

## Village of Washburn

**Mayor**  
Steve Forney

Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 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 but Ginger. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Jess made a motion to approve the August minutes, Scott seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

We will come back to the bills once they've all been reviewed.

Derrick Larimer was in the audience and wants to bring attention to the deterioration of a trailer over by his house. Roy Moulton owns it. It's believed that the address is 206 N Main St. There was actually a discussion at the committee meeting about this property on Wednesday. Ginger was going to touch base with John about it. Ginger is on vacation this week so she may have not addressed it with John before she left. But we will definitely address it when she gets back and talk to Roy about it. Derrick says it's gotten worse recently with that last windstorm that came through and it's quite a nuisance with animals etc. as well as an eyesore. Jess mentioned it's probably not going to be a fast process but we will definitely get the ball rolling to get it cleaned up.

**STREETS:** Jess made a motion to spend up to \$20,000 on sidewalk repairs to come out of TIF, Randy seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Jess made a motion to spend up to \$5,000 for spray patching, done by Ace in the Hole, location TBD by and Ace in the Hole representative and Matt; Jessica seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

**WATER/SEWER:** Matt talked at the committee meeting about getting a check valve boot for the water tower. The cost is \$1,170 plus \$50 shipping. Alvin will give Matt permission to go ahead and purchase.

**POLICE:** Randy made a motion to transfer \$6,200 from Corporate to Police, Jess seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Ginger is not here but she did read through the police report at the committee meeting.

**FINANCE, INSURANCE & TIF:** Scott mentioned Jerry Tomlinson's yard has a lot of broken/wrecked cars etc. Jess said she saw him load them today and haul them out. It seems like he's rotating them out quickly. It was mentioned maybe he could do it in a little bit more of an orderly fashion so they aren't just all over the place.

Scott asked Cheri if there was still a line of credit balance? Cheri said yes there is. She doesn't know how much it is off the top of her head but she can prepare something for next month and we'll get another tax installment sometime in September as well.

Jess asked Cheri if she got anything stating we paid off the water loan? Yes we did a few months back.

Scott asked the TIF attorney if we can use TIF money for tree removal? Yes as long as it's in the TIF district.

Cheri said she asked Jody over at county about still paying TIF taxes but we not being in the TIF district because we had to disclude ourselves years ago. Jody said the only way to legally get out of the TIF is to go in front of the judge. According to county Cheri is still in the TIF but according to our Attorney/map she is out. There was a small discussion about this.

Jess made a motion to pay the bills, Scott seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Scott received an email/info for a grant program. He checked into it and talk about some potential projects/ideas.

**ZONING:** Wayne was approached by someone wanting to know if they could build a duplex for rental purposes. He can't find anything against it so he wants to know if the board has any issues? Jess just mentioned the person may need a variance down the road if the owner would ever want to sell the property. Also they'll just need to make sure it's zoned properly.

Wayne said he needs to talk to Joanne Edwards about renewing her dog breeding license.

**LIBRARY:** None.

**PARKS:** No action. Jess said she would like to pat Matt and Jared on the back for getting the light pole and getting it put up, getting the lights, wiring it and getting it up and working. They called in a lot of favors and did a lot of leg and research to get it done. They also trimmed up some trees down there. Great job, thanks guys!

**OTHER:** Regarding 108 Lincoln St., Danny understands that we are holding off for now. Danny asked Jess to get a legal description ready to put a lien on it. Most of the complaints currently are about the grass not being mowed, so we could go ahead and have Matt/Jared mow it for this year and add that amount to the lien. There was a small discussion regarding this. Jess will ask Matt and Jared about mowing it.

Ginger called Danny and wanted to know what was going on with the Copeland unemployment claim? We received a letter on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, but the letter said it was being mailed on the 10<sup>th</sup> and that we had until the 16<sup>th</sup> to respond but we didn't even receive it until the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Also, Debbie asked for her hours to be cut from 20-21 hours/week to 6-7 hours/week so she could sill keep her unemployment she was receiving from her other job. Danny will follow up with unemployment. Cheri is going to go online and try to get some more info before and do some leg work before Danny follows up though.

John did go ahead and put her on the schedule for 16 hours next week.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Wayne has a question about the solar stuff. Scott said we would like to get some proposals from them anyway.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Regarding Charlie Kennell's building, his permit is expired. ~~and he mentioned COVID held him up and we can't really do anything about it.~~ He needs to get a new building permit in order to continue doing anything at this point.

Jess made a motion to adjourn, Alvin seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

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Washburn Village Clerk

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Date