

# Village of Washburn

**Mayor**

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Monthly Board Minutes

**Board of Trustees**

Edward Grebner  
Kristy Humphrey  
Scott Skeleton  
Larry Tomlinson  
Pat Winkler  
Jessica Youngman

**Village Clerk**  
Becky Ulrich

**Village Treasurer**  
Cheri Clark

**Water/Sewer/Street Department**  
Matt Strauch

**Chief of Police**  
Jeff Moline

Jess called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken, all members were present except Scott and Kristy. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The November meeting minutes were reviewed. Ed made a motion to approve the minutes, Pat seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

The bills were reviewed. Larry made a motion to pay the bills, Ed seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Amanda Irwin was in the audience to speak on behalf of her parents. Her parents live in Washburn and she is confused regarding the Ordinance regarding not being able to have chickens in town. She thinks the ordinance says that a residence could have up to four chickens with less than one acre of land. Jeff read Ordinances 6-4-3D. If they want more information on why the variance was denied they would have to talk to the zoning board. There was a small discussion regarding this.

**STREETS:** Matt worked on the street lights. Matt and Jason cleaned a bunch of drains on Rt. 89.

**WATER/SEWER:** Ed said PIPCO has received the contract. They have a couple of questions regarding it. One of them is regarding no subcontractors and we had to have one due to the lead paint. The second question was regarding bonding. Seventy-five percent of the project is completed. It will cost PIPCO some money to do the steps for bonding. Do we want to do it? There was a small discussion regarding this with Judd.

Matt said the sewer plant is going good.

Cheri asked Judd if he knows where we are percentage wise with bills. Because we may need to start looking into a loan.

Ed made a motion to start the procedure of getting a loan through the Washburn Community Bank, Pat seconded it. Larry had a couple questions regarding the loan. All ayes, motion carried.

On a side note, budgeting should start next month (January).

Ed said he'd rather not touch any of the money in the water fund to pay for the plant project, Cheri agreed 100%.

**POLICE:** Pat talked to someone about starting to get our fuel from Lawn and Garden instead of Casey's. We would get a tax credit back from Lawn and Garden but currently do not from Casey's. Becky will double check with Lawn and Garden to make sure that's ok with them and let Pat and/or Jeff know.

Pat made a motion to transfer \$9,500 from Corp to Police, Ed seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Jeff gave his monthly police report.

Jeff also has a list of all non-tagged vehicles that needs to be moved or plated, he's going to start working on getting those taken care of.

**FINANCE, INSURANCE & TIF:** Larry made a motion to make a permanent transfer of \$5,100 from Corp to Audit fund, Pat seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Nothing.

**LIBRARY:** Has anyone heard anything about the ice breakers on the library gutters? Lee was supposed to do it but he hasn't. We haven't heard anything.

**PARK:** Pat said that they opened the bids for the mowing of Half Moon Park. There were two bids. One from J&J for \$5497 and one from Ulrich Lawn Care Inc for \$4842. Ed recused himself from the discussion and vote due to being related to one of the bidding parties. Pat made a motion to accept the Ulrich Lawn Care Inc. bid of \$4842, Larry seconded it. A Roll call vote was taken. Larry – yes, Jess – yes, Ed – recused, Pat – yes. Vote results in 3 ayes, 1 recuse and 2 absent. Motion carries.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY:** Danny talked about the Tax Levy Ordinance. Ed made a motion to pass Ordinance 14-03 Tax Levy Ordinance, Pat seconded it. All ayes but Larry, motion carries.

Danny mentioned he was approached by someone who wants to know if we would like him to get our ordinances put into book form. It would cost \$6,500. No. We have it on a CD. We should get it put on a jump drive and get it uploaded electronically.

**NEW BUSINESS:** It was discussed at committee meetings that beginning in January and going forward they would like to change the committee meetings from Thursday nights to Wednesday nights. Meetings will also start at 6:00 p.m. and flow continuously one after another. There will no longer be a 15 or 30 minute time slot for each committee; when one committee meeting is over the next will immediately follow.

The caucus is scheduled to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Pat made a motion to adjourn, Ed seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

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Washburn Village Clerk

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Date