

Village of Washburn

Mayor
David Humphrey

July 9, 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 June meeting minutes were reviewed. Ed made a motion to approve the minutes, Rob seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Before the bills were reviewed Larry had a question for Danny. He wanted to know how long does he usually hold money? For example. The sale of property to Lee Grebner. Danny said it was held unusually long this time; normally it's a much faster turn around. Larry mentioned we got billed for it in this fiscal year instead of last fiscal year due to timing.

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

Mayor Humphrey then opened the meeting to the audience. Jim Cook wanted to talk about gambling machines. He said he's in the process of talking with Abraham Amusement to put gambling machines in C&J's Bar. The town would get 5% of the money back. Jim said Washburn has an ordinance (6-1-14) prohibiting gambling. We would have to amend this ordinance in order to allow them to have these gambling machines. Jim has a draft of an ordinance change that he can provide. Does anyone have a problem with this or do we want Danny to draw something up to be voted on at next month's meeting? Jim will give Danny the information he has and Danny can draw something up.

STREETS: Bill wasn't present. Ed said spray patching has begun. He doesn't know when they'll tar and chip. Ed said he's chatted with them and Mark hasn't marked any of the spray patching areas for them so Ed authorized them to go ahead and do it. Then one evening Ed will go out and review the areas with them and give them the go-ahead.

Rob said he asked Mark to go in front of the Christian Church and get it marked off also. Ed said it will require quite a bit of oil so they are going to do the two big holes then do the rest of it last with whatever remaining oil is left. Ed said he talked with Willa about this already.

Mayor said he wanted to mention something about the flood zone. He has had several calls regarding this. The creek/base flood study has never been done. Mayor thought maybe we could budget some money for next year to do so. It would cost around \$10,000. If your house falls under the flood zone/study it's very hard to get a loan, etc.

Ed also mentioned he looked at taking down a tree. Red gave an estimate of \$1,500. There are a couple of other ones he looked at but thinks we should hold off on those. He does think the one with the estimate should probably come down. Ed will talk with Bill about it.

Ed also said he's had some more complaints regarding sidewalk repairs. Mark should be able to take care of it.

WATER/SEWER: Ed said four water samples were taken during the committee meeting last week. A sample was taken from the each side of town (a house from the North, South, East and West). Both Judd and Ed took a tour of the water plant and Judd is looking into some things for us.

There is a water main break at Main & Adams. It has been Julied, but not repaired. Ed said he's hoping to see it done tomorrow.

No hydrants have been put in yet.

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

Rob said there was a hearing for Jim Cunningham. He said he felt it went really well. Jim wanted to know if the town would be willing to bring him back at the same position he was doing previously...same days/night, same pay etc. Jim just wanted to throw that out there so the board was aware. Mayor would like to get the chief hired first. Mayor said he mailed a letter out to a candidate this morning for the chief position. If he accepts, Mayor would like to get him sworn in as soon as possible to get him here for as much time as possible until he can be here full time from his other job.

Ed mentioned he forgot to say, regarding water/sewer, they pushed up hydrant flushing to the week of the 16th. They are going to take a sample for the lab to see if there are any problems being created from there.

Jim Cook wants to know if they are going to be flushing the hydrants by his house anytime soon because there's a lot of rust there. Ed said it's not just his area it's all over town. Ed mentioned that we can't really say/do anything more until we get the results of the water samples back.

INSURANCE & TIF: Nothing.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Ed said last month we talked about the sale of a lot to Matt Craig. He's not at the meeting. Randy said he did some research and it cost us almost \$1,500 for the sale of Lee Grebner's lot. Ed made a motion to table all discussion regarding this until Matt Craig approaches us again, Nate seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

LIBRARY: Ed said the new roof has been put on.

PARK: Nothing to report.

OTHER BUSINESS: Larry asked if everyone had chance to read their section of the Ordinance book? Not yet.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing new.

DANNY: Danny didn't have anything to report.

Mayor mentioned we got a request from the Sun Foundation for a \$110.00 donation. He mentioned we usually do a donation every May. The board doesn't believe we donated in May. Larry made a motion to donate \$125.00 to the Sun Foundation, Ed seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Ed made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m., Nate seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Washburn Village Clerk

Date