

Village of Washburn

Mayor
David Humphrey

July 12, 2010
Monthly Board Minutes

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

Village Clerk
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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: Bill Strauch was absent, all remaining board members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

The June 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 mentioned that he likes the new detailed checklist for the bills and would like to see the checklist continue. He would also like each board member to receive a copy of the checklist. Larry Roop made a motion to pay the bills, Linda Silver seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Humphrey opened the meeting to the audience.

JoAnne Edwards of 207 N Main St came with her daughter Amanda, 12, who has a speech problem Apraxia. Amanda needs a special machine to help her speak/communicate and complete her homework. This machine cost \$850 and Ms. Edwards is wondering if there's anything the board can do to help her cover the cost of the machine. There were a couple of suggestions from the board, the first being Jim Gebel recommends that she look into the special program with the Minoke School District. The second suggestion was from Larry Roop and he recommends that Ms. Edwards talk to Superintendent Dietrich because he believes it the schools responsibility to cover the cost of the machine due to the No Child Left Behind Act. Ms. Edwards said she would talk with Superintendent Dietrich and let us know the outcome.

Steve Babcock of 109 S Garfield came to speak with the board regarding the loud noise ordinance. Mr. Babcock was recently awoken at 4:30 a.m. by a Tomlinson Disposal garbage truck that was picking up a dumpster near his property. Mr. Babcock said the noise was very loud and excessive, especially after he went out and ask the driver of the truck why he was there at that time of the day and if he could act in a quieter manner. Mr. Babcock did call Chief Rutledge to report it and wants it to go on record as a warning so that it doesn't keep happening and if it does, there should be fines issued according to the ordinance. Mr. Babcock would also like the board to determine what "night time" hours are. Mayor Humphrey said the board would discuss this at a future meeting.

Mike Beltramea of 334 W Woodford came to speak to the board regarding the drainage issue on East Walnut Street. This issue will be discussed later in the meeting under Water/Sewer.

STREETS: Larry Roop received the bill from Road Oil. \$448 needs to come out of the general fund; the remaining payment will come from MFT.

Simon was present during the committee meeting to give an update on the LUST Project. There is no contamination on Village property however, there is contamination on two private properties; one to the south of the lot and one to the West of the lot. There are meetings set with the owners of these properties and depending upon what comes from those meetings we can turn in the reimbursable project amount. We are currently over the estimated amount on the project because off-site coordination is taking longer than anticipated.

Joe Clark of 210 Madison St spoke with Larry Roop about the large amounts of gravel that has been pushed into his yard from the alley behind his house due to the excess rain. It is being looked into possibly spray patching part of the alley to help alleviate the problem.

It was also discussed at the meeting whether or not we should continue using the old Strong Oil parking lot for the town dirt/rock storage or if we should move it out the Industrial Park instead.

It was also mentioned that last year there was purchase approval for some new sign brackets, however to date nothing has been purchased so Larry is getting the ball rolling on that.

Another point of discussion was sidewalk replacement. Larry Roop has made a map of all the sidewalks and is planning to walk all of them to help determine what areas are most in need of improvement.

Larry is also working on getting some "Excessive Engine Breaking" signs made and hung on the edges of town.

WATER/SEWER: Larry Tomlinson said the committee discussed the water on East Walnut between Derek Husseman and Tom Edwards properties. The town wants to put in an 8-10 inch diameter pipe and hook into a 10-inch storm sewer pipe. Both property owners have said they'll sign an easement agreement to have the work done. Mark recommends using Weisenhoffer's small machine instead of the town's big tractor to do the work.

Regarding the water issue Mike Beltrenea is also concerned what will be done with the manhole cover. When this work is being done to fix the drainage problem, he would like to keep the manhole cover in place, if possible, for future problems if need be. Jim Gebel made a motion to put a PVC type pipe in the ground using Weisenhoffer's machine with easement approval, Larry Tomlinson seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Larry found a filter/media replacement bid for \$13,418 from All Service Contracting in Decatur from November 2009. All Service Contracting said they could do the work in one day. Jim Gebel made a motion to approve the media replacement, Linda Silver seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Joe Clark also wants to know if he can insert a tile and run into an existing storm sewer drain that is on his property. Larry Roop made a motion to allow Joe Clark to tap into the storm sewer with an underground pipe, Linda Silver seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

POLICE: The only update is that Mr. Christ has mowed his property at 307 E State St and has be working on the rest of the property as well.

INSURANCE & TIF: No Meeting, nothing to report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Linda Silver drafted a letter/survey to send to the village businesses to see if there's anything we can do to help them out in anyway. The letter was read and everyone agreed it was fine to be sent.

Linda is in the process of getting all the info together to send back to the Department of Homeland Security Region 10 regarding the use of Village Hall.

LIBRARY: Larry Roop has finally received a response from the Library Attorney. There are several issues with his response. The first one being a problem with the Dr. Burdon Museum. They want to close off the Museum from the Library. They want to shut the connecting door and put a bookcase in front of the doorway. We need to contact the Burdon family to see if there is some type of agreement/contract between the library and the museum. It was suggested that Larry could also possibly contact Phylis Strauch or Mary Ann Bachman for information regarding this agreement.

The second problem is regarding their response regarding that the town can repossess if they haven't taken over within 30 days. Larry asked what happened if they damaged the building when leaving and he said he hadn't thought about that. Both parties are currently working with their attorneys and will be getting back with each other. If the agreement gets signed they would owe us back rent and utilities to July 1.

PARK: Bill Strauch was absent, nothing to report.

UPDATES FROM DANNY: Danny sent out the Flood Plain Ordinance. Mayor Humphrey highly recommends passing the ordinance and staying in the flood plain with FEMA. Larry Tomlinson made a motion to approve Ordinance 10-1, Larry Roop seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Linda Silver asked Danny what is happening with the Murrah bankruptcy situation. No conclusion has been made yet and Attorney Muck is on vacation so we haven't heard anything back yet. Danny hasn't been pushing the issue because it's very complicated.

OLD BUSINESS: There was a liquor license application presented to the board and it was asked that Chief Rutledge do a background check on the applicant. Chief found a couple of issues so he had a meeting with Larry Cook, the applicant, and Mayor Humphrey. During the meeting Mr. Cook was given the opportunity to explain all of Chief Rutledge's findings and he did. Chief also talked with the Mayor of Lafayette and they did not renew his liquor license and had bad things to say about Mr. Cook. Mr. Cook then gave a bunch of references and Chief talked with all of them and everyone had nothing but good things to say about Mr. Cook. So based on his findings Chief Rutledge recommends issuing the liquor license. However the town ordinance says that in order to get a liquor license the applicant must live in the town you apply and Mr. Cook currently doesn't live here but is looking to move here. Danny recommends we send a letter to Mr. Cook saying that once he can prove he is a resident of our town his liquor license is approved.

Larry Roop made the motion to pay \$32,251.27 to Road Oil with \$30,190.71 coming out of MFT and \$448.00 coming from the general fund with the first payment being made immediately with the second payment being held until further notice from IDOT and FOTH, Nate Swanson seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Jim Gebel made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. and it was seconded by Larry Tomlinson. All ayes, motion carried.

Washburn Village Clerk

Date