

# Village of Washburn

September 12<sup>th</sup>, 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, Ginger seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Ed made a motion to pay bills seconded by Becky.

### **STREETS:**

Sidewalk bid: \$12,480 by Baker's. \$390 linier foot. Project to start in October. \$4000 over budget. TIF did not return call. Discussed to look at budget for next year. Ed made a motion to accept Steve Bakers bid of \$12,480, \$390 a linier foot to repair sidewalks, seconded by Kevin. All Ayes.

89 to be shut down due to trees needing cut down. Prather bid \$1500 to cut down and town to pick up. Ted has been notified and okay with cleaning.

Asphalt bid: \$36,990 for Walnut Street (skip patch) from east of fire house to 89 and Francis St to No Name street at High School. Roads to be ground down to an inch and a half. Andy's bid if gravel back in, \$10, 794 and still buy pipe and inlet, if put flowable in, will cost \$15,565. Ed made a motion to accept Superior Farm Grains at \$15,565 to replace pipe and inlet going across Walnut Street with the town covering cost of supplies at roughly \$1200 seconded by Randy. All Ayes.

Ed made a motion to have pavement maintenance \$36,990 seconded by Al. All Ayes.

Spray Patch: Judd present to speak. Ace in the hole pulled out when asked for a sample due to breaking contract. Contractor is to let engineer know when in town so they can inspect, all part of requirements for bidding process. When the inspector did show up and request a sample oil, he was denied the sample. Contract stated they could supply sample the following Monday. It was discussed how frequent samples are requested, from other towns on a yearly basis. The response was that it has never been requested for Washburn, but has been for a few other local jobs. Typically sample requests on circumstances at the time. The bid was for one oil, but used a better oil that was brought forward to the board. Once a bid is done, specs cannot be moved. All changes should be made prior to bid is submitted to IDOT. Two recommendations were presented, a) cancel contract, say they violated the contract or b) allow them to continue the contract but only pay them for anything up to the point sample was requested. Main issue is lack of notification to the engineer and refusal to provide sample. Also there are no weight tickets. For a day and a half of work, they used roughly \$4500 worth of oil, total bid was \$20,177.50. Ginger made a motion to penalize Ace in the Hole \$2000 for violating contract with not letting the engineer know when they were going to start the project and not providing a sample to the engineer or agent affiliated with engineer, and to continue. Ginger made a motion to allow Ace in the Hole to continue until Lawyer and board and review contract and address any issues from there, seconded by Kevin. Five Ayes with One abstention. Per the lawyer, from this point on another member of the committee is to approach all contractors.

Dollar General side walk: Judd approached on doing. Discussion on bidding it out. To be tabled.

Seal Coat: To be removed from this year's project and tabled for next year. After review it was a 43% increase. Judd made a comment that fraction gravel is hard to get hands on but Pekin Sand and Gravel has 9 tons on the ground and still producing.

**WATER/SEWER:**

Tim got quotes at \$4165 for Graisser's, roughly \$268 a year and qualify for Ameren rebate.

Tim to take truck down to county and take plow bracket back off.

There was discussion on what to do with old truck once the new one is in use. Ed brought discussion of school purchasing for a runner truck as personal vehicles are being used.

**POLICE:**

Ala B. Yoder will start remodel 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October.

**FINANCE, INSURANCE, & TIF:**

To get coverage increased on street lights, Mike Storms was contacted, quotes are still in the works. \$60,000 or \$120,000 coverage quotes.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

N/A

**ZONING:**

Fence and deck ordinance not obeyed.

Dumpsters are now tucked in behind fence. Still not in compliance.

Letter has been sent to house with tall weeds – next letter to state we will fine \$250 after so many days of letter – house on the corner of Madison and Magnolia.

Merle to get ahold of Nick on house on the corner of Walnut and Park.

Marshall County taking Prather to court for County violations. Our board is welcome to be present.

Per Danny: Confirm the Village's long time policy and practice that when enforcing the village's ordinances, issuance and prosecution of any and all citations shall continue to be conducted without regard to race, religion, or nationality or preference of one citizen over another. Asking of the board to make a motion – Al makes a motion for resolution seconded by Randy. All Ayes.

Over a \$25 fine (Lugo) suing the town over dumpster obstructing view of road– entry of appearance, request for jury trial, motion to dismiss and conduct a discovery. Merle approach resident and asked how to resolve this but not willing to budge.

**LIBRARY:**

Cameras being installed due to kids being on the roof.

**PARKS:**

N/A

**New Business:**

Concern brought forward regarding 89 being shut down and directing traffic down Main Street, resident brought forward to closing road off at Sinn's and directing traffic through town.

Ginger made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Ed.

