

Village of Washburn

Mayor
David Humphrey

October 12, 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

Last months minutes were reviewed and amended. Larry Roop made motion to accept amended minutes and was seconded by Nate Swanson. All ayes, motion carried.

Roll call was taken. Those present were: James Gebel, Larry Roop, Linda Silver, Bill Strauch, Nate Swanson, and Larry Tomlinson. The mayor and clerk were also present.

The bills were reviewed and the mayor asked if there was a motion to pay them. Larry Roop made the motion with a second from Nate Swanson. All ayes, motion carried.

The mayor began by asking if any guest would like to address the board.

Steve Prather wanted to explain how The Washburn Whisper is a legal publication. He has a copy of #715 I.L.C.S. which, he feels has enough information to prove The Washburn Whisper is a legal newspaper. He further stated that the town puts the water report in the Peach and he feels it is not a newspaper. Cheri will look into this. The village attorney was asked if he feels The Whisper is legal. He feels from his own checking that they qualify, but for the villages sake he asked the Prather's for 2 things. They must certify to the board in writing that they meet the criteria and they will indemnify us if they don't. The board will have to decide at the next meeting what they want to do.

STREETS: The street committee will get rid of the tree south of the alley that is north of the Lutheran Church. Mark will cut off the steel rods at the property we own on Jefferson St. Also Mark will talk to Dennis Bachman about putting another driveway into our Industrial Park, so we can store gravel there. Dave said he had some papers, so he could possibly get this done.

WATER/SEWER: Bill didn't get to talk to Mrs. Grebner. He told her boys we need to work something out. Need to replace a hydrant also, and Bill will get a price for this, as it needs to be done by winter. They've talked about the filter and such. Bob Beschomer had some tile work in his yard, which he took care of, but he needed more dirt and gravel to finish. He didn't want city workers on his property, so Dave talked to him and got him some dirt and gravel to finish up. Larry Roop asked if someone got hurt doing town work, who would be responsible?

POLICE: The 2nd grade class visited the police department, to see and hear about the department and how it works. They sent a thank you and a picture.

Craig went to the park to run a Trike-a-thon to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital

The attorney is writing an ordinance on golf carts for the board to review next meeting.

The police have brought in \$1109. \$160 for the police and \$949.07 for the treasury.

Linda turned the police report over to Craig. He stated that he had received 2 petitions in regards to 2 properties in Washburn. The petitions **HAVE** to be followed through on. Our attorney says we have to determine 1 of 2 things. Is the structure dangerous or unsafe or is it abandoned? The board may have to pay a structural engineer or the chief may be able to determine this. Most of the neighbors of the 2 properties feel they just need to clean up the yards now. These can be taken care of by citations if not cleaned up.

The police report was read by Linda Silver.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No report.

LIBRARY: Larry Roop is still working with the Metamora District Library.

FINANCE, INSURANCE, & TIF: Jim Gebel said they need to check with other insurance companies and compare prices. The mayor said he'd check on this since he is on the committee with Jim. Jim said he appreciated the help. Danny spoke up and said the bank wants a resolution stating who can have access to our accounts, either from us or they may have a form for the board to pass. Danny will handle it.

PARK: No report.

The mayor said he was approached by Tim Schoon about whether the board might be interested in renting part of the parking lot from them. Some years back we had agreed to give the store a rebate on its' sales tax to help them out. We agreed to do this for a short period, but no agreement since then. Dave wanted to know how the board feels about this. Jim Gebel said he remembered store board members used to come to our meeting. They had asked ahead to talk to the board about us helping them. Jim Gebel and Larry Roop felt the store needs to give a presentation on a proposal for what the store may need help. Dave will talk to Tim about this.

OLD BUSINESS: The annexation for Joyce Schroeder was discussed with Danny not being able to advise and the mayor had to reclude himself from this subject. Jim Gebel made motion to approve annexation and Bill Strauch seconded. The mayor made Larry Roop "mayor pro tem" to address the motion. There were 4 ayes and 1 nay. A roll call vote was taken for the annexation issue: Bill Strauch, Nate Swanson, Jim Gebel, and Larry Tomlinson were all ayes and Linda Silver was a nay. Motion carried.

Next the board needed to vote on the plat. Larry Tomlinson made a motion to accept the plat as presented with Nate Swanson seconding it. All ayes, motion carried.

Larry Roop returned control to the mayor.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Linda Silver moved to adjourn the meeting and Jim Gebel seconded. All ayes, motion carried.