

Village of Washburn

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February 11th, 2013
Monthly Board Minutes

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

The January meeting minutes were reviewed. Larry R made a motion to approve the minutes, Ed seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Mr. Steve Klein was here representing the Economic Development Group. They provide services to the community regarding TIF. He has an ordinance to terminate an amendment regarding an agreement with the Lowpoint Washburn School District. The TIF District was established in 1999. The village entered into an inter-governmental agreement with the school at that time. The agreement was meant to reimburse a portion of the TIF monies back to the school. Steve then gave some background info on how the school district receives money from the TIF District and also state aid. In 2005, the school board requested an amendment adding language to the effect that in any year the school is in the "Hold Harmless" level there would be an additional clause to let them receive additional funds to make up for the monies that they didn't receive in state aid. For several years the school wasn't in the Hold Harmless category but the village paid the extra money anyway. Now, however the state has actually done away with the Hold Harmless category. So the ordinance would terminate the amendment. Steve then talked a bit more on the subject. Larry R made a motion to approve Ordinance 13-1 with the stipulation we will reimburse the school the amounts per recommendation for this year, Rob seconded it. A roll call vote was taken and resulted in all ayes, motion carried. Larry then made a motion for a permanent transfer of \$51,842.50 from the TIF Fund to Corporate, Randy seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Mayor asked if anyone from the audience had any questions for the board. Raymon Kull wanted to talk about the lawn care mowing bid at Half Moon Park. He is the father of the Kull boys that run J&J Lawn Care. He said his kids were 15 & 16 years old when they started mowing. He mentioned that they donated hours to help get the ballpark back in shape, etc. He doesn't think the decision should be based upon a coin toss. He thinks it should be based upon a pass of the hat type vote. Matt with Ulrich Lawn Care Inc. wanted to state that he knows in the past the decision was based on a coin toss. This would further be discussed during the parks discussion.

STREETS: Larry T said Clint spread cinders with the tractor and it's leaving them in clumps. He said the little truck doesn't have a spreader and the one on the big truck is broken. Clint gave him an estimate for a spreader for the 1-ton if we are interested. It was decided we would table this until September for next winter, but we will look at it to put it in the budget.

It was also said that the committee came to the conclusion that Clint is getting held back. The committee has decided to break-up the two jobs for 60 days to see if that makes things come along better. Mark will be in charge of the water/sewer and Clint will take care of the streets. Basically Clint will no longer answer to Mark.

It was mentioned Ward called today regarding MFT. Judd said they currently don't have a plan yet because they don't have any numbers available yet. It was also mentioned that it was agreed to reimburse Clint \$50 on his cell phone bill during this 60 day trial run.

WATER/SEWER: Judd was here. He provided some handouts with pictures of the water plant. It's rusting, cluttered, etc. He gave a list of recommendations to get the plant cleaned up. To complete this we are looking at \$200,000-\$250,000. This would include the chemicals we already plan on utilizing.

Randy asked what kind of timeframes this would be. Judd said the design could take about 2 months then it would need to be bid. Then the work should take a couple of months to complete.

With the TIF money we have and the monies that are budgeted we think this is a do-able project.

Mayor said there are a few water improvement grants available.

Ed said it something they feel pretty strongly about doing. Larry R said he feels the present board feels strongly about getting the water treatment plant cleaned up and to get it properly maintained.

Ed mentioned he found out on Saturday that the roof is leaking over above the aerator. Fixing this should be kept separate from the other clean-up project. We need to get the leaky roof fixed.

Ed made a motion to let the engineering firm draw up the plans for this project for \$21,000, Larry R seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Danny spoke regarding sewer rates. Bud would like to come to next month's committee meeting and speak. Danny gave a sheet that stated the proposed increased sewer rates.

POLICE: Rob made a motion to transfer \$9,200 from corporate to police, Ed seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Jeff provided section 1 (of 84) of the policy procedure for all officers to follow.

Jeff then gave his monthly police report.

Jeff mentioned they've been talking about revising an ordinance regarding towing & impoundment for suspended or revoked license or DUI. The village can give a fine of up to \$600. He's spoke to a few surrounding towns about it. He has some forms drawn up and says he'd like to talk about it. Danny asked him several questions regarding this and Jeff will look into it.

Jeff also talked about updating Windows on the computer. It's really outdated...from 2003. The printer and fax machine are also very old. To replace Windows would be over \$100. We could get a refurbished CPU with everything Jeff would need for \$360. We could also get a refurbished fax/printer combo for \$160. We would have some money available in the Police Equipment Fund. Larry R made a motion to purchase a computer, printer office product and anti-virus software not to exceed \$800, Rob seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Rob mentioned Jeff has a female officer interested in working part-time for the village. Jeff worked with her in Toluca and has had a lot of good compliments about her. She lives in the Toluca area so she would be fairly quickly accessible. She's been part-time trained. Jeff thinks she would be a good asset to have on our team.

INSURANCE & TIF: Nothing to report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Nothing to report.

LIBRARY: Nothing to report.

PARK: Rob said they had a meeting and opened the mowing bids and it came to a tie. Rob said he been thinking a lot about what happened with the coin toss. He talked a little on the subject. He said he did the coin toss at the meeting and it landed for Ulrich Lawn Care Inc. The bid was a tie at \$4,250. Rob made a motion for the mowing of 2013 go to Ulrich Lawn Care Inc, Randy seconded it. Ed abstained from the vote. There was then a brief discussion. All ayes, motion carried.

Next there was a discussion about the building. Ed got a hold of our engineer. It is possible to get it done. Judd spoke briefly about the requirements we need to follow based upon the flood zone. Jon Schumacher is going to start working with Rob and the committee to get the ball rolling on this.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing.

Larry R made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m., seconded. All ayes, motion carried.