

Village of Washburn

Mayor
David Humphrey

June 13, 2011
Monthly Board Minutes

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Craig Rutledge

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

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

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

Cheri wanted to let the board know that from now on, we will be transferring funds from the Corporate fund to Police on a monthly basis. This will be a permanent transfer. We were originally planning to do this yearly but it is going to be a lot easier to track if we do it every month. It used to be this way a while back. Danny recommends adding it to the Police Committee meeting agenda to be discussed how much should be moved each month.

Mayor Humphrey opened the meeting to the audience.

Noonie Melvin was here representing Webb's Roadhouse. They want to know if they can close Francis Street in the Industrial Park for a poker run/car show & demonstration. The date is Sunday, June 26th 2:00 p.m. No one seemed to have a problem with this. She also wanted to know if the town had some small barricades they could use to block the streets? Noonie also said she would get some signs made to post on Rt 89 saying that the road would be closed ahead. Danny recommend that she just mention to the other businesses out there that the road will be closed but their businesses will still be accessible. Ed made a motion to allow them to close the road, Larry seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Hilary Aggrett was here representing Social Hosting. The students were unable to attend the meeting but she is here to let us know the students really want us to pass the Social Hosting Ordinance. They think it will cut down on peer pressure and that it will help make the parents/over 21 adults take more of the responsibility. Danny looked over the paperwork she provided last month and it looks fine. Danny had drawn up an Ordinance to be passed later.

Jimmy Cook was here to see if he could get a 3:00 a.m. liquor license during the Washburn Festival. Chief Rutledge doesn't see any problems with it. Jim also has a question regarding a culvert that was put in near his house at 408 W State Street. It's washing a lot of his driveway and the road away. Ed will take a look at it and see if we can come up with a reasonable solution. Rob made the motion to extend the liquor license Class A to 3:00 a.m. during the Festival, Ed seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Becky Ulrich, as a citizen of the village, address the board regarding the parking space in front of Duck Works. Within that space is the only ramp to cross the street there. The edge of the side walk is painted yellow as if it were a no parking space but there is not a no parking sign, nor is the space marked through so people continue to park there. It's very frustrating for families/children to try and cross the street there when cars are parking there. Should this be a no parking space or not? Nate also mentioned that if it wasn't a space it might help with the visibility coming off the street in front of the Post Office. Larry motioned to close the most southwest parking spot that incorporates the handicap ramp in front of the Duck Works, Ed seconded it. All ayes, motion carried. They will have Mark take care of this.

STREETS: Ed said that they talked about looking into putting in some sidewalks by the grade school to improve student traffic.

He also mentioned that the Road Oil contract has been put on suspension by IDOT. Simon is here to talk about it more. He said we basically have 2 options. The first option would be to skip the program this year and wait until

next year to do any work. We would still have to pay the engineer fees for the set-up and close of the program. They would charge the cheaper of the lump sum amount or the actual current chargeable man-hours accumulated thus far. The second option would be to re-bid. If we choose to re-bid Simon recommends doing so this Thursday and next Thursday and opening the bids on the 27th and holding a special meeting on that day to award the bid. The downside of doing this would be that the bids would probably be higher the second time around. Simon mentioned that the seal coating deadline is currently August 24th but they could extend that by a couple of weeks if we decide to re-bid. It was also mentioned that we could try and spray patch a few areas to try and hold it over better until next year. Simon did say that we could use MFT for spray patching if we wanted. The bid we have doesn't actually include spray patch in it but we have some money in our MFT program, approx \$3,500, for spray patching in this years program. If we go over that amount Simon said he could amend it. Ed made a motion to hold off for one year, pay the engineer fees and address any bad areas ourselves with spray-patching if need be, Larry seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Larry talked about the town junk day. He provided a handout showing the specific comparison between last year and this year, but this year actually cost more than last year. The total cost last year was \$998.75 and the total cost this year was \$1,646.78. Regardless, this is a substantial savings in comparison to years past.

