

Village of Washburn

Mayor
Steve Forney

February 10th 2020
Monthly Board Minutes

Board of Trustees
Jessica Damerell
Scott Forney
Alvin Grebner
Ginger Humphrey
Randy Knoblauch
Jessica Youngman

Village Clerk
Becky Ulrich

Village Treasurer
Cheri Woodson

Water/Sewer/Street Department
Matt Strauch

Chief of Police
John Scroggs

Steve called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken, all here. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The January meeting minutes were reviewed. Ginger made a motion to approve the minutes, Alvin seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

We will come back to the bills as they are still being reviewed.

STREETS: Jess said she wasn't at the committee meeting so she doesn't have anything. It was mentioned there wasn't anything major discussed at the committee meetings.

WATER/SEWER: Alvin said we need to vote on an ordinance. Jessica said last meeting we agreed to join the mutual aid group but we missed a few steps and we need to back track now. We need to pass this ordinance as part of the necessary process to even apply for the mutual aid assistance. There was a small discussion regarding what's required, is this only for the public works part of the village or does it involve the police and/or fire departments as well? Danny read over the ordinance. Jess looked up the IPWMAN and it appears it's only our public works services, nothing further such as fire/police etc. Jess makes a motion to pass Ordinance 20-2, Randy seconded it. A Roll call vote was taken: Jessica – yes, Jess - yes, Scott - yes, Alvin - yes, Ginger - yes, Randy - yes. Motion passed.

Alvin said Matt got an estimate for getting the water tower repainted and to have the aerator installed. It's for \$39,700 for the painting and \$9,300 for the aerator installation. Matt would like to get this on the schedule for spring. We are going to table approving until next month. We believe we received a previous bid from the same company a little while back that was for a few thousand dollars less. We want to do a little research and put it on the agenda for next month.

POLICE: Ginger said no transfer was needed this month. Ginger read the police report.

Ginger said John has been sick quite a bit lately. Nick and Deb have tried to pick up some of the slack while he's been off.

Ginger asked if everyone has seen the Facebook post from Ms. Tucker degrading our police department and bashing them? Apparently this citizen was saying our police department, in particular Debbie, is abusive etc. Ginger just wanted to make sure it was brought up and everyone was aware of the situation.

Ginger also mentioned that the police department has found a couple of different Impalas for sale for roughly \$10,000 for a 2017. We are spending quite a bit of money on maintenance between the two vehicles we currently have, but mainly on the current Impala. So we need to be thinking about this in the near future.

FINANCE, INSURANCE & TIF: Scott said we need to set up a budget meeting. Meeting set for February 26th at 6:00 p.m.

Scott said Woodford County is having their final meeting tomorrow night and asked if Scott could come and explain TIF more. He asked Paul to meet him there since he's the expert, not Scott. Scott said Woodford County doesn't really seem to know much about TIF so before they'll sign off on the letter they want to know more about it.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: None.

Back to bills. Jess made a motion to approve the bills, Jessica seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

ZONING: Wayne said he hasn't heard anything from Charlie. Apparently Charlie called Randy today though and said he has a meeting tonight that he's required to be at otherwise he was planning on coming to the meeting tonight here himself. Charlie told Randy he would get back with him soon to discuss the building.

Wayne said he has two people that have volunteered to be on the zoning board. So unless any objects he's like to have them sworn in tonight. There were no objections. Shelly Ernst was sworn in. Robert Miller was sworn in.

Scott asked if anyone has heard anything about the old Mexican restaurant? Cheri said the new owner was re-doing the upstairs first and he ran into some problems so he is having to do more work that he first anticipated.

Wayne asked if anything has been done/responded to regarding the letter at 108 Lincoln St? No. Go ahead and send the next letter.

LIBRARY: None.

PARKS: Jess is in the process of getting quotes to replace the light pole that fell down. Ameren doesn't inspect their own poles, the sub-contract it out and she's trying to get the name and contact info to see if they'll be in the area anytime soon and be willing to take a look at our other existing poles.

OTHER: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: Everything under old business has already been discussed earlier in the meeting.

Jess makes a motion to adjourn the meeting to go into executive session for a possible real estate sale, with the intent to reconvene regular session; Ginger seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Reconvened.

Scott asked if there was anything we can do to clean up the industrial park? That's the #1 complaint he hears about things around town. There was a small discussion.

Alvin said Matt was at the committee meeting and asked if the board would consider reducing his hours to 32/week instead of 40. There was a discussion. The board has some questions regarding this. They are open to discussing it with Matt though and agree that someone needs to speak with him about it before much more can be discussed amongst the board. It was mentioned Matt is an asset to the town for sure but it doesn't mean we have to bend to appease him. Jess will have a discussion with him. Alvin and Steve also will be sure to chat with him as well.

Scott makes a motion to adjourn, Ginger seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Washburn Village Clerk

Date