

Village of Washburn

August 8th, 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 July minutes, Becky seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Kevin made a motion to pay bills seconded by Ed.

Guest Alvena and Scott Sturm to bring concern of dumpster in front of neighbor's house that is impeding vision down sidewalk. They raised concern on guests coming in and out of driveway and possibility of hitting a child or pedestrian. Letter was sent August 2nd and a fine was issued August 8th. Scott also wants to know who owns property south of the side walk. Is it city? Altercation occurred due to weeds being sprayed and threatened to vandalize his yard. Wants clarification so he can make neighborhood look nice. There was discussion that it is city property, Scott states that neighbor had his property surveyed and a pin is in place. Municipal rules that side walk to road is city property. Advised that once weeds violate city ordinance, then get Merle and police involved.

STREETS:

Bids opened for spray patch and seal coating. Re-bid asphalt for Walnut Street only at 10am August 25th. Judds gravel was \$8000 and seal coat was \$50,000. Ace in the Hole got bid for spray patch and Stephen's 3D got seal coating bid. Ed made a motion to accept Ace in the Hole to spray patch for \$20,177.50 seconded by Alvin. All ayes. For the record, Stephen's 3D bid for seal coating at \$50,327.50 won unanimously, motion made by Ed seconded by Ginger. All ayes. Ed to follow up with Judd.

WATER/SEWER:

Valve issue, looking into filter system due to crystallization. VFE burnt up, repair roughly \$2400. Britton's coming out to do ground field study. Could be reason for blowing VFE.

It's been brought up about Chlorine on West side of town. On 8/8, after flush level was 2.8. Discussed three legs that feed West side of town. Tim Schoon and Phyllis Rolenski state their water is fine, will look into other 2 legs and flush separately.

Discussed water line by Grant Park.

POLICE:

Ginger was questioning the extra patrol of 17 hours. The explanation was that if there was a complaint of suspicious activity outside property, county will send extra patrol as a drive by. Discussed having deputies on Walnut during school release. Complaints brought forward of high speeds coming down Jefferson and Parkside at high speeds during early AM hours. It was discussed that county will amp up patrol.

FINANCE, INSURANCE, & TIF:

Kevin to look into liability limit on street lights.

TIF: passed an amendment on 22-1 and 22-2, Lawyers got them backwards (they have it 22-2 as amendment to opt out of TIF and 22-1 and go forward with Duckwork's contract). Kevin and Heather looking into meeting minutes that showed our end as correct.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Stringtown getting closer. Owner stated that he had everything approved for motor home to stay. Jesse was there to hook up motor home. More to come with Merle's zoning report.

ZONING:

Merle received email from Stringtown stating he is using it as a mobile office. He is not hooked to sewer, only electricity. He slow cooks meat overnight and health department requires someone to be there to check temperatures. Owner is putting a shower and cot upstairs, turning into loft at Stringtown, but that is now allowed in ordinance. Merle to take a letter to owner detailing that site is not residential but for 3rd shift help to rest and keep an eye on food. Will enforce 90 day variance on camper to be used at office.

Merle addressed a couple swimming pools. Enforced fence rule. One to be taken down due to not being able to afford appropriate fence.

Brought to attention, a house on corner of Walnut and Main, cistern filled with garbage, house is foreclosed on, now has ply wood over cistern. Does the town have a liability and obligation to fill with sand or make safe due to kids in the neighborhood. Can town go on private property to protect neighborhood. Notice to be sent to Wells Fargo to get clarification.

LIBRARY:

Patch at Library holding water. Have Jeremy look at it and see if he can build it up and patch.

PARKS:

Randy sprayed for wasps. Needs to be an every year event.

Ed sprayed weeds on t-ball diamond.

New Business:

E-mail by Steve on Illinois Municipal membership. Everyone looked at it, all agreed that there is no advantage in joining.

Memorial Park maintenance. \$40 a ton for white rock and \$50 a yard for mulch for a total of \$240. Discussed to take from beneficiation fund.

Alvin made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Ed. All ayes, motion carried.