

Village of Washburn

July 12, 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.

Motion made Scott, seconded by Ed to approve the minutes for June's meeting, all ayes, motion passed.

Streets: Vote on resolution R21-01, the closure of Route 89 for the fall festival. The resolution will go from September 15 at 8 a.m. to September 19 at 12 p.m. Ed makes a motion to accept the resolution R21-01, seconded by Kevin, all ayes, motion passed.

Small discussion about spray patching, Ed got a quote from Jamie for half a day's worth of equipment, materials and labor. This includes 375 gallons of CRS-2 oil at \$6.25/gallon, 10 ton double-washed, crushed, white rock at \$25/ton. They would be payed prevailing wage. It will be up to city administrators to verify the quantity and quality of the product, and if there are any discrepancies, there will be no charge.

A discussion about Tazwell County Asphalt coming to measure and discuss the Parkside Dr. And Walnut St. projects. They will get back to us with a quote. They might have to cut some off of Walnut. They will try to do everything that needs to be done on Parkside.

Another discussion about Tazwell County Asphalt's work by the library, and if they will ever fix it. It was said that Tazwell County Asphalt would take a look at it whenever they returned to town.

Billy reached out to Jared about coming to town on July 26 to begin the sidewalk projects. Barring any bad weather, Jared is to begin tearing up the sidewalks for Billy.

Water: The roto phase at the sewer plant had to be replaced, it cost a total of \$5,659

Small problem was had at the water plant, Silco was switching power lines after some were down on Route 26. Ameren sent a claim number to us for when we find the cost to replace the electronics. Mike Storm also was made aware of the damage.

Ginger made a motion to pay the bills for last month, Randy seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Police: Ginger didn't have a police report, so she has to contact Mark about getting it.

A security company out of Eureka is interested in purchasing the Taurus, they are to get back to Randy about it.

A discussion about golf cart and ATV stickers was had, Randy will be the main contact for people who need to get them. People can call city hall and ask for an application to be mailed to them. Ginger proposed having a designated day when people can come and get their vehicle inspected and approved all in one day. Randy and Ginger will decide the day, which will posted on the website and in the glass at city hall.

Finance, Insurance, and TIF: Nothing to vote on.

Scott talked at the committee meeting about the city matching grants and looking further into putting a sidewalk along Route 89 to Dollar General. Ed will reach out to IDOT about estimates for the project.

Economic Development:

A discussion was had about giving potential new businesses grant/TIF money, Kevin was curious as to whether he should reach out to the people, or let them come to the city. It was decided that we will let them come to us if they seek financial help. It was discussed that we will hold off on matching any grants due to allocation of funds to the sidewalk projects. If any businesses are interested in TIF money, they can reach out to the TIF attorney, but for right now, we cannot match anything.

Zoning:

Merle has issued 20 permits this year for pools and fences. Randy is going to get with Merle and write a letter to send to Carl and Lou Ann Tomilson regarding their trailer and getting it dissolved within the next two weeks.

The issue with the scrapyard has been taken care of, nothing has come in for the last few weeks.

The trailer on Main St. was brought up, and discussed on whether Lutz is living in the camper or the garage.

There have been several complaints about a demolition derby car in the alley next to Tomilson's craft store off of Jefferson St.

Discussion about Charlie Kennel's property on Walnut St. A certified letter was drafted for Kennel, but was never sent. Therefore, Kennel was never served any papers from the city. Thus, the letter will be redrafted and sent from Merle, both as a registered letter and regular mail. The city attorney suggested to pay Woodford County \$40 to serve Kennel papers.

A discussion about tall grass was brought up again. The city mowed the front yard of the home on Walnut St., the city will send the owner of the property a bill. The city has to try and find the owners/lean holders of each property that is being neglected, and send them a notice. The two properties of interest are the ones on Walnut St. and Lincoln St.

Library: Nothing was discussed.

Park: Nothing was discussed.

Village Attorney: The board inquired about the status of the Strauch unemployment claim. The city filed a claim, emailed it in, faxed it in, and mailed it in and haven't heard anything due to large volume of claims due to COVID-19. It's filed, just awaiting a response.

A discussion was had about a dispute between two neighbors on Walnut St. over garbage cans. There is nothing that can be done because the cans are within the neighbor's property and are not a permanent structure. The cans are staked into the ground so they do not blow away.

New Business: The board discussed whether Don Lutz's camper on Main St. is being used as a residence. The city ordinance says that citizens cannot reside in a camper as a permanent residence. The camper must move every 30 days. The last board-sanctioned discussion with Don was through the last zoning officer, Wayne. Don was under the impression that it was okay for him to be living in the camper, but following the discussion agreed to no longer living in the camper, and would live in the garage instead. However, this also is against city ordinance, considering a dwelling must have a stove, sink, and other kitchen amenities. The city has no evidence that Don is living in the camper, so the situation will be tabled and monitored for the time being.

Ed motioned to adjourn the meeting, Randy seconded the motion, all ayes, meeting adjourned.

