

Village of Washburn

June 13th, 2022

Monthly Board Minutes

Mayor

Steve Forney

Village Clerk

Linda Justice

Village Treasurer

Heather Hare

Village Maintenance

Tim Strauch

Board of Trustees

Kevin Burdette

Al Grebner

Ed Grebner

Ginger Humphrey

Randy Knoblauch

Becky Schupp

Zoning Officer

Merle Guy

Steve called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with everyone present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Ed made a motion to approve minutes from May's meeting, Kevin seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Lt. Smith, patrol officer, under Captain Wright, has worked for the county over 30 years. Sargent Poulston also present, both with the intent to attend monthly meetings to keep contact with board and keep communication open with fellow officers. There were 111 calls last month, 25 traffic stops, business checks, some domestics, and break in calls. Reached out regarding concerns and what they can do better. Ginger brought forward a concern regarding making sure schools are locked, Lt. Smith reassured cars in town at the beginning of school and when school releases. They have also gone in and talked to the principle. Lt. Smith personally walked the halls, making connection with students, assuring them they are there for their protection after the TX tragedy.

Update on coverage: 4 different crews with 1 Sargent and 4 deputies. 2 day shift crews and 2 night shift crews both consisting of 11 hours shifts. Come December 1st will transition to 12 hour shifts. Will attend more meeting to familiarize with important town dates and festival weekend coverage.

Ginger made a motion to pay bills, Kevin seconded it.

STREETS:

Tree bid: Steve Prather and J&L, gave a 90 day time line, both can start in two weeks. Prather cheaper because includes all tree. J&L did not want to remove one tree due to power lines and boom will not reach. Steve has tree lift boom. Steve is aware of power line. Steve's total take down of 5 trees is \$4450, J&L taking down 4 trees is \$2800, Prather is \$1750 for tall tree on Francis St. Randy made a motion to accept Prather's bid for tree trimming of \$4450, (taken down with 90 day time frame), 2nd by Kevin. All Ayes.

Closing 89 down Sept 14th -18th, @ noon, 2022 (resolution 22-02) for festival. Ed made a motion, 2nd by Ginger. All ayes.

Discussed bids on sidewalks. Tim and Ed to go around and work on bid for next month.

WATER/SEWER:

Phosphate permit, will start adding soon.

Jim Steffen stopped at Grant Park to add a green space behind Jessica Youngman's. Village been asked to supply water access for irrigation. Will have a meter to track and account for. Ed mentioned to come out of park with pipe versus come out Stan Ulrichs. The park has newer, heavier pipe (4 inch) where Stan's is an older, roughly 2 inch pipe.

Steve Eihler's wants to know why town is digging up water mains on a Saturday. Are they getting over time? Are we paying Matt to do it? Matt considered outside contractor, make sure he has his own insurance and present proof.

POLICE:

Mark reached out to Ginger regarding remodel. Said wouldn't take place until fall. Levi got internet hooked to camera systems.

FINANCE, INSURANCE, & TIF:

Discussed vehicle saving fund – \$ 6,925.05, Police vehicle fund \$1,355.00 for a total \$8281.05 needing transferred into corporate. If moved into corporate can be used on new truck. Kevin made a motion to transfer money to Corporate, 2nd by Ginger.

Duckworks TIF money: 1. Pay as you go, 2. Forgivable loan, 3. Flat installment. Applying for \$85,710, including tuck pointing and replacing awning on front of building. Draw backs to each option, if go with pay as you go, we take tax dollars they pay for property and deduct schools and fire protection and works off a % of that. Total taxes are \$1,127, take off \$51.29 for fire and \$412.54 for school, leaves them a total tax \$664. Can go with a 75% option or 90% option, they will not get a whole lot of money back. If do with forgivable loan, Town can pay for part of their loan. Town can make as much or little as want, but they have to stay in business or cannot sell in 12 month period or else they pay it back. Last option of flat installments and town can do a yearly installment for them. Again, if they sell or go out of business, payments stop, they do not have to pay back. They were hoping TIF would pay 40-60% of renovation. Kevin and Lisa can only take advantage of 12 years as that is all that is left in TIF. Discussed coming up with a forgivable loan value or a flat installment so Kevin has options. State absorbs TIF money if not used at the end of the 20 years. If did flat installments, take total giving, divide by 12 and give that amount over the next 12 years. If give 50% looking at giving \$48,000 total for \$4000 per year for 12 years in flat installments. Kevin is hoping to get moving sooner than later as October starts their busy time of year.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Closing on Stringtown BBQ is June 27th (looking to open by 2nd week in July) doing a Famers Market – Will be open 6 days a week, closed on Mondays (be is going to have bar and restaurant side open) – discussed other individuals that requested to stay in trailers temporarily and town did not allow. Merle to write up a variance of 120 days to cut down on gas and allow him to work on building. Variance to give him through October 31st, 2022.

ZONING:

Sent out 10 grass and weed fines with 6 mowed, 2 fence fines, and solar panels. Courtesy call for garbage in yard. Certified letter sent to house with pool, attempted to visit personally 3 times with no answer. Call for too much noise and tearing up grass. Mike Beltramae wanting a building put up to store farm equipment on residential property. He wants a 14 foot door. Discussion of is this primary building versus secondary building. There are no other structures on lot he is wanting to put building on.

Approached about house that caught fire on Walnut Street, can it be tore down and rebuilt on current structure. Not any closer to the road that either house on each side of it. Wanted to also build a detached garage. Would need a demolition permit then a permit to rebuild.

Jarod Marshall mentioned that if we are issuing violations to personal properties that we need to be aware of town property that is not mowed. Brought forward to keep Tim in the know of properties needing mowed.

Sims is moving in mini house, what is going to keep people from living in them? They are not on a foundation, cannot tax them. What do we do if Stringtown owners buys one after 120 variance?

LIBRARY:

Jesse looked at door, could not find anything wrong with it.

PARKS:

Sign to go up on t-ball field prohibiting drinking.

New Business:

n/a

Ed made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Randy, motion carried.

