

Village of Washburn

October 11, 2021
Monthly Board Minutes

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Scott Forney

Alvin Grebner

Ginger Humphrey

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Kevin Burdette

Attendance was taken, none absent.

Randy motioned to accept September's minutes, Ed seconded. All ayes, motion passed.

Ed motioned to pay all bills for September except for Eureka softball, Scott seconded. All ayes, motion passed.

Streets

Ed motioned to accept Kacir Tree Service's bid on cutting down two trees for \$3,000, Kevin seconded. All ayes, motioned carried. The two trees are located at 408 Walnut St. and Lee Grebner's corner.

There was a small discussion about 2 trees at Scott Ireland's residence on village property that will require attention. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Water/Sewer

The filter on the media tank was cleaned, everything went well.

There was a lengthy discussion about the property west of Grant Park, which was digging a pond. They need to dig and inspect to ensure that none of the city's water lines were damaged during the process. The city will continue to gather information on the issue, and will act accordingly.

The city is trying to establish a protocol if a property has a water leak and they're unaware of it. No policies have been finalized.

Police

- 35 business checks
- 13 extra patrols due to the town festival
- 2 golf carts were inspected
- 8 traffic stops.
- The schools were checked 3 times

A police report was filed pertaining to an incident in which a car broke down on Walnut St. and was drug around through village property at Half Moon Park/private property near the incident's location, and also left scratches in the street. There is no word on whether the perpetrator will pay for the damages, the State's Attorney will decide.

The issue with vandalism of the cameras and signs at Half Moon park was further investigated. The city has identified the 4 perpetrators who did the vandalism, they will be paying reparations to the city through community service. Two new cameras

were purchased for Half Moon Park for \$127. There is no decision on where they will be mounted yet. Two signs were also purchased for the park. The total cost for cameras, signs, and installation of the cameras will be roughly \$500.

Finance/TIF

A discussion was had about allocation of funds pertaining to extra asphalt. This includes \$23,000 and \$6,000 bills that will be charged to the TIF fund.

The village got an award from the American Rescue Plan Relief of \$73,545.82. This is to be used for water and sewer projects.

The IPRF is available for \$1,150. This is to be used for safety equipment for streets.

Economic Development

Scott received a call from a contractor about starting the project to renovate the bathroom at city hall and work at the library. The library will close during the renovations.

Zoning

There was nothing to report, as the zoning officer wasn't present.

The board had a discussion whether the officer is performing their duties to the city's standards/requirements.

Library

Nothing to report.

Park

6 concrete parking stops were purchased for \$20 apiece.

The city is continuing to pursue not exceeding \$2,000 total on the parking lot.

The swingset has been taken down, but has not been relocated yet.

Attorney

The city inquired to the attorney about what rights it has to pursue action if there was damage to water line in the previously discussed digging issue.

The city attorney suggested that the city attempt to work the issue out with the contractor and the homeowner, as they did not follow the proper protocol, regardless of whether or not there is damage.

The city is considering using its own equipment and labor to dig up and inspect the water line to see if there was any damage incurred. The city will first ask the homeowner to have the contractor return and dig up the water line so that the city can inspect it. If they do this, there will be no cost to the homeowner. However, if the city must expend their own resources to inspect the line, a bill will be sent to the homeowner.

New Business

There was a discussion of Andy Jay's tiling company wanting to proceed with a job that goes under Francis St. and through the industrial park. The city has no concern with Jay going underneath Francis St.

Scott talked to the new restaurant owners who hoped to be open by the end of October.

Scott motioned to adjourn the meeting, Ed seconded. All ayes, motion passed.

