

Village of Washburn

Mayor
David Humphrey

Sept. 14, 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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor David Humphrey. Role call was taken: James Gebel, Larry Roop, Linda Silver, Bill Strauch, Nate Swanson, and Larry Tomlinson were present. Larry Roop made a motion to accept the minutes from the August meeting and Nate Swanson seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

The bills were looked at and Larry Roop asked if they were billed for both Danny and his associate, to which Danny responded only his associates presence was billed. Jim Gebel made the motion to pay the bills. Larry Tomlinson seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

Shirley Malcolm said the park has dirt piles, a piece of equipment in weeds, and tree limbs scattered and felt it needed to be cleaned up better. She also stated all the hydrants were removed from the park. Bill said the equipment was an old drag for the ball diamonds but it doesn't get used any more, and he will talk to Mark about it. Bill also wants to put a culvert in the Industrial Park. Dennis Bachman will need to be consulted and Mayor Humphrey will call him.

The Schroeder annexation was discussed next and since it wasn't on the agenda, no action could be taken. Dan Schroeder and Mayor Humphrey recluded themselves from the meeting. Steve Forney would like to buy some of Joyce's property but wants it annexed into the village and wants it zoned agricultural. Since no vote could be taken, it was tabled for next month.

Linda Silver mentioned the guidelines for a publication to be deemed a legal newspaper. Until the board reviews the guidelines and makes a determination, the Whisper will not be used for legal notifications. This also was tabled.

The Village Board was given an invitation to listen to Scott Altman speak about being an astronaut at the Lowpoint-Washburn School.

Committee Reports

Streets: We recalibrated the on bulk water to \$.25 for 25 gallons.

There was an over-run on road oil, the extra was because they did the whole road between Jesse Erkmans building and the grocery store. This money comes out of the MFT fund.

We need a new door on the village building on the west side of town. Winkler's gave a bid of \$1890 plus \$250 to insulation. Jim Gebel made a motion to approve purchasing the door. Larry Roop seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

Park Street is in bad condition. Jim Gebel wants to hit it with a road grader. The township has agreed to do this for \$300.

Jim Gebel is making sure the tree, Larry Tomlinson was talking about, gets cut down.

The IEPA approved plan is for \$28,130, of which \$18,600 has been spent. Simon will handle the reimbursement portion to make sure it is done right.

Water/Sewer: The water main project is still under warranty, so we are going to have engineers walk it with Mark and/or Simon. Bill and Simon have walked around and taken some pictures.

Talked about Grebner's sewer and Lee was told by Bill this needed done before winter.

Jim Gebel made a motion to start charging Mrs. Grebner for sewer and Larry Tomlinson seconded. Bill stated he didn't have time to talk to her about this yet because of his long work hours. We're either going to have her get it finished or pay for sewer. They'll give her three weeks to get things going. The village agreed to take care of her pump as long as she owns the house. 5 ayes with one abstention (Larry Roop), motion passed. If she has any questions, she can call.

Police: Discussed the shooting range.

Discussed golf cart ordinance. The state has not changed much of their rules on these. Their recent amendment which goes into effect on 1-1-10 states that the carts can't cross Route 89 unless there is a 4-way stop sign or street light where the crossing is made. It also states that the speed limit at the crossing can't exceed 35 mph.

Looking at getting a Wal-mart Grant or money from MADD, to get building surveillance cameras. The cameras will be here Tuesday. A camera for the squad car was never purchased with the Wal-mart Grant, so the money must have gone back to Wal-mart.

Linda read the citations, warnings, calls, arrests, and phone calls.

Economic Development: Nothing.

Finance: Nothing. Cheri will meet with Phil Michael this Friday, and will get everyone a monthly report once our info is all in.

Library: Larry Roop has been in contact with the director of the Ill. Prairie Dist Public Library. They could possibly pay more rent and also pay utilities. Also discussed was a one-time contribution which could be used to repair the roof. Lee Grebner entered a bid of \$8000 for roof and gutters.

Park: Some clean up has been done.

TIF: Nothing.

Old Business: Danny reported on the Murrah litigation. Stated in the counter suit we are saying Murrah owes us back payments for not letting us know about taking a new job two weeks in advance.

New Business: Mayor attended Freedom of Information Act conference. They shortened the time frame to 5 days to get information for people. Dave is our FOI Officer so it will be up to him to get the information out in time.

Credit cards have arrived. A bill and confirmation will be put in the bill for all to see. Recommended a \$1,000 limit. Cheri, ~~Mark~~ ^{Craig}, and Linda are the only ones who may use them. *\$500.00 limit*

Larry Roop made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Jim Gebel. All ayes, meeting adjourned.