

Village of Washburn

Mayor

David Humphrey

Village Clerk

Becky Ulrich

Village Treasurer

Cheri Delap

Water/Sewer/Street Department

Mark Frerichs

March 11th, 2013
Monthly Board Minutes

Board of Trustees

Edward Grebner
Randy Ragains
Larry Roop
Robert Stanfield
Nate Swanson
Larry Tomlinson

Chief of Police

Jeff Moline

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

The February meeting minutes were reviewed. Ed made a motion to approve the minutes, Rob seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Mayor asked if anyone from the audience had any questions for the board. Rob Lear was here representing a new organization in town called Sons of American Legion. Any son or grandson of a Legion member can join. They are trying to get their name out. They wondered how they could get their name out in the community and thought about maybe they could get involved with the Town wide clean up/Junk Day. The Junk Days have been set for Saturday, May 18th 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 21st 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The drop off area will be the old Strong Oil lot, same as last year.

Larry T made a motion to approve the MFT Fund Resolution R13-2 and hire SG&A to do it. Nate seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

STREETS: Larry T said he wants to get bids for spray patching and seal coating out.

Ed also mentioned we need to get bids out for fixing the roof over the water plant.

Larry talked about the snow removal for the last snow we had. He said they didn't do too bad of a job. We did have one complaint from a citizen because they dumped the excess snow down at Half Moon Park. We have told the town employees in the past not to dump the snow down at Half Moon, that it needs to be dumped at the Industrial Park. Larry said once the snow melts he will have to send the employees down there to clean up the rocks/mess from them dumping it down there.

WATER/SEWER: Ed said that Bud Mason was at the committee meeting to talk about the sewer rates. The information he provided was a bit shocking. The committee has come to the conclusion they would like to hold a public meeting. Ed asked Cheri if she could put a note on April water bills about the upcoming meeting. We are thinking of holding the meeting either April 15th or April 22nd. We need to check with the school and see what date would work with them to hold the meeting in the gym.

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

Jeff has been busy working on the policy manual. It's currently about half done.

Jeff said he had a problem trying to test the warning siren on the first Tuesday of the month. He tried setting it off three times and failed each time. He contacted Ragan Communications and they seem to think it may need to be reset because of the recent narrow banding we did.

Jeff gave the monthly police report.

Jeff also mentioned that he was asked if the police station would like to be a drop off point for left over prescription

drugs, rather than people flushing them or dumping them. The board agreed it was a good idea.

Cheri mentioned she's contacted MediaCom to disconnect the cable service but we are not on their top priority list because it's a free service to us. There was a short discussion on the disconnection.

INSURANCE & TIF: Nothing to report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Randy's been in contact with Melissa Brown in Eureka. They are talking about an Economic Development program. The cost to join would be \$500-\$600 per year to participate. Randy also said there is another option with a Ms. Engle though U of I. They offer the same/similar service for free. He would like her to come up and do a walk through of the town.

LIBRARY: Nothing to report. Randy did mention the last snowfall there was quite a bit of snow on the roof at the library. All of it gradually slid down and put a lot of weight on the gutters and that could be a liability. We may need to look into getting something done about that.

PARK: Nothing.

OLD BUSINESS: The budget needs to be passed at the next board meeting. Cheri said she has a rough draft that Larry R gave her and it looks pretty good.

NEW BUSINESS: Becky asked a couple of question regarding the public risk contacts and taxing jurisdiction.

Danny said that Good Energy is having a luncheon tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. at the Gate Way Building. If anyone is interested in going it is free of charge and all are welcome to attend.

Larry R made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., Rob seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Washburn Village Clerk

Date