

Village of Washburn

Mayor
David Humphrey

September 12, 2011
Monthly Board Minutes

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Mayor David Humphrey called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken: all members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The August meeting minutes were reviewed, no corrections were needed. Ed made the motion to approve the minutes, Larry seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

The bills were reviewed. Randy said he takes exception for one bill regarding Danny's firm regarding Liabilities Insurance. He doesn't feel that it's a necessary charge for us to incur since Randy had already checked into this info himself. The bill is for a phone conference Danny had with someone regarding the insurance issue. Mayor also said he handed Danny a stack of mail regarding this topic also and asked him to go through it. Danny said he made some calls to see how much the riders would cost us. Danny said he would wipe that bill. Larry made a motion to pay the bills with the exception of the bill from Danny's firm, Nate seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Humphrey then opened the meeting to the audience.

Randy commented that he hopes the audience isn't here to complain about the police issue, as there was already a meeting to address that. Mayor said that the people in the audience have a right to address the board.

Cecil Wilson of 450 E Walnut Street was wondering if there is any type of program available to help get funding for the street near the end of his driveway. He has a disabled son and he has a hard time going down the driveway into the street because of the shape that it's in. Ed will look into it.

Marjorie Spangler asked if the concerns brought to the board on August 30th is being addressed? Mayor said that the three part-time officers are currently not working and have turned in all village property. He then said we cannot do anything further legally because it is still being investigated. Until the investigation is over we are at a stand still because we would be under possible litigation if we tried to take any further action.

Jeannie Quiram asked if the Chief is still on duty? Mayor said that yes that the Chief is currently on duty and reinforced that he was the only officer on duty at this time.

Sally Ehlers wanted to know if the part time officers are getting paid. Mayor said that no they are not.

Randy did mention that one of our part time officers does work full time for Woodford County and he is currently on paid leave with Woodford County.

Ken Gresham wanted to know if the Chief is allowed to patrol? Mayor said yes he is. Ken said there is a lot of craziness occurring around town because are thinking that no cops are on duty. For example there are a lot of stop signs missing.

STREETS: It was mentioned that the Woodford County Sheriff told us that if we are hoping that they will come to patrol our town, that we shouldn't get our hopes up. They don't currently have the manpower to do so. They do not want Washburn to do away with our police department. They count on all of the areas small towns as their back-up and vice versa. However, Woodford County will respond when called but warned that their response time could be extremely slow. Randy also mentioned that if we lost our Police Department our home insurance would be affected. It was also mentioned that our Ordinances would not be enforced by Woodford County.

Mayor mentioned that he received a letter from Phyllis Rolinski. A summary of the letter is that the town used to be a lot cleaner/neater than it is now. People's lots are not kept cleaned up, grass isn't being mowed, etc. And that there doesn't seem to be any follow through with people that have been warned. Mayor said previously something has been done when it is brought to our attention. However, the ordinance states it is the chief's responsibility to enforce. Phyllis then asked that if she went around and wrote down all the people/residents she thought was in violation and turned it in, something would be done? Mayor said that if she would like to do so that would be great and we would take a look at the (possible) violations.

Lorin Warnkes said that the town should make an example of it self and clean up our lot at the Industrial Park. He said it looks terrible. He asked that the mayor and/or the board take a drive past our lot and look at it.

Linda Silver asked if ordinances are complaint drive? Mayor said yes they are.

Ed mentioned that the water problem by Jim Cook's needs a new culvert. We haven't gotten a bid yet but will before next month's meeting.

Next Ed said we received several bids for the replacement of the Police Department Roof. Grebner Construction came in with the lowest bid at \$3,620. Ed also mentioned that we received two bids for sidewalk repair. (There was a third bidder but he pulled his bid.) Grebner Construction again came in with the lowest bid at \$16.75/ft or replacement at \$18.59/ft. Ed made a motion to replace the roof on the Police Department using Grebner Construction for \$3,620 with a steel replacement roof, Larry seconded it. Randy asked if it was an overlay? Yes it is. All ayes, motion carried. Ed also made a motion to use accept the Grebner Construction bid for the sidewalks at \$16.75/ft or \$18.59/ft replacement, Larry seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

WATER/SEWER: Bill said they talked about getting some insurance money for the lightening strike repair at the Lagoon. Randy said we will be getting all of it back except \$500, which is our deductible.

As a side note, Randy mentioned that the street workers got new reflective shirts/gear and have been wearing them.

POLICE: Larry made a motion to transfer \$10,000 from the Corporate fund to Police fund for the monthly transfer, Ed seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Larry said the storm siren has been ordered but do not have a delivery date yet.

Larry mentioned there was a special committee meeting on August 30th. He said that all incidents that occurred over the weekend of the festival is currently still under investigation. Therefore, no more can be discussed at this time. Larry then mentioned that at the regular committee meeting several people addressed the committee. There was one person who voted in favor of keeping the police department. Also after the meeting Larry received an informal petition of eight people in favor of keeping the police department.

Next Larry mentioned he had received some phone calls regarding some signs hanging in C&J's windows. Larry checked and they are in violation of an ordinance. He is turning over this issue to the Mayor, since Mayor is the liquor commissioner. Mayor said he will take a look at it.

INSURANCE & TIF: Randy said he is learning about all the finances and is finding out they are very complex. He thinks our insurance is excellent. Randy then mentioned at last month's meeting there was a questions regarding TIF funds being used for resurfacing the Washburn Community Foods parking lot, and he said that it cannot because you cannot use TIF funds to resurface and existing parking lot.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Nate said that Lee Grebner approached him about purchasing a lot at the Industrial park. Gene Weiss said he was concerned if it was regulated, i.e. appearance, outside storage, etc. Mayor asked what it is Lee is wanting to do with the lot? Nate said he wants to put up a used metal building to be used for storage. Danny suggested having Lee come to next month's meeting and address the board about what he wants to do.

LIBRARY: Nothing to report.

PARK: Rob said nothing new is going on. They are still working on getting plans together for the building at the park. They are hoping to get the school and community more involved. Maybe it would be more respected if the community was more involved. Rob said a lot of the community members/parents of summer rec. kids are behind the Summer Rec. Program

UPDATES FROM DANNY: The only thing Danny has is the Alley Vacation, but he didn't bring the paper work tonight. So we will discuss next month.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mayor mentioned the people who are planning to buy Victor's, have applied for a liquor license. They currently have two existing restaurant so Mayor doesn't seem too concerned. However, Chief will go ahead and run a background check. There was some discussion about prorating the liquor license fee. Larry made a motion to prorate the liquor license at a per month rate pending no problems with the background check, Rob seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Randy asked that we get a copy of the new owners insurance policy and DRAM info. We currently don't have a policy requiring this but would be a good idea to create something.

Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m., Ed seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Washburn Village Clerk

Date