

Village of Washburn

Mayor
Steve Forney

January 11th 2021
Monthly Board Minutes

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

Village Clerk
Becky Ulrich

Village Treasurer
Heather Hare

Water/Sewer/Street Department
Jared Marshall

Chief of Police
John Scroggs

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

Jess made a motion to approve the December minutes, Jessica seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Andy Jay is here to address the board regarding the industrial park and a project he has coming up for Hodel Farms. There are some issues with their outlet and would like to get that area fixed/back in order and to do so they'll have to cross some other people's property at the industrial park. Ginger said that is going to cause more of an issue to dump more water into that ditch on 89. They are looking to put in a trunk tile with the possibility of putting patterns in at a later date. The board has reservations about approving this because we already have water issues coming through there anyway. Randy asked what the time line is? Andy said it's not going to be quick. Hodel's would like to see if done in the spring but not super likely that will happen. Randy and Jess said they'd like to do some research over the next month before making any decisions. Jess also mentioned she's not even sure it's our decision to make, that it would be going into a county/state culvert because it's their roads. There was a small discussion.

Andy also asked if they are done working on the dry hydrant out there? He said he'd like to see that cleaned up and filled in better and that he'd be happy to help get that done also.

STREETS: Jess said they discussed the possibility of bringing in a part time worker for \$13-\$14/hour to do some work that Tim can't/won't do and Jared can't get too. Would be on an as-needed basis. Jared suggested asking Kyler Beltramea.

WATER/SEWER: Alvin doesn't have anything. Jared did call about the aerator motor that burned up.

POLICE: Ginger doesn't need to make a transfer this month. She mentioned they did buy a new police vehicle. It's a 2017 Ford Taurus and it should be here on Wednesday. The police car was having issues over Christmas. We were without a car for 2 days. We had to take it to Ufrings as John was shut down and they fixed it up. Scroggs said it was a shifter cable that was the issue.

Randy said to get rid of the Tahoe we need to get it fixed. John said it would be \$1500 at most to get it running and then we can sell it.

The new car cost just over \$10,000 and there was nearly \$17,000 in the vehicle fund budget so we came in under budget.

FINANCE, INSURANCE & TIF: Nothing for Finance. For insurance the cyber liability policy was not included in the annual renewal; it went up a couple of hundred dollars. Mike is going to shop that and see if he can get something from another company cheaper. Mike should have something back to Scott tomorrow or Wednesday.

Jess said regarding the village credit card limits, they are currently set at \$500. Do we need to raise that at all? John went to pay for something recently and had hit the limit and had to pay partially of out pocket and get reimbursed. Small discussion. Also she thinks Jared should have a card as well. There was some discussion regarding having personalized cards all through the bank. The board agrees that's a good idea. John, Jared and Heather should all have cards. Heather's limit will be \$15,000 and John and Jared each will have \$1200 limits.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Nothing.

ZONING: Nothing.

LIBRARY: Nothing.

PARKS: Nothing.

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

OTHER: Nothing.

Jared said it was brought to his attention that some kids have been playing on the sidewalk/sidewall area on Harold's property across the street and there's some nails etc in there; people would like to see something be done. We can't really do anything, we need to contact Harold's attorney first.

Jared also brought up that he's had lots of complaints about Charlie's building again. The board agrees we should starting fining him. There was a small discussion. We need to start taking action. The last time something got accomplished was when Danny sent him a letter, maybe we need to have Danny send another with a copy of the previous letter. This is the last chance and we will start fining him daily. The board agrees to \$100/daily.

Ginger made a motion to adjourn, Jessica seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Washburn Village Clerk

Date