Village of Washburn Executive Board Meeting Minutes March 10, 2008

Trustees

MayorBridgit MarquezJ. GebelL. GebelClerkMindy KallalM. MitchellL. SilverTreasurerChad DegenhartL. TomlinsonM. Zulz

Executive session was called to order at 8:25pm.

Jim & Linda Gebel are abstaining from this discussion.

Linda Silver brought the following information to the board concerning Chief Murrah:

- 1. At the police committee meeting, Chief Murrah was caught lying on tape about the following. Chief had a new camera installed in the marked squad car. The car was back on January 28th. Chief made the decision to have the camera put in, though the camera was free there was a charge of \$230 for installation. The first week of February Tim Ford brought to Linda's attention that the camera was not being used. Linda Silver asked Craig Rutledge how he liked the new camera after this and he said it would be great if it worked. There is a vault in the trunk that holds the tapes and there is no key to it. He said that he had told Chief about it and nothing had been done. When Linda asked Chief about this at committee meeting he said it was working fine. Linda asked if there was a key to open the vault and Chief said that he had it. Linda then asked him to go open the vault. At this point he called Craig to ask about the problem. Chief said that he was unaware of this problem. He then said he would go over to Reagans right away to get a key but Reagans only has a master key that the village would not have access to.
- 2. After asking Chief for 5 or 6 months to have calls forwarded to Woodford County Dispatch instead of using the answering machine Linda called and had it done. Linda said that now chief is not answering the phone even when he is there because he wanted to avoid telemarketer calls. Linda suggested calling to have the departments number removed from the call list. Woodford County sees this as an abuse of the system because of the number of telemarketing calls they are receiving.
- 3. Chief was written up because he allowed Hannah Fuchs (not covered under insurance) to drive one of the squad car back from Kline's.
- 4. Linda had to finally issue a memo to get the evidence room cleaned up after months of asking.
- 5. Linda is finding discrepancies between when the chief is saying he is working and when dispatch has him clocked in.
- 6. Linda reminded Chief that he as well as the others in the police department were supposed to be using the time clock by the next pay period. Kelly said, "I don't want to hear about that time clock." Linda gave him a memo to this effect and that if he needed assistance in using it she would show him how. All police employees were using the time clock by the next pay period.

Linda wanted to bring this before the board so that they are aware of what is going on. She is recommending termination and the board, excluding Jim & Linda Gebel, is backing her.

Danny told Linda to contact state's attorney to see if they are satisfied with his case preparation. Danny will review his contract to look for cause in firing him.

Motion was made by Larry Tomlinson and 2nd by Marty Mitchell to return to regular session. Exited executive session at 10:25 pm.