

Village of Washburn

Mayor
David Humphrey

August 13th, 2012
Monthly Board Minutes

Board of Trustees
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Nate Swanson

Village Clerk
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Village Treasurer
Cheri Delap

Water/Sewer/Street Department
Mark Frerichs

Chief of Police
Jeff Moline

Mayor David Humphrey called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken: All board members were present except Bill and Randy. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The July meeting minutes were reviewed. Nate made a motion to approve the minutes, Ed seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Mayor Humphrey then opened the meeting to the audience. Matt Craig asked if the board had decided to sell Lot 8 or not? Ed said they've done some research and it would cost approximately \$1,500 in order to do the paperwork for the sale; therefore, selling the lot for less would cause the village to lose money right off the bat. Ed said he thinks if they sell the lot it should sell for at least \$1,500. Larry and Nate both said they are undecided on the sale yet. Rob said it didn't matter either way to him. Mayor said the village never intended for those lots to be a moneymaker. Matt said he'd like to be able to put a beer garden on that lot. Larry thought he wanted to buy it in order to fix a sewer issue, but Matt said he's got that issue fixed now. Matt said he doesn't have a have a problem with the \$1,500 cost but then doesn't want to annex in until next year at the end of his liquor license. We can hold off on the sale until after the first of the year then.

STREETS: Ed said the tree west of the Funeral Home needs to come down. L&L bid \$1,500. Mike's Tree Service bid \$1,300. Ed made a motion to hire Mike to do the job, Nate seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Ed also mentioned the seal coating and alley grinding has been done. The spray patching is also done.

WATER/SEWER: Ed said no hydrants have been put in yet. He also mentioned we've had three water main breaks in the last two weeks.

Larry said he came across a report from 2003 regarding a water study. It had some recommendations and he doesn't know if these recommendations have ever been implemented or not. Ed said Judd will be coming to the meeting later and will have some information for us regarding the water testing that was done.

Rob asked Mayor if he ever had a chat with Mark? Mayor said they briefly chatted but didn't come down on him real hard. He seemed to get a positive response, but will revisit again if need be.

Larry said they are still driving around together. If they have so much extra time, maybe we should start cutting hours.

POLICE: Chief Jeff Moline had three individuals he would like to hire as part time officers; Carl Niemeier, Rick Levine, and Tom Harwood. Mayor swore them in.

Rob made a motion to transfer \$1,100 from the corporate fund to the police fund, Nate seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Rob said he didn't have anything to report. He did say during Thursday's committee meeting they did check out the police Department with Chief Moline. He also said Jeff has gone through some things and would like to talk to the board about a few things.

Chief Moline said he needs a new computer. When he first got here he fired them up and they are not working properly and cannot get to the reporting system to write reports, etc. He contacted someone and they can get everything transferred over for free. The computer cost \$700. He would also like to get a cage installed in the back of the new car. It would normally cost \$500 plus installation. Jeff said a guy in Chillicothe has a used one he'll sell us for \$150 plus \$125 for installation. Larry then told Jeff that the impala has a recall that came out today. He gave the info to Jeff and he'll take care of it. Finally Jeff said he'd like to see decals put on the car(s). Rob made a motion for approval to purchase a computer, decals for one vehicle, and cage & installation for one vehicle; Larry seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

On Thursday, they also talked about the storm-warning siren. They need to get things worked out with Jesse.

INSURANCE & TIF: Nothing.

Cheri wanted to address the board. She talked with Phil (our auditor) and in the past when we've gotten property tax money back it's crazy trying to track everything because it all goes into one account. She would like to know if she could have permission to open some additional accounts? This way everything is already sorted out. Ed made a motion to allow Cheri to create multiple accounts for property tax book keeping purposes, Nate seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Ed also made a motion to transfer \$85,315.57 from the corporate account to the TIF account, Rob seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Cheri then said Craig always had a credit card. When he left he gave it to Cheri and she shredded it. She didn't know if Jeff needed to get one. Larry made a motion to transfer the Visa Credit Card that was in Craig's name to Jeff's name, Ed seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Cheri also said Craig had a Casey's credit card for gas as well. Jeff said there is some in the car but he hasn't tried to use them. He'll check it out.

It was also mentioned that Phil will be coming to the next board meeting.

Cheri then said she needs a document signed with all of Jeff's benefits listed.

Finally, she asked about how will we do mileage for Jeff? Phil said we can either deduct from his check directly or he can cut us a check. Regardless, Jeff needs to keep track of his mileage. Then there was some discussion regarding this and the gas issue.

Judd came in so we went back to talking about water. Judd said he sent samples to PDC and US Dept of Ag. Lab in Southern IL. There is some bio film present in the water. It's coming from the well. He is working with another engineer because he's much more knowledgeable regarding complicated issues. The other engineer and a guy from Water Solutions are meeting this week to talk about solutions. They will then talk with Judd about it. Regarding the bio film, Judd said there is an organism in the water, normally chlorine would take care of an organism but this type has a self-protective barrier. So you have to strip the barrier. Judd also said we need to deal with chlorine input as well. Danny asked if he's seen this in other municipalities and he said no. Judd thinks there's a cross contamination within the well. He would like to get a camera down the well to see what's really going on down there. Mayor asked if he thinks he's seen anything dangerous? Judd said it's not something he thinks, to his knowledge, would make anyone sick but yes the issue needs to be addressed. There was some additional discussion regarding this. Ed asked Judd if samples were being taken at the ends of the lines and various areas like they are supposed to be, would we be getting the consistent reports we have been getting? He said no.

Mayor then asked Judd how the oil & chipping went? Judd said good; he and Ward were happy with it.

Judd also mentioned Randy had a question regarding lift stations at the industrial park. There was a bit of discussion regarding this. Judd then said he thinks a two inch pipe would be able to supply for what would be needed out there.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Nothing.

LIBRARY: Nothing.

PARK: Rob said they are starting to get bids for materials for the TIF project down at Half Moon Park.

OTHER BUSINESS: Nothing.

NEW BUSINESS: Danny said he sent out a copy of Ordinance 12-04. It is an Ordinance amending the anti-gambling ordinance we currently hold. Mayor said by passing this Ordinance it would allow establishments to have the video gaming gambling machines and the village would receive 5% of this revenue. Nate made a motion to pass Ordinance 12-04, Ed seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Bill – Absent, Rob – Yes, Ed – Yes, Randy – Absent, Larry – Yes, Nate – Yes.

Becky asked if we were doing any sidewalk repairs? She mentioned that the approach to the sidewalk at the corner of Madison and Walnut is terrible. Ed said it could be done in-house and will chat with Mark about it.

Larry asked if there's been any discussion between Webb's and the village? Larry said he received a complaint at 11:45 one evening regarding the loud music on the outside stage. He just wondered if there was any kind of agreement or what is acceptable? Cheri did make a note that our tax income is considerably higher when he does have a band out there. There was then some discussion regarding this. It was also asked if the stage is a permanent structure? Did they get a building permit? Jeff mentioned that there are some thing that could be done to help with the sound/noise. It was also mentioned that Webb's needs to comply with the Ordinances as well.

Larry asked about the Ordinance Draft review?

Larry also asked about insurance quotes. Nate is working on getting some information on it.

Nate made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m., Ed seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Washburn Village Clerk

Date