

## Village of Washburn

**Mayor**  
David Humphrey

February 8, 2010  
Monthly Board Minutes

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

**Village Clerk**  
Linda Gebel

**Village Treasurer**  
Cheri Delap

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

**Chief of Police**  
Craig Rutledge

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

Minutes from last months meeting were looked at. Larry Roop made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Jim Gebel seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Humphrey read a thank you note sent from the Sun Foundation for our donation. The bills were reviewed and it was noted that our credit card bills needed to be paid, before our board meetings, so we won't have to pay a late fee. Jim Gebel made a motion to let Cheri pay the bills when they were due until we can get the due date changed later in the month. Larry Roop seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

The mayor asked if anyone wished to address the board. Shane Schup reported to the board that his house was vandalized in July of 2009. He lives at 219 E Chestnut and is going to court over this in March. After checking numerous times with the police chief and the states attorney to see if the report had been written and filed, Mr. Schup felt it took to long. He also feels the boys should receive some kind of punishment for their actions. The board agreed with him and suggested to the chief that he get the reports written and turned in in a timely fashion.

Larry Roop asked about a bill from Danny which was sent to the chief on racial profiling. Danny stated that he just started doing that. He wants to be sure it gets done. Now it has been posted on the Municipal Calendar. The chief said this has been done in the past. This way there is a paper trail to show it's been done. Linda Silver remarked that it should show that it's in effect from Jan. through Dec. Also Larry Roop mentioned he thought there had been a mix-up in the publishing of a public notice. Danny had paid the bill and then the village reimbursed Danny. Danny has been publishing these documents so that he knows it's been done. The clerk has been recording the published document, so it will be in our records. Some of the board members feel that the clerk should publish the ordinances. Therefore Danny said he would see that the clerk received copies to publish. From now on the village clerk will publish the ordinances.

**STREETS:** Mark and Jim went around and got a count on the traffic signs in our town. Our county is going to order in bulk, which will save us \$4 or \$5 per sign.

Alexander St is due to be oil and chipped this season. Also it is about 18 ft wide and they want to widen it to 20 ft. It only needs widened at a point about 40 or 50 feet long.

We need to vote on a resolution to use MFT funds for fixing our streets. The resolution 10-04 was made into a motion by Jim Gebel to accept spending \$32,916.85 from our MFT funds to fix our streets. Larry Roop seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

**WATER/SEWER:** Bill Strauch said our grant didn't go through. Jim Cummings explained the workings of the grants to be applied for. We need to do another survey. We were able to use the last survey for 5 yrs. We will start the new survey in May.

The new water rates went out. The government set these rates.

**POLICE:** The committee decided to go with animal control assistance in an intergovernmental agreement. There will be a \$50 charge, plus the owners of the animal will pay a fine. If a dog bites someone, they'll have to come. Linda Silver made a motion to do this and Jim Gebel seconded, all ayes, motion carried. The cameras are up and running in the squad cars. The police policy and procedure manual is going to be upgraded.

The police report was read.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** No report.

**LIBRARY:** Our board is pleased with the agreement Larry Roop worked out with the Illinois District Public Library board. July 1<sup>st</sup> starts a new fiscal year with them.

**INSURANCE & TIF:** No report, however, Cheri will send some information to Mr. Jacobs for TIF to be filed with the state. It has to come from the auditor.

**PARK:** We're going to take bids for the mowing of our park this summer. Bids will be opened at the next board meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Nothing to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Are we going to renew the agreement on our empty lots to be farmed? Lots # 4, 6, and 7 are left to sell.

Larry Roop made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Jim Gebel. All ayes, motion carried.

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Washburn Village Clerk

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