WATER/SEWER: Bill talked about cleaning the brush and stuff out of the lagoon. He said they also asked Mark about letter we received last month from the EPA. Jim Cummings was there and gave Randy some information on past grants and stuff. We definitely need to get the weeds and stuff at the lagoon taken care of. Randy wants to know if he can set something up with Mark to take a look at/get a tour of the water treatment plant and lagoon? The other board members mentioned that this would be something they would be interested in also. Mayor said that he thought it was a great idea. Randy will set something up.

POLICE: They discussed the storm warning system. Chief Rutledge spoke with Ragan Communications and he's here to speak. Chris Cochran with Ragan Storm Communication said that basically our siren is too outdated and can't really get replacement parts, etc. He proposed two different types of sirens. He provided the board with some materials. The first is a 3-cell rotating siren. This is a more directional siren but can reach a larger area. The second is a 5-cell Onmi direction siren. It has 360 degree alert but doesn't have any morning parts. This one also has a speaker system that you can use to project with. Chris mentioned that both sirens are electrical, both work independently, and are 100% wireless to trip the siren. He said both sirens can be set up at current location or near the firehouse. Both units are run by a battery and are charged by the 110 current. Each battery can hold enough charge to blow for 40 minutes straight. He said that the batteries would need to be changed every 4 to 5 years. Both sirens have LED operational boxes on them and a silent test. He also mentioned they can be programmed with the county so that the county would be able to trip it also.

Danny asked if there are any grants available through Homeland Security? Mr. Cochran said maybe through the Department of Agriculture...it's a type of rural matching grant. Danny thought maybe since they are helping fund our sewer & water tower they may want to help out with it. We should contact them to see. Larry said we should take the info and discuss at the July committee meeting and have a recommendation at the July meeting. Mr. Cochran said they ship time is approx 10 weeks because they are built to spec out in Maryland.

Larry mentioned that they are taking a look at the Police Procedure Manual.

Larry also mentioned that Chief is wearing the new summer uniform shirt and they look nice.

It was mentioned that one of the window switches on a squad card had to be replaced because it wouldn't roll back up.

Larry also mentioned that we are taking a look at hiring a full-time officer instead of having so many part timers. They want to look at how that will work with the finances. Mayor recommends work with the Chief and bringing something back to the board.

Larry motioned to approve Ordinance R11-01 Social Hosting, Rob seconded it. A Roll call vote was taken: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Larry motioned to approve the amendment of Ordinance R11-02 regarding nuisance, repeat offenders, Nate seconded it. A Roll call vote was taken: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Both of these Ordinances need to be published.

Larry motioned to have a permanent transfer of \$12,000 from the Corporate Fund to the Police Fund, Nate seconded it. All ayes, motion carries.

INSURANCE & TIF: Nothing to report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: There was not a meeting but Nate mentioned that all the trees have been planted and Clint has been watering them.

LIBRARY: Nothing new to report.

PARK: Rob would like to motion to donate \$1,000 to Summer Rec. however after some discussion Rob motioned to donate \$1,500, Roop seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Rob also mentioned he talked with the Summer Rec. about possibly getting a permanent structure down there. There is a sewer hook-up. Rob said he is going to get together with the Summer Rec. folks and get a list of wanted/needed items. He also wants to do some digging and see who might want/be able to help us out with expenses.

UPDATES FROM DANNY: Danny does have the Prevailing Wage Resolution R11-03, which is required by the state in order to be eligible for MFT. Larry motioned to pass Resolution R11-03, Ed seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carries.

It was mentioned that we need a new authorized signature. We need to remove Linda Silver and add a new board member. Larry recommends Randy. Larry motions to nominate Randy to be the extra authorized signer, Bill seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Mike Silver was there to talk about a zoning variance. Tim Strauch, of 119 W Maple, wants to put a 30 x 50 building on 208 W Maple, which is a residential lot. However, this would be in violation of two different Ordinances. Mike asked Tim if this would be for business use and he said no. He would be using it for a storage shed for personal use only. It was asked that he get all the neighbors to sign off saying it is ok and he has done so and they are all fine with it. The zoning board doesn't have any issues with it but wanted to bring it before the board to make sure they didn't have any issues. Nate made a motion to allow the variance at 208 W Maple to build a garage, Rob seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Larry would like to take a photo before adjournment.

Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m., Nate seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Washburn Village Clerk

Date