

## Village of Washburn

**Mayor**

Rob Stanfield

**Village Clerk**

Becky Ulrich

**Village Treasurer**

Cheri Delap

**Water/Sewer/Street Department**

Mark Frerichs

July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013  
Special Meeting Minutes

**Board of Trustees**

Edward Grebner  
Kristy Humphrey  
Randy Ragains  
Larry Tomlinson  
Pat Winkler  
Jessica Youngman

**Chief of Police**

Jeff Moline

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

Mayor talked about a personnel situation that been discussed.

Ed made a motion to give Notice of Termination of At-Will Employment, Jess seconded the motion.

Randy stated that for the record he is neither for nor against Mark Frerichs. However, he doesn't feel the termination is appropriate. He said he looked through his personnel file and it doesn't show any signs of disciplinary actions within his personnel file.

Jess said she's confused because at last weeks meeting he was on board with this decision when we last discussed. It was said that at last discussion Jess asked Randy how to move forward and he had no further ideas and was on board with this discussion. There was then a small discussion regarding this.

A roll call vote was then taken: Larry – yes, Jess – yes, Ed – yes, Randy – no, Kristy – yes, Pat – yes. The vote ended in a 5-1, motion carries.

Rob then told Mark he needed to turn in his keys, phone, etc and Jeff would escort him to collect his personal belongings and after that he's free to go. Mark asked if could get his belongings tomorrow because he wasn't prepared to get all his belongings tonight. Yes, Jeff will escort him tomorrow to collect his belongings.

Mark asked if we have someone lined up to come into work tomorrow? We said yes we do.

Mark then asked about reconsidering to let him tie up some loose ends, asked if he could have until the end of August? Rob said the decision has been made and is final. He was then told to go ahead and turn in his stuff and to give Jeff a call in the morning when he's ready to collect his things.

The TIF attorney was then present to talk about the board members choices when they own property within the TIF district. He said board members can keep their property in the TIF district but would have to do a disclosure and have to abstain from any voting relating to the TIF funds project. He also said a board member can exempt their properties, then there would no longer be a possible conflict of interest.

He provided a TIF map of the town.

He said if you have controlling interest in a property you have a possible conflict of interest and would need to choose to either abstain or withdraw their property from the TIF district.

He then handed out some other information.

There was then a discussion of who is in the TIF district and who is not.

Danny asked if we can put property back in that was previously exempt? He said yes it can be done but it's a major amendment. Basically it would be like starting the process completely over. Each member of the TIF district would have to get a certified letter stating the re-entry and we would have to hold a public meeting. He said it would probably take 4 months or so and cost \$10,000-\$15,000 to reinstate the properties. However, we could create a TIF 2 and it would cost about the same, maybe \$15,000-\$20,000, as trying to amend the original TIF district. For example, we could add in Half Moon or the Industrial Park or both. The new TIF district would be good for 23 years, instead of only the remaining 10 years of our current TIF district.

Jess asked about creating a new TIF and giving the additional funds to the school district? There was a small discussion regarding this.

The TIF attorney the recapped the info regarding the conflict of interest.

Randy asked if there was a benefit to staying in the TIF district as opposed to exempting out? He said the owner would pay the same in TIF taxes. He also said the only benefit would be if we started some type of neighborhood type project, which doesn't seem likely for us.

He also mentioned it may be possible to get financing over a period of time if we created a new TIF district so we wouldn't have to pay all the money to do so upfront. .

It was then determined that there are two trustees and the Mayor that are not in the TIF district. Four board members need to consider what they want to do regarding this situation. Pat said he already sent her information in to have her property exempt. Kristy said she would also fax her info in to be exempt. Randy is considering doing so and Larry is going to think about it.

Ed then asked if the locks on the doors to the water plant and city building should be replaced tonight. Yes, they should be. Jeff would make sure Clint gets a new key tonight so he can get in for work in the morning.

Ed made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m., Pat seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

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Washburn Village Clerk

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Date