

Village of Washburn

Mayor
David Humphrey

March 12, 2012
Monthly Board Minutes

Board of Trustees
Edward Grebner
Randy Ragains
Larry Roop
Robert Stanfield
Bill Strauch
Nate Swanson

Village Clerk
Becky Ulrich

Village Treasurer
Cheri Delap

Water/Sewer/Street Department
Mark Frerichs

Chief of Police
Craig Rutledge

Mayor David Humphrey called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken: Bill, Ed, Randy and Larry were present; Rob and Nate were absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

Rob joined the meeting.

Mayor Humphrey then opened the meeting to the audience. Officer Cunningham wanted to know, on request of his attorney, why he wasn't offered an informal or formal hearing. Danny asked if he is requesting a hearing and Officer Cunningham said yes he was. Danny told Officer Cunningham to have his attorney send Danny something and he will get something started.

STREETS: It was mentioned that the yield signs that were changed to Stop signs have been once again replaced with yield signs.

Ed said he spoke with Mark regarding his work ethic. Rob asked Danny if he could provide Mark with a formal letter stating his contract is up. He's been verbally told but hasn't received anything formal in writing.

It was mentioned that the committee is now in the process of rewriting Mark's job description. They have let Mark know that his job description will be changing. It was also mentioned that Mark is aware that the board is aware that his performance is lacking.

Ed said they also discussed the prospect of Clint taking over for Mark in the future. Ed has asked Mark for his thoughts/opinion of this and he hasn't given a very straight answer about Clint's job performance/capabilities. Ed suggested that we work with another area municipality, i.e. Metamora, to see if Clint can come and work with them for a couple of weeks to see if we can get an unbiased opinion on Clint's performance. We would still pay him to go and job shadow with the other municipality. It was also brought up that maybe Mark is holding Clint back and enabling him to reach his full potential. Mayor thinks this is a good idea and we should first talk with Clint and see what he has to say.

The cross walk at the Legion was also discussed. Ed said that man he needs to talk to is out of the office until this coming Wednesday so there isn't any news on that.

Ed asked Judd if he had anything to speak on? He didn't. Ed asked Judd if he could get an estimate of the spray patching for this year.

WATER/SEWER: Bill talked about hydrant flushing. He wants Mark to get on them soon because the water has been getting kind of smelly. He said he would like him to get on a cycle of three times per year. Right now Bill thinks that it's maybe only twice per year.

Bill asked Mark about the water flow meter again but Mark hasn't heard anything back from his contact.

They also mentioned something to Mark about the concrete at the lagoon. Bill says there's some extra here in town that he could use it if need be.

POLICE: Larry made a motion to transfer \$6,600 from the corporate fund to the police fund, Ed seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Larry mentioned that the hiring process is on hold until we hire a chief of police. There is an application is out there for a chief and will be until the end of March. There was some discussion about the hiring process.

Larry said Craig did not get a policy in place for the storm warning siren before he left. Larry is working on talking with Woodcom and ESDA to get something in place. He also needs to talk to Jesse about it.

INSURANCE & TIF: Randy said he's trying to get recommendations from people in the insurance business. He's gotten some info/contacts and have tried contacting some but is waiting to hear back. He would like to get three or four insurance quotes.

Randy also mentioned he is going to try and see if we can get some reimbursement for Craig's insurance since he's no longer with us.

Randy has been looking around town for some TIF opportunities. He's trying to see what we can improve upon. He's gathering some info right now.

Danny said regarding the lending institution that wants us to participate with them, he can't find anything that says we can invest with them. It would be illegal for us to invest with a non-FDIC insured lender and this would have not been.

Cheri provided everyone with copies of last years budget and where we are with this year's budget so far. She wants to get any recommendations for the board to see if we need to pull monies from one place and put it in another or what categories are on track, etc. If everyone could take a look at it and let her know if there's anything coming up for the next fiscal year she would appreciate it. The budget needs to be passed at the April meeting, if not we will have to have a special meeting because it needs to be approved by April 30th or no bills can be paid in May.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Nate was absent.

LIBRARY: Ed received a phone call saying the library had some bad lights, and those have been fixed.

Ed also got a note from Mark regarding the roof missing some shingles. The roof is getting to be in pretty bad shape. Ed is looking into some options.

PARK: Rob made a motion to give the Summer Rec program a donation of \$1,500, Larry seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Dave gave Danny an ordinance regarding dog catching. Danny said there's nothing we can pass tonight but he'll look into it.

Danny didn't have anything else to discuss.

Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m., Ed seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Washburn Village Clerk

Date