

Village of Washburn

Mayor
David Humphrey

November 8, 2010
Monthly Board Minutes

Board of Trustees
James Gebel
Larry Roop
Linda Silver
Bill Strauch
Nate Swanson
Larry Tomlinson

Village Clerk
Becky Ulrich

Village Treasurer
Cheri Delap

Water/Sewer/Street Department
Mark Frerichs

Chief of Police
Craig Rutledge

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

The October meeting minutes were reviewed, no corrections were needed. Larry Roop made the motion to approve the minutes, Jim Gebel seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

The bills were reviewed. Larry Roop made a motion to pay the bills, Linda Silver seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Humphrey opened the meeting to the audience. No one from the audience wished to address the board.

STREETS: Larry Roop first brought up that last month we had agreed to purchase a new snowplow blade not costing more than \$3000. However the committee has decided against purchasing that used blade because it is very worn. Larry has now obtained a quote of \$3,350 for a new blade. Larry would also want to have the new blade properly assembled and have the wiring harness installed by the company, which would cost a total of \$4,155. Larry Roop then made a motion to purchase the new blade and resend last months proposal for the used blade, Jim Gebel seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Next Larry mentioned that several months back he had spoke with Simon about putting in a reimbursement for the LUST Fund. We haven't. Currently we have about \$11,000 to reimburse. Originally we thought we would wait to reimburse only once, but now we are wondering if we should do two reimbursements. One now for the \$11,000 and a second when everything is completed. However if we reimburse now and then again later we will incur an additional \$500-\$1,000 charge in fees from Simon (in order to do the second submission). Mayor suggests that if we are near the end of the project that we just wait and do a single submission.

WATER/SEWER: Larry Tomlinson first mentioned that last week we got the filter/media replacement completed. He said that everything looks great on the inside. Larry also mentioned that there is still a fire hydrant on State Street that needs to be installed.

Next Larry spoke about the second pump at the lagoon still not working because it's not in its track. Mark said he hasn't been able to get Weisenhoffer's to put it back in the track and wants to get someone out of Eureka to come and do it. The committee went ahead and approved the company in Eureka.

Larry also talked about maybe setting a fund up and start saving for down the road to replace the water treatment plant when need be.

POLICE: Nate Swanson brought up the fact that the police have been running short-handed recently. Chief of Police has been taking applications for a position and has found someone he would like to hire. The applicant was present at the meeting to be sworn in. Nick Smith was then sworn in by Mayor Humphrey. (Nick lives here in Washburn.)

INSURANCE & TIF: Jim Gebel noted that earlier tonight we had a required TIF meeting with Dan Walker of The Economic Development Group, LTD. Jim also mentioned that it expires in 2022 and we will receive our last statements in 2023.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Linda Silver had received an agreement from Milagro and she sent it to Danny to look over and he has approved it. If we choose to enter into the agreement we need a check for \$470 for hosting costs. The website is up and running and Larry Roop has been working to get things added/updated. Larry Roop

then made a motion to accept the Milagro contract and pay then the \$470 as stated, Nate Swanson seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

LIBRARY: Larry Roop says they seem to be coming to an end with the Library agreement. There's one small problem regarding Fire Insurance. We will now maintain the fire insurance as a Village, but they have to maintain insurance to cover their stuff. Larry Roop then made a motion to enter into agreement with the Library District, Nate Swanson seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

PARK: Bill Strauch didn't have anything to report but had a question regarding the mowing. Bill wants to know if we need to accept bids for mowing again next year or if we can just let the same people do it again? Mayor's opinion is that it looks much more fair if we do open it to bids. He reminded us that we can always disqualify a bidder for any reason.

UPDATES FROM DANNY: Danny hasn't heard anything back from Mrs. Grebner regarding the sewer yet. Danny also asked Larry Tomlinson if he's done anything with the easements papers yet. Larry said nothing has been done, and that the papers need to be notarized. He will get working on it.

OTHER BUSINESS: Larry Roop wanted to discuss holiday appreciation recognition for the village employees. He said last year each employee received a gift certificate to Washburn Community Foods. This year they are wanting to open it up to other business if possible. The committee came up with the idea of "Washburn Bucks". They have done some legwork and the businesses have agreed to accept the bucks (all but Casey's because they can't because they are a corporation). The idea would the employee would give the business the Washburn bucks then the business would submit them to the village and we would pay them for it. Board and Mayor thinks it's a good idea. However we need to make sure it cannot be counterfeited. Larry Roop then made a motion to show appreciation and enter into agreement with the local business, giving each full time employee \$200 bucks and each part time employee \$100 bucks, with the merchants to turn into the Village board for reimbursement for payment; Jim Gebel seconded it. All ayes, motion carried. Larry Roop will work out the details and get something made up and get the bucks distributed.

Larry Roop wanted to give an update on the ordinance books. The cheapest place he found to print the books is UPS Store in Peoria. He has sent them the info, but now their machine is broken and it will be about two weeks until the part comes in to fix it.

Mayor also mentioned that he had received an email from Jim Cummings with EDC regarding CDAP Grants. Mayor wants to know if anyone has anything in mind? It would be a rush to get something for next year but wants the board to be thinking of ideas for 2012. Ideas could include sidewalks, storm sewer, etc. Jim Gebel mentioned the idea of new trees along the streets; some are getting old or have been cut down.

Larry Roop made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m., Linda Silver seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Washburn Village Clerk

Date