

Village of Washburn

June 14, 2021

Monthly Board Minutes

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Scott Forney

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Ginger Humphrey

Randy Knoblauch

Kevin Burdette

Roll call was taken, all members present.

The meeting minutes for May were presented to members. Randy motioned to approve, Ed seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Recognized guests - Steve Babcock (Address: 109 S Garfield St.) inquired about the city's plans for 108 S Lincoln St. property. Discussion of who owns the property, who maintains it, and how the city will handle it.

Bill approval was motioned by Scott, seconded by Ginger. All ayes, motion carried.

Streets - Ed discussed connecting previously ground streets around town, one on Parkside Dr. and the other on Walnut St. MFT can provide up to \$25,000 for one project and Rebuild Illinois has provided \$50,746 that doesn't have to be spent until 2025. Ed made a motion to spend \$24,900 of MFT funds on the Parkside Dr. project and \$24,900 of the Rebuild Illinois funds on the Walnut St. project. Randy seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

A small discussion about the resolution for the closure of Route 89. It was put on the agenda for next month to be voted on.

A small discussion about water problems experienced by Bob Morris took place. Replacing culverts to resolve the issue were discussed.

A small discussion was had about sidewalks.

Water/Sewer - A small discussion about sewer bond paperwork was had.

A small discussion about a contract with Kurt Downing being tabled soon.

Police - A total of 66 incidents were reported last month.

Woodford County Police Captain Mark lead a discussion about the state of the contract with Woodford County Police, if speeding has decreased in the community, increasing police presence near the high school/on Walnut St.

A discussion about golf cart inspections took place.

A discussion about placing speed humps on Walnut St. took place.

No bids were placed on the Ford Taurus police cruiser.

Finance/Insurance - Health Insurance went up slightly.

Economic Development - Kevin asked for contact information on the developing restaurant next to the Thrift Store, to potentially get help from the state government for funding.

Cody Jenkins, who owns the apartments on Jefferson, is considering tearing down the old overhang and redoing it.

Heather Baker is considering opening a bakery next to Sicily's Pizza. Plans to reach out to her about potential TIF money were discussed.

A discussion about tearing down Charlie Kennel's building project, potential reimbursement was discussed as well.

Zoning - 5 permits were issued.

A lengthy discussion took place about sending 2 certified letters, one addressed to Cody Krowlek and the other to Jerry Tomilson, about ceasing their scrapping business. Discussions of how long the city should give to clean it up and fines took place. The city attorney is to review the letters.

A discussion about a dispute between new neighbors took place. They were told that they would not be allowed a zoning permit until the property is surveyed or the two neighbors can agree where the property line is. The property is located on Adams St.

Zoss has two weeks to put up a fence around their pool.

Craig Adolphson put up an 8-foot fence around the perimeter of his yard without a permit.

A discussion about whose responsibility it is to deal with high grass took place. It was decided that it is the duty of the zoning officer. They will send out a certified letter, the recipient has 5 days, upon receiving the letter, to comply.

Library - Nothing was discussed.

Park - An exterminator company located in Metamora was hired to treat the piping that runs along the baseball diamonds for wasps, the cost was \$200. If there continues to be a problem, he will come back and retreat it.

Other - Nothing was discussed.

Old Business - A discussion about Matt Straus pursuing unemployment from the village took place. He claimed that his last day of work for the village was May 3, 2020, when in fact he worked through October. He claims the reason for his unemployment was “lack of work” or laid-off, but he actually resigned. The city will protest his unemployment claim.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Scott, seconded by Ginger. All ayes, the meeting was adjourned.