

## Village of Washburn

**Mayor**  
David Humphrey

July 13, 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

### Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call: James Gebel, Linda Gebel, David Humphrey, Larry Roop, Linda Silver, Bill Strauch, Nate Swanson, and Larry Tomlinson were all present. Minutes from June meeting were read and approved. A motion was made by Larry Roop and second was given by Linda Silver that the clerk should sign making the minutes official. All ayes. Motion carried.

Jim Gebel made motion to approve and pay bills. Larry Roop seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

The mayor acknowledged and recognized guests. A representative from Maxis introduced himself. The board had many questions for him. The mayor said the board should read the contract, and then ask questions. Some inquiries were about security, cost, and whether they could subcontract to other companies. Also, another company is interested in putting up a tower.

Mike Beltramea had questions about sidewalks on Main and Woodford streets. He also wanted to know the boards procedure for hiring. The street committee stated they recommend a person for the job to the board for approval. In the minutes from the previous month it stated that the street committee had permission to hire someone ASAP, because the help was needed immediately.

### Committee reports:

**Street:** Jim Gebel stated sidewalks are a matter of how much money is available and was wondering if Jim Cummings had any news on a grant for sidewalks from schools to home. It was noted from Mike Beltramea he felt school signs and sidewalks were needed, which the board is already looking into. On Main St. and Magnolia, people cutting corners over-shooting culverts. Mark will extend culverts on Main and said some culverts on State need cleaned out. Also need to fill holes on Main and Church. Water people and/or Mark need to look at water problems needing repaired. Mark and Jesse are going to finish putting up the remainder of the light posts. Bill Strauch will work on getting alley done. On last update, Foth took samples and will make up a plan for reimbursement to us. See about getting with IDOT for permission to get engine brake signs on both ends of town.

**Water:** Cheri asked the water committee about getting a corporate card. The bank wants to know if we got a card from them - who would be authorized to use it and who would be authorized to get info about the account, also would need paid off monthly. We need to receive the bill around the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month and the card will have a \$1000.00 limit. Cheri Delap,

Mark F.

Linda Gebel, and Craig Rutledge can use the card and any board member may view the statements if they need to. Bill Strauch made the motion and Jim Gebel seconded. All ayes, motion carried. The tower was also discussed.

The person buying the Grebner house will be paying on the sewer. Need security on the computers. Cheri thought there could have been a problem when she was off. We will look at getting cameras for the town hall. They may inspect the filters for the town, Bill will do some checking on this.

**Police:** Problem with people running the stop sign at Main and Walnut. Because we have to move the police equipment from the banks tower, the Fire Dept. will let us use their tower. We're getting prices from Ragons and Jessie Erkman for moving these. Mr. Hasty didn't come up with the amount he bid. Motion was made by Linda Silver to send a letter to him and if no response, we'll go to the next bidder. Larry Tomlinson seconded, all ayes, motion carried. The police are thinking of taking photos and fingerprints of children for a safety feature. Tammy Prather offered to help with the photos and the police will do the finger printing. Pass codes can be obtained from the police chief if any trustee doesn't have one. Police report was read for the month. *Linda Silver was given permission to send up to \$5,000.00 for a security system.*

**Finance/Insurance:** No meeting

**Economic Development:** No meeting.

**Library:** Donna gave Larry Roop a list of repairs needed. Do we have a contract with the library?

**Park:** No meeting.

**TIF:** No meeting.

**Old Business:** We need Danny's signature on audit for 08-09, and vote on Phil Michael beginning process and completing audit. Cheri needs to be paid for the extra hours she has put in (Phil has been helping her where he can). If Cheri quits the treasurer position, she was informed that her salary and benefits will need to be renegotiated.

The board discussed using "The Washburn Whisper" for our government publications.

Larry Roop moved to go into executive session to discuss litigation and to review past executive meeting minutes, seconded by Linda Silver. All ayes, motion carried.

Adjourned regular meeting for executive meeting and then returned to regular meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Bill Strauch, second by Jim Gebel. All ayes, motion carried.