

Village of Washburn

Mayor
Steve Forney

December 13, 2021
Monthly Board Minutes

Board of Trustees
Kevin Burdett
Alvin Grebner
Ed Grebner
Ginger Humphrey
Randy Knoblauch

Village Clerk
Joy Hattan

Village Treasurer
Heather Hare

Water/Sewer/Street Department
Jared Marshall

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

Randy made a motion to accept both the Regular and Special November minutes, Ed seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

STREETS: Ed said they are looking at re bidding several trees to take down when Jared gets back. Ed is getting with Jud Giffin to look at MFT for the 2022 year.

WATER/SEWER: Alvin reported that our phosphate permit from the EPA was denied. Kurt and Jud put information together and resubmitted the permit. EPA approved it then.

Quotes on generators for the sewer plant are out. It will take 6 months to get the generator sets. The cost of these generators will be covered by the grant money we received. Alvin will double check the grant requirements before ordering.

Jared hurt his back and was off all week.

Last Sunday the VFD in the water plant went down. It will take 4 – 5 weeks to get a replacement. Ed asked about VFD providers in Peoria. The estimated cost is \$2,000 plus installation. There was discussion about what kind of VFD to get and whether we should get a backup VFD also. There was also a discussion about whether there is a deadline. After a discussion the board thinks we should order two so there is a backup in house.

POLICE: Randy gave the police report. He mentioned that he has not heard of any complaints from the community and thinks Woodford County is doing a good job.

FINANCE/INSURANCE/TIFF: Scott said we had three insurance renewals.

Liability Insurance - \$32,549
Cyber Insurance - \$1,911
Bond Insurance - \$ 512

He reported that the Liability Insurance went down \$7,000 and attributed this to the loss of the Police Department. He also spoke to Mike about increasing the Liability coverage. It currently is

\$1 million and thinks this is too low. This should be done before the next renewal period. Scott made a motion to approve the renewal amounts, Kevin seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS: Kevin reported that Stringtown closed to clean but they have reopened. Kevin asked about the other restaurant scheduled to open in town.

ZONING: Merle did not attend the meeting and never contacted Steve or any other board member.

Ed made a motion to approve the bills, Kevin seconded it.

PARK: Randy informed Jared to order more sign poles so the new parking signs can be put up. Swing set was moved, and forms have been placed around all playground equipment. Grant Park is ordering mulch and we can get a better price in bulk so mulch will wait until spring when Stan places an order. Parking lot is done.

Randy is planning to spend no more than \$500 on a new security system. This will come out of the current budget.

LIBRARY: There was water leaking from the toilet in the new bathroom at the library. Alvin spoke to Dillion plumbing who did the work and they said we would have to pay a service charge for them to come out and fix it. Tim and Jess Erkman fixed it. Will probably get a bill from Jess Erkman sometime.

OTHER: Danny has the new Tax Levy Ordinance No. 21-02 for 2022. This has a 5% increase, and it was put in the Road & Bridge section. Ed made a motion to approve the ordinance, Kevin seconded it.

A Roll call vote was taken: Ed – yes, Kevin – yes, Scott – yes, Alvin – yes, Randy – yes. Motion passed.

A discussion on Christmas Bonuses was held. Each employee will get a \$300 bonus. Randy made the motion, Ed seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

The board accepted Scott Forney's resignation. He will be moving the first of January. Scott did recommend Justin Malec as a replacement.

Randy made the motion to adjourn, Ed seconded it.

Meeting adjourned.