

Village of Washburn

Mayor
David Humphrey

April 11, 2011
Monthly Board Minutes

Board of Trustees
James Gebel
Larry Roop
Linda Silver
Bill Strauch
Nate Swanson
Larry Tomlinson

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: all members except Jim Gebel were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The March meeting minutes were reviewed, no corrections were needed. Larry Roop made the motion to approve the minutes, Larry Tomlinson seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

The bills were reviewed. Larry Roop made a motion to pay the bills, Linda Silver seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Humphrey mentioned he received a Thank You letter from Lowpoint Washburn High School for the Post Prom donation.

Mayor also mentioned that he received some information from Woodford County regarding the seal coating of bridges. The letter mentioned the bridge by the golf course and the one on Church Street. Mayor thought maybe we could ask the people who do the streets through MFT to do it. He mentioned that this is nothing that needs to be done right away but should be talked about with the streets committee.

Mayor Humphrey opened the meeting to the audience. No one from the audience wished to address the board.

STREETS: Larry Roop had received two bids for the clean up days. One from LaRose Disposal for \$140/roll-off plus a landfill fee of \$47. The second bid was from Harold Tomlinson for \$125/roll-off plus a landfill fee of \$46. Tomlinson also submitted a second bid to include "manning the site" for an extra fee of \$75/day. Roop made a motion to accept the Harold Tomlinson Disposal bid for the two clean up days, including the extra \$75/day manning fee, Linda Silver seconded it. All ayes, with the exception of Larry Tomlinson who abstained, motion carried. The clean up days are set for Wednesday, May 25 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 24 from 7:00 a.m. to noon.

Next Larry mentioned that he talked with Lee Grebner regarding the Police Department roof. Lee said it's in pretty bad shape and should be replaced. He said he would give us a quote but we haven't received anything yet. Larry said we also want to get some additional quotes from some "commercial" contractors.

The Salvation Army will be coming this Saturday, April 16 to do some clean up for us. So far we have not received a lot of suggestions for work for them. We plan to have them walk the streets and clean up the trash, also possibly scoop some excess gravel from the curbing. We received notification from them that they will be changing the hours they will be here from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. to 12:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Larry also mentioned we received something from Simon regarding MFT saying we didn't have the paperwork filled out correctly so we need to resign and submit it.

WATER/SEWER: Larry Tomlinson said Mark finally got the pump at the lagoon back in the track.

Larry also said that during the committee meeting Linda mentioned that there is some brush growing up in the sewer lagoon. Mark is supposed to be getting that taken care of by pulling it out. Mark has said that he has had to pull it out before.

Larry mentioned that there is a water valve leaking on State & Adams. Mark was supposed to take care of it today. It looks like he got started on it but its not completed.

POLICE: Nate Swanson brought up the storm siren again. He said that Mark got it fixed. Now we just need to figure out who is going to activate it. Maybe someone with the Fire Department? It was mentioned that we need to come up with a policy. It was also mentioned that it would be nice to have some kind of automated warning system. Chief Rutledge is currently looking into the possibilities. He talked with someone at Ragan and they said our siren is too out-dated to have an automated system. To get a new siren would cost between \$20,000 - \$25,000.

INSURANCE & TIF: Nothing to report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Linda Silver said that the new sign at the Industrial park is up. Martins came and installed the new sign and removed the old one for \$375.

Linda also mentioned that a 30-foot culvert has been installed at the Industrial Park. Now we need to figure out how to secure it. She got a couple of quotes for a lockable gate. The first is from Security Fence for \$1,279. The second is from Peoria Fence for \$1,459. Both quotes are for the exact same gating system. It was mentioned that we could install a cable of some kind on our own, but that is a hazard. The plan is to eventually fence the entire area in so it makes sense to install a gate now. Larry Roop made a motion to have a gate installed with Security Fence for \$1,279, Bill Strauch seconded it. All ayes, motion carried. Linda will contact them.

Next Linda mentioned that she and Jim Gebel have been going around trying to find a place to plant 37 trees. Some of the trees have already been planted and the remainder should be planted by this weekend. She mentioned we also need to figure out how the watering of the trees is going to work. Linda talked with Lee Grebner and he said we could borrow his water tank to have Clint do the watering. The trees must be watered 2 times/week for 3-5 minutes/tree. We paid approximately \$7,000 for these trees so we want to make sure we take good care of them.

Finally Linda spoke about needing to come up with a vision for our town for the future. Where do we want to be in 5 years, 10 years? We need to have something out there to offer people/businesses.

Nate asked about removing the realtor sign out by Snyder Village. The sign has fallen over and is breaking apart. Linda has already called them with some suggestions. They said they would take care of it.

LIBRARY: Larry had nothing new to report. He said the Agreement seems to be working. However, he did receive an email today saying that the election judges over-flowed the bucket under the sink. Larry contacted Mark to take a look at it, and it's already been taken care of.

PARK: Bill Strauch said there wasn't a meeting. However, he did mention that Kull's have been down there and have started cleaning up already.

UPDATES FROM DANNY: Danny didn't have any updates for the board.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mayor Humphrey mentioned that he was asked to schedule a special meeting to discuss the budget. A Special Budget Meeting has will take place on Monday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. Danny doesn't need to attend. Becky should attend to take notes. Mayor asked if anyone plans on changing anything big? No one responded with anything.

Larry Roop made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m., Larry Tomlinson seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Washburn Village Clerk

Date