

Village of Washburn

Mayor
David Humphrey

June 8th, 2009
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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor David Humphrey at 7 p.m. Role call was taken by the clerk. The following board members were present: James Gebel, Larry Roop, Linda Silver, Bill Strauch, Nate Swanson, and Larry Tomlinson.

The May regular meeting minutes were read. James Gebel made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Larry Roop seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by James Gebel to approve paying the bills, Nate Swanson seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Mayor David Humphrey asked if anyone wished to speak: Mike Grebner asked the board to accept variance and plat for 2 lots. This was discussed at great length. The board took a ten minute recess for Trustee Larry Roop to go see the property being discussed. The meeting was resumed at 7:45 p.m. It was decided they could vote on a plat but not a variance tonight. Mike can then take the plat to the zoning board for approval or rejection. Nate Swanson made the motion to approve the plat and Bill Strauch seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Mayor Humphrey abstained.

Cheri Delap asked to speak. She wanted to resign from her treasurers job, but keep the water position. Mayor Humphrey told Cheri he wanted a chance to talk to her about it. Give us a month to work on it.

Linda Gebel mentioned the Farmer's Market, and that we need to contact Carl Tomlinson about using the beer garden at the American Legion for this. Also to contacts Nate and Jeremy Haycraft about them bringing produce and hopefully anyone else who wants to bring produce, baked goods, canned goods, etc. Linda Gebel will stay the contact.

The internet company, Maxis, who has their equipment on the Washburn Bank tower, would like the board to consider putting their equipment on the water tower. It's a possibility that the bank may want to get rid of their towers. Maxis is supposed to provide us with a contract to review. Larry Roop was asked to look into this.

Street Committee Report: James Gebel made a motion that we accept a resolution to close Rt. 89 from 12:00 p.m. on August 11, 2009 to 12:00 p.m. on August 16, 2009. Larry Tomlinson seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

The street and water department are looking for a part-time helper. James Gebel made the motion stating if someone is found for the job before our July meeting, the board approves the hiring of said person. Nate Swanson seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Water/sewer Committee Report: Clara Grebner still has not contacted Danny Re: letter. Alvin Grebner says that he wants the village to maintain the pumps for Clara's house and the house next to it. Bill Strauch will get more information on the lift pumps for the sewer for these two properties and follow the EPA rules on these. Also, Bill plans to check over water

equipment and try to finish hooking up the homes. The government wants these done ASAP. Bill is also going to try working on the hole in the alley behind city hall.

Police Committee Report: The bids for our old police car were opened on June 4th, 2009. The highest bid was from Russell Hasty for \$1,603.54. The committee accepted his bid.

We need to purchase a new radar gun.

When the new security codes come in, they will be given to all the board members and other employees.

Finance/Insurance – no meeting.

Economic Development – no meeting.

TIF – no meeting.

Library – no meeting.

Park – Nate Swanson looked at getting an AED machine for Half Moon Park. Mayor Humphrey thinks we may not need this. Danny will check into this and let us know before July 1st, 2009. James Gebel made a motion that if Danny says the law is we have to have one by July 1st, 2009, then, we'll purchase it. Larry Roop seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Mayor David Humphrey stated that every year we have to vote on retaining our city employees. Therefore, James Gebel made a motion to rehire all employees; Mark Frerichs, Craig Rutledge, and Cheri Delap. Linda Silver seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

A resolution was made to retain Dan Schroeder as our legal council. The motion was made by, James Gebel with Nate Swanson seconding. All ayes, motion carried.

The board had to vote on the 2009 Prevailing Wage Resolution. James Gebel made the motion. Larry Roop seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

The mayor, David Humphrey, and the clerk, Linda Gebel, will sign the checks for the village. Village trustee, Linda Silver, will be the back-up signer in case the mayor or clerk is gone. James Gebel made this motion. Larry Tomlinson seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

The board discussed reviewing Executive Session Minutes and need to decide which ones to release. Bill Strauch made a motion that we review them every four months. James Gebel seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Larry Roop made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry Tomlinson seconded. All ayes, meeting adjourned.