

Village of Washburn

Mayor
David Humphrey

March 8, 2010
Monthly Board Minutes

Board of Trustees
James Gebel
Larry Roop
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 recited. Roll call was taken: all members were present.

The February meeting minutes were reviewed and then Jim Gebel made the motion to approve the minutes, Larry Roop seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Nate Swanson opened the mowing bids for Half-Moon Prairie Park. In the order the envelopes were opened: Gary Malec, \$5,500.00; Gretchen Strauch volunteered to mow and take care of the Elias Memorial Park uptown; Tri-County Tractor Mowing, out of Morton, sent a letter about mowing equipment; Jack Zawinski from Varna offered to mow the park 20 times for \$5,000.00 or \$250.00 each time; Justin and Jarrod Kuhl \$4,650.00; J B Lawn Mowing Service \$6,000.00; and Jay Feazel \$4,650.00. It was agreed to accept one of the two low bids. Insurance is required and the horseshoe pits also need mowed. Dave Humphrey suggested flipping a coin. Jim Gebel said he'd flip the coin, the Kuhl boys called tails and it landed tails. The board made a motion to accept the Kuhl boys bid.

STREETS: Resolution 10-4 was approved by IDOT, for spending about \$50,000.00 of MFT funds. This money will be spent in 2010 for oil and chipping our streets. The bid letting will be opened on April 1st, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. at city hall.

Clean up day will be on May 19th. There will be dumpsters on the lot south of the town library. Clean up day bids will be opened on April 1st, 2010 at about 10:15 A.M.

WATER/SEWER: The committee had a meeting and talked about the reports Bill Strauch got back from the company which checked out the filter in the water plant.

POLICE: Craig went to a police meeting in Springfield. He has been working on getting rid of the garbage at the house on the corner of Walnut and Garfield streets. He talked to the bank, which holds the deed, and to the lawyers involved in the house. If we have to, we'll clean it up and put a lien on the property. The monthly police report was read by Linda Silver.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: The committee met to discuss the Snyder Village property. Keith Swartzendruber and Brian Johnson wanted to talk to the economic committee, our mayor, and our zoning officer on said subject.

A gentleman from Henry wanted information on our lots in the Industrial Park. Larry Tomlinson told him some of our rules and regulations for the park. He hasn't contacted Larry since then.

Larry Roop said he'd help keep our website updated.

LIBRARY: No report. He hopes to meet with Metamora next month.

INSURANCE & TIF: No report.

PARK: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS: Our farm lease contract had been with Gary Grebner. He was not interested this year. Our new contract will be with Lance White. Nate Swanson made the motion to sign the contract, Bill Strauch seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Linda Gebel told the board she was resigning, stating her doctor advised this. Mayor Humphrey said he appreciated all the years Linda gave to the town.

Mayor Humphrey asked Becky Ulrich to possibly take the clerks position. Becky came to the meeting and said she was interested in the job. A roll call vote was taken. There were three ayes, two nays, and one abstaining. The motion to have Becky be the new clerk passed. Becky was sworn in.

Nate Swanson made a motion to pay Linda Gebel for one more month while Linda shows Becky some of the jobs that she'll have to do. Larry Roop seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

In order for Becky Ulrich, Dave Humphrey, and Linda Silver to be allowed to sign checks for all village accounts, and get into the village lock box, when necessary, it must be voted on and written in the minutes. Jim Gebel made a motion for this, and Larry Tomlinson seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Humphrey got a request for a renewal of a liquor license, a class "B" from Casey's, and all members agreed to the renewal.

In April the board will be reviewing the budget. They will meet to agree on a budget to be voted on at the May 2010 meeting.

Larry Roop made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel and Linda Silver seconded. Roll call vote was taken, all ayes. Adjourn from regular session to go into executive session.

After the board returned from executive session to regular session again, nothing more was discussed.

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

Washburn Village Clerk

Date