the meeting to the audience. No one wished to address the board.

**STREETS:** Ed said Simon called again. Ed asked how long ago it was discussed to change State Street to a truck route? Mayor said it's cheaper to leave the road as is and repair it then bring it up to an 80,000 lb road. Simon said the state is now offering more money for this type of project, but it's still going to cost the village quite a bit of money.

Ed mentioned all the new stop signs are up.

Ed also mentioned Mark ordered some other new signs and they should be here anytime to be put up.

Ed said that we also got a quote for a new truck.

Ed also talked to Judd from SGA. He will be at the next committee meeting to try and compare prices with Simon.

Larry asked if we needed to make a change in the ordinances because we changed the yield signs to stop signs near Casey's. Yes, we will have to amend it.

**WATER/SEWER:** Bill said he asked Mark to measure the line at Snyder Village. It's 265 feet. It may be something to look into in the future.

Bill also asked Mark about checking some manholes, but Mark hasn't done so yet.

**POLICE:** Larry said the storm warning sign has been installed.

Larry talked about the possibility of hiring a full-time officer. He said the committee is realizing the expenses of hiring a fulltime officer may be more than we can handle. Regardless of what we do we still need to have some type of interview/hiring process for officers. A number of tests would be required. The approximate cost per interviewee would be \$300, plus an additional \$100-\$200 for a polygraph test. Larry thinks we should do this process whether we are hiring a full-time or part-time officer.

Larry then provided with board with the police activity report.

Larry also mentioned that he's received some sketches from the school regarding the redesigning of the police patch.

Finally Larry made a motion to transfer \$9,000 from the corporate fund to the police fund, Ed seconded it. All ayes,

motion carried.

**INSURANCE & TIF:** Randy wasn't able to make much progress regarding insurance quotes with the holiday season.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Nothing to report.

**LIBRARY:** Nothing to report.

**PARK:** Nothing to report.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Danny has a certification for Becky to sign.

Danny asked if there was any update on the wooden chairs. Larry said Cheri has done some research. The cost to repair the chairs is \$30/chair, to have the chair striped, repaired and refinished it would \$100/chair. We have 8 chairs. Larry made a motion to fix the chairs at the cost of \$30/chair, Rob seconded it. All ayes, motion carried. Larry said he could take them over to Elite on Monday because there isn't school.

Larry would like to go to executive session to discuss personnel issues, Ed seconded. A roll call vote was take: Bill – yes, Rob – yes, Ed – yes, Randy – yes, Larry – yes, Nate – yes.

The board returned from executive session.

Nate made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m., Rob seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

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Washburn Village Clerk

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