

Village of Washburn

Mayor
David Humphrey

December 13, 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 November 8th TIF meeting minutes were reviewed, no corrections were needed. Jim Gebel made a motion to approve the minutes, Larry Roop seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

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The bills were reviewed. Nate Swanson 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.

Mayor mentioned that he had received a communication from the Sun Foundation requesting a donation. In past years we've given a \$100 donation. Larry Tomlinson made the motion to give a \$100 donation to the Sun Foundation, Jim Gebel seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

STREETS: Larry Roop first mentioned that he had a chat with Mark about making sure he's wearing proper safety equipment when working near the streets.

Next Larry wanted to clarify that we have decided not to submit a reimbursement for the LUST Fund; that we would wait until the project is complete.

Larry also mentioned that we do not have the new snowplow yet. Mark is currently using the old one and he was supposed to call today to see what the status of the new one is.

Jim Gebel mentioned that we are looking into getting some new trees to plant. He spoke with Raymond Kull, his trees are \$100 per tree, plus \$100 to plant it. Also, he could not provide any guarantee that they would grow. Jim also spoke with Hare's. Their trees are \$150 per tree, but they are willing to come out and work with us on planting them. They will also guarantee the trees for one year. Jim would like to get a pre-approval for approximately \$7,000 before he goes down to start negotiating with Hares. He also mentioned that this would be considered beautification purposes and that we could use TIF money. Jim Gebel then made a motion to approve up to \$7,000 for the purchase and planting of some trees, Larry Roop seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

WATER/SEWER: Larry Tomlinson first mentioned that Mark still hasn't gotten the pump back on track at the Lagoon. Larry has told Mark to make it a priority because it's been two months now.

The next issue Larry brought up was regarding the Grebner's sewer pumps. Now Mrs. Grebner is saying she does not want the pumps on her property. She seems to want to do gravity feed. Danny has spoken with Simon about it and it seems like there is some miscommunication and lack of education regarding the issue. We are not trying to charge Grebner's for anything. We have already purchased the pumps and have a quote for \$12,000 for the boring of the pump. Danny is going to work with Simon and Grebner's lawyers to get everyone better educated on the issue and hopefully resolve any concerns. We'll discuss further at next month's meeting.

Larry also mentioned that he got one of the two easements back and notarized. Larry gave it to Danny to be recorded.

POLICE: Nate had nothing to report.

INSURANCE & TIF: Jim had nothing to report. Although he did mention that Mayor Humphrey needs to sign off on Insurance for next year.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Larry Roop has been working on the website. He's also been working with the local business to let them know that their website can be accessed through our website.

Larry also mentioned that the committee talked about possible side walk locations to budget for next year.

LIBRARY: Larry Roop has finally gotten an agreement done with the Library. It is a five-year contract. We have one year to decide what we are going to do with the museum portion of the building. We need to find out what they owe us for back utilities to July. Larry asked Cheri to figure this.

PARK: Bill Strauch didn't have anything to report but did mention that we have received a bill for weed killer for Half Moon from the beginning of the summer.

UPDATES FROM DANNY: Danny sent out revision to the Nuisance Ordinance 10-03. The changes that were made are not to the actual ordinance, just administrative changes. Larry Roop made a motion to approve the changes, Nate Swanson seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: all ayes 6-0, approved; motion carried.

Danny also had copies of the new Tax Levies Ordinance 10-04. Mayor Humphrey recommends we do the 5% increase we are allowed. Nate Swanson made the motion to accept the new Tax Levies Ordinance 10-04, Larry Roop seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Bill Strauch – yes, Linda Silver – yes, Jim Gebel – yes, Larry Tomlinson – no, Larry Roop – yes, Nate Swanson – yes, 5-1, approved; motion carried.

Both of these ordinances need to be published, Danny said he will take care of this.

OTHER BUSINESS: Larry Roop has copies of the Draft Ordinance books. He provided a copy to each board member, Danny, and Cheri has a few extra copies. Now we need to start going through them to revise as needed. Danny suggested creating a rolling committee per chapter and move through the book by chapter. As a side note, these Draft books are public knowledge.

Larry Roop made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., Linda Silver seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Washburn Village Clerk

Date