

Village of Washburn

Mayor
David Humphrey

January 10, 2011
Monthly Board Minutes

Board of Trustees
James Gebel
Larry Roop
Linda Silver
Bill Strauch
Nate Swanson
Larry Tomlinson

Village Clerk
Becky Ulrich

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, Danny noted that under Danny's updates regarding the revision to the Nuisance Ordinance 10-03. The meeting minutes stated, "The changes that were made are not to the actual ordinance, just administrative changes", however that statement isn't true so the sentence needs to be removed. Larry Roop made the motion to approve the minutes with the change as amended, Jim Gebel seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

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

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

STREETS: Larry Roop mentioned that the biggest discussion at the committee meeting was regarding the new snowplow blade; at Thursday's meeting it hadn't yet been received, but it has now been received. We've also received the bill and it is about \$100 or so less than we expected.

Next Larry wanted to clarify that we have decided not to submit a reimbursement for the LUST Fund; that we would wait until the project is complete.

Larry also mentioned that we need to install ~~trailer~~ parking limit signs and we will be getting to them soon.

WATER/SEWER: Larry Tomlinson first mentioned that there was a water leak up on Madison Street. It's currently barricaded off and probably can't be fixed until spring.

The next issue Larry mentioned is that the pump at the lagoon is still not fixed. Larry has been hounding Mark about it. Mayor Humphrey says we need to stay on Mark about it and get it done.

It was also mentioned that water rates will be going up 2%, this increase is built right into our ordinance. We will see the increase on the February bill for January usage.

Phil Michaels was also at the committee meeting to give an update on the different accounts. The accounts are now corrected and water/sewer will start receiving the interest that they should be.

POLICE: Nate had nothing to report.

INSURANCE & TIF: Jim had nothing to report. However Becky had several questions to ask the board regarding a letter she received from Steve Kline of The Economic Development Group, LTD requesting us to update the members of our TIF District. Becky spoke with Steven and he basically said that once we remove a property from the TIF district because it is owned by a board member, that we cannot re-add that property when the owner is no longer a board member. After some discussion Danny suggested that Becky speak with Steven again and ask him a couple of questions...Who are the current board members they have on file? How can we keep dropping properties from the TIF district, but we aren't able to add any back in? Are all of these questions covered under our contract

that we pay for with The Economic Development Group, LTD? If not, then she needs to let Danny know and he will handle it.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Linda Silver reminded the board that back in June a letter was sent out to the local businesses requesting some information. In follow up to that letter we want to get the businesses access to our website link. We are in the process of sending out another letter to the businesses/organizations to get the information we need to get them linked to the website.

LIBRARY: Larry said that the Library has been letting kids, unsupervised, into the memorial portion of the building. Larry has reversed the lock so the memorial can't be accessed through the library. He has the key. We are also in the process of getting additional keys sent to us.

PARK: Bill Strauch didn't have anything to report but did mention Kull's have asked Nate when they are supposed to have a new bid in for the mowing of Half Moon.

UPDATES FROM DANNY: Danny said that Grebner's now have a lawyer. Danny couldn't get the lawyer to respond to his calls, but Danny happened to run into him at the courthouse today. The Lawyer said that he was to tell us that he is working on a couple of things but wouldn't go into any detail with Danny.

OTHER BUSINESS: Larry Roop wanted to chat briefly about the ordinance books. Mayor Humphrey thinks we need to read through the draft book and get things proof read and get out all the glitches. Mayor also wanted to note what a tremendous accomplishment Larry has done by creating this draft book...Great job Larry!

Mayor wanted to mention something to Cheri about the upcoming budget. He just wants to give her a heads up that the budget is coming and things need to be "massaged" and converted into the new program. The budget has to be approved by/at the April board meeting.

Mayor also wanted to remind the board of the Caucus tomorrow (Tuesday, January 11) night. One caucus will be held at Village Hall and one will be held at the library. The buildings need to be open no later than 6:30 p.m. so people can get in there and sign in. If you plan to attend you need to be in attendance before 7:00 p.m. because the doors will be locked at 7:00. The election is the first Tuesday in April (April 5th).

Danny reminded Mayor that he needs to report if anyone is subject to reporting by February 1st. Mayor says he will give them a call.

Jim Gebel made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m., Larry Roop seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Washburn Village Clerk

Date