

Village of Washburn

Mayor
David Humphrey

June 11, 2012
Monthly Board Minutes

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

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

The bills were reviewed. Ed had a question about paying the old zoning officer for a new permit that was given. Shouldn't the money have gone to the new zoning officer? Ryan and Mike were both in the audience and said they spoke about the subject and they were both ok with that arrangement. Ed said he was fine with it too, just wanted to make sure they were both ok with it. Randy made a motion to pay the bills, Ed seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Mayor did mention that James West of 108 W Woodford called and complained about the old Dr office lot. He lives next door and is complaining about the tall grass and brush. He's seen opossums and would like to see it cleaned up. Ed said there are several other lots in town that's not being mowed. Danny said if he could get the addresses he would get a letter drawn up and sent out to the owners warning them. Ed and Larry both said Mark has mowed several locations a few times this season already.

Mayor also mentioned we received a note from the festival Committee asking to pay for the port-a-potties. The estimate is around \$600. We've done this in years past. Rob made a motion to go ahead and pay for the port-a-potties for the festival, Nate seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

STREETS: Bill wasn't present. Ed said he talked with Mark about going ahead and getting the crosswalk put in. He also mentioned they talked about spending some sidewalk money to do some repairs near the grade school on State Street. Ed is going to talk with Bill and get something sent out for sidewalk repairs.

The grinding of the alley bids were left last week. Ed doesn't have that info, our engineer does but he said the bids came in under what the engineer estimated.

Larry mentioned they also talked about the workers not logging their work correctly/truthfully. There seems to be some type of issue/attitude. Mayor said he can talk to them if need be.

Ed asked if Mark can fix the small areas of sidewalk that need repairing? Yes.

Rob also said the Christian Church asked if they could have the front of their parking area done when their street gets spray patched/chipped. Mayor said we try and help the churches out whenever we can so if we can do this without using a ton of money to go ahead and do so.

Ward came in and talked about the tilling of the alleys. Ward said he'll take charge of coordinating between the two companies to get the roads and alleys done.

Mayor said Gene Weiss got a hold of him to talk about the possible pond at the Industrial Park. There was some discussion regarding this.

The numbers from the junk day for spring were in. Last year we spent \$1,571.78 and this year we spent \$1,776.53.

The tonnage did go up a little bit this year over last year. Also there were eight containers transported this year and only six last year.

WATER/SEWER: Ed said Mel Winkler had a sewer problem at his house. The problem is at a joint right on the break of Village property and homeowner property. Ed told Mark to go ahead and take care of it.

It was mentioned that Mark said he is going to start doing hydrants flushes this week.

Ed also mentioned that we've had several complaints regarding the smell, color and quality of our water. Mark's tests are ok but there are several other tests that could be done to look for other bacteria, etc in the water. Ed recommends getting it tested further. The cost would be around \$100/test for three samples. Ward said Judd is the water expert and he'll let him know we are wanting some stuff done. Ed then made a motion to have Judd take some samples and have them sent in and tested to try and see what we can do to improve the quality of the, Larry seconded it.

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

Rob asked if everyone had seen the offer Dave made for the chief position. Everyone said they are ok with it as it's a good starting point.

Danny said that Jim Cunningham's lawyer still wants a peace hearing. We need to set a date with the Police committee. July 5th at 6:00 during the monthly police committee meeting

INSURANCE & TIF: Ed said that at last month's meeting it's typical to give raises and if we did we could make them retro active. Well that creates a big headache with paperwork for Cheri. Ed wondered if we are just giving them cost of living raises should we go ahead and do it now to alleviate paperwork later on? There was some discussion regarding this. Ed then said let's table this discussion for now and Larry agrees.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Randy said they didn't really have a meeting. He said that Mr. Craig came to us with interest in buying a lot at the industrial park. It's a triangular lot with two waterways. It's probably not a build able lot. There's two issues involving this. The Corner Corral wants to buy lot #8 to develop their sewer system and possibly put a beer garden on it. Corner Corral wants to know if we can directional bore? If we did Ed would recommend boring a 4" pipe instead of 1 ½ " for future purposes. If we do sell lot #8 Corner Corral agrees to annex into the village. The offer from potential buyer is \$1,000 and annex in at liquor license renewal time (April 2013). Or he would agree to annex in now if we would drop the price of the lot because he'll have to re-do his liquor license and cost that he just bought. There was some discussion regarding this. Ed made a motion to table this until next month, Larry seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

LIBRARY: Nothing to report

PARK: Nothing to report.

OTHER BUSINESS: Danny has the Prevailing Wage Resolution that needs to be passed. Nate made a motion to pass R12-03, Rob seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Nate also made a motion to pass Ordinance 12-02, Ed seconded it. All ayes, except Randy, motion carried.

The board also needs to pass Ordinance 12-03 authorizing the hiring of part-time police officers. We can't be reimbursed for any police training unless we have this ordinance passed. Larry motioned to pass Ordinance 12-03, Ed seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Danny had a question regarding the new wave of electronic gambling. Has anyone given this any thought? It will probably be coming so it's something we need to look at. Danny said that it's a moneymaker for the community so it's something we should think about.

Mayor mentioned the state revoked Los Jimadores liquor license; therefore we had to suspend ours.

Ryan Damerell took oath of office for the Zoning Officer position.

Mike Silver took oath of office for Zoning Board member.

Larry mentioned last month about the ordinance book is a “draft” and not an official copy. What do we need to do to make that copy official? Mayor said we just have to motion to make it the final copy. Larry said he wouldn’t approve that because the point of making it a draft was to get it reviewed and corrected. Mayor said he’s looked at several pages. Nate also said he’s gone through about half of it and has notes on it that he can give to Larry. Mayor then said he’d review pages 1-30, Rob to review pages 31-60, Ed 61-90, 91-120, Larry 121-150, and Nate 151 through the end of the book.

Larry also mentioned he is going to work on the policy manual if anyone can come this Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

DANNY: Danny mentioned he was given a notice of a lien against us from OSF. Apparently it’s where Kenny Meinders received medical care. They put a lien against us incase we get sued regarding this case.

Nate made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m., Rob seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Washburn Village Clerk

Date