

Village of Washburn

Mayor
David Humphrey

December 14, 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

Mayor David Humphrey called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. Roll call was taken: Larry Roop, Linda Silver, Nate Swanson, and Larry Tomlinson were present. Jim Gebel was tardy, and Bill Strauch was absent. Novembers' minutes were read, amended, and then approved by all.

The mayor asked if any guest wished to speak. Charlie Kennell asked if Washburn Community Foods could keep the sales tax from TIF to help them keep operating. The board members would like to know what the amounts were. In January the board will discuss how much they have already received from the town.

The bills were looked at. Larry Roop made the motion to pay the bills and was seconded by Linda Silver. All ayes, motion carried.

STREETS: It was decided the Christmas Decorations Contract should be renewed as it was expiring. Nate Swanson made the motion and Larry Roop seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Nate Swanson said the committee was recommending Christmas Bonus' of \$300 for FT employees and \$100 to PT employees. The mayor said he didn't like giving Christmas Bonus', however, a gift such as a turkey or gift certificate from Washburn Community Foods. Cheri checked with the auditors and was told as long as the bonus or gift was under \$500 it was allowed. Linda Silver made a motion to give them the money as recommended by the committee, but with no seconds the motion died. Larry Tomlinson made the motion to give FT employees a \$300 gift certificate to the store, PT Officer Matt would receive a \$100 gift certificate to the store, and the other PT employees would receive a \$50 gift certificate to the store. Larry Roop seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

WATER/SEWER: Larry Roop said the filter was getting looked at tomorrow (December 15th).

POLICE: Craig says the school complained that people aren't putting seat belts on their children in the cars, so he will be looking into this.

The repeater is now mounted on the firehouse tower.

Craig would like to use money from the DUI fund as well as money from his budget to purchase and install new cameras in the police cars. We also have a \$1500 grant, which can be used for this. It will cost \$80/hr to install both. They were bought from Watch Dog and the dvds can be reused if not required for court. Jim Gebel made the motion to go ahead with this and Larry Roop seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Linda Silver read the monthly police report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No report.

LIBRARY: Larry Roop presented a memo from his talks with the director of the Ill. Prairie District Library.

Linda Silver said the handle at the library needed tightened, and Jim Gebel said he would look at it.

INSURANCE & TIF: No report.

PARK: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: The board reviewed and released the Executive Session Minutes from July 13, 2009.

The golf cart ordinance was approved by the village attorney and then a motion by Larry Roop for its approval was made. Jim Gebel seconded. 4 ayes, 1 nay, motion carried.

Nothing on Murrah case.

NEW BUSINESS: Anthony Griffin may take the loose dogs to his kennel. We hope to have more info on this by next month.