

## Village of Washburn

**Mayor**  
David Humphrey

November 9, 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 started with the reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken and all board members, as well as the clerk and mayor, were present. Bill Strauch made the motion to accept last months minutes. Larry Roop seconded, all ayes, motion carried. Larry Tomlinson made a motion to pay the bills. Jim Gebel seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

The mayor asked if anyone wanted to address the board. Jim Cook asked to keep the bar open 1 hour later on Thanksgiving Eve. Larry Tomlinson made a motion to allow this. Nate Swanson seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

**STREETS:** The trees were cut down near the Lutheran Church. The rods, which needed cut off on our property were done. Wiegands agreed to pay their portion for the patching we had done, under warranty, for Main St. After some discussion, it was decided to give Mark Frerichs a \$1,500 bonus. The amount varies from year to year and should have been given before now, as stipulated in his contract. Jim Gebel made a motion to give Mark the bonus. Bill Strauch seconded, and with 5 ayes and only 1 nay, the motion carried.

Simon arrived to explain the TARP grant of \$41.4k from IDOT to make part of State St, from Rt. 89 to Tax School Rd by the Grade School, into a truck route as well as upgrading 2 intersections. We had several options: a) we could decline the grant, b) accept the grant and add more money from our general funds, or c) roll the money over to a later date. Jim Gebel made a motion to go with option "c". Larry Roop seconded, all ayes, motion carried. Linda Gebel needs to sign papers for Foth Engineering.

**WATER/SEWER:** It will cost about \$1,200 for the water main extension. Bill Strauch made the motion to pay for this and was given a second by Jim Gebel. All ayes, motion carried. The filter company came up with a \$400 lower fee. To examine the media and all the work this entails, the price is \$4,018 plus mileage and boarding for one night. Larry Tomlinson made the motion to do this. Jim Gebel seconded and with all ayes, the motion carried.

**POLICE:** The officers went to Springfield to get fitted for vests. The police car had an electrical short and is being fixed. The cameras in the police dept. have been installed. Craig is checking into what the town is going to do about animal control. Craig also did follow-ups on the 2 houses the town has petitions against. Linda Silver read the police report for the month.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** No report.

**LIBRARY:** Larry Roop showed the Ill. Prairie Dist. Board our heating bills. We're trying to work things out with them for help with the money it takes to upkeep our library.

**INSURANCE & TIF:** For insurance, Phil was here to break down hours, child support, and medical for Cheri, Mark, and Ben. The other insurance company did not get back to us on a possible new policy. Next year we'll start sooner, to check out other insurance companies.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Discussed whether The Washburn Whisper legally can be used to publish legal notices. The mayor and our attorney feel we can. It could save us money, but if it's not a legal newspaper, our board could be in big trouble. Golf cart ordinance 09-03 was tabled so Danny can do more research on it.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Discussed whether we need the lawyer at every meeting. Most small towns do not because of the cost. Also discussed lawsuit. We are awaiting Judge Finney's decision.

Larry Tomlinson made a motion to adjourn. Larry Roop seconded, all ayes, meeting adjourned.