

Village of Washburn

September 13, 2021

Monthly Board Minutes

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Steve Forney

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Water/Sewer/Street Department

Jared Marshall

Board of Trustees

Ed Grebner

Scott Forney

Alvin Grebner

Ginger Humphrey

Randy Knoblauch

Kevin Burdette

Attendance was taken, all present.

Kevin motioned to accept August's minutes, Randy seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Ed motioned to accept August's bills, Scott seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Streets

Ed talked to Chris from Midwest Construction, who is doing the work on the bank driveway. He talked to them about taking the concrete to the center line where it is cut. They need to put a separation joint, from the property line to the alley, in case the city ever needs to dig it up for water and gas line purposes, in accordance with the EPA.

There was an issue with the resolutions discussed during August's meeting. The city will pay out of the Rebuild Illinois fund. Approximately \$24,000 will come out of Rebuild Illinois, and the rest will be covered by sidewalk repair funds.

Water/Sewer

Pumps were pulled at the sewer. Both were plugged. One kept dripping out.

Kurt Downing was called about working on the media tank.

Police

Ginger was contacted by Woodford County Sheriff's Department about issues with internet signals. Ginger instructed Landon from Heartland Communications about putting an antenna on the outside of the police building. It will cost around \$250-300, Woodford Co. has already stated they would reimburse the city.

13 golf cart stickers were issued before the city had sent out letters. We sent out 27 letters, and got 5 more additional stickers. There are still carts in town that don't have stickers.

Marshall County issued the city a check for \$565 for fines collected.

Finance/Insurance/TIF

\$22,000 came out of streets to pay Vansil for sidewalks.

Jim emailed Scott asking how much money the city would be asking for in grants. The city is hoping for around \$50,000. Scott has yet to hear anything else. The city is also waiting to hear back about work on bathrooms and concrete.

Zoning

Sins building is on hold over a property line dispute.

AT&T is working on the cell phone tower by the high school. They will not be changing the footprint of the antenna, just replacing the old one. Thus, no permit is required.

Scott and Alvena Sturm, who were present at the meeting, came with a property dispute. They reside at 214 E. Walnut St. They are having an issue with the neighbor to the immediate east of them. The neighbor has lain railroad ties on their own side of the property line, which the Sturm's don't like. The neighbor has also made it a point to leave out garbage cans at the end of the fence to agitate the Sturm's. The Sturm's are requesting to put a lattice as an extension of their existing vinyl fence. This is a safety issue because one cannot see through the lattice. The board has heard their complaint and will investigate further to see if he is violating any city ordinances.

A discussion was had about people parking in the village right-of-way.

There has been a sign posted where formerly people would dump scrap for Carl Tomilson. The sign reads, "Scrap metal no longer accepted at this sight." If any scrap still shows up, Jerry Tomilson is free to pick it up. The sign will cost approximately \$154.

Letters were mailed out to Jerry Tomilson and Cody Krowlek about the ongoing scrap business. Both letters were sent as certified mail. The city will continue to monitor the situation closely to ensure they are no longer doing it.

There was a discussion about inoperable vehicles around town. The zoning officer must send out letters reminding people of the town's ordinance about said vehicles.

Library

Nothing was discussed.

Park

There was a discussion about purchasing 8 signs, 3 loads of CA6, which will not exceed \$2000. This is to make a parking lot on the northwest corner of Half Moon Park.

Randy motioned for this, seconded by Kevin. All ayes, motion carried.

It was brought to the attention of the board about vandalism at Half Moon Park. A camera was torn down, which needs to be replaced. Signs were also vandalized. A police report will be filed by Mark.

Attorney

Nothing was discussed.

New Business

There will be an open house to address any questions people may have about construction of a new solar farm. This will take place in Lance White's driveway on October 13, from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Ed motioned to adjourn the meeting, Alvin seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

