

Village of Washburn

October 10th, 2022

Monthly Board Minutes

Mayor

Steve Forney

Village Clerk

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Village Maintenance

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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. Kevin made a motion to approve minutes from September minutes, Ed seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Ed made a motion to pay bills for the month of October, seconded by Alvin.

Guest Scott and Alvena Sterm present for update on dumpster that remains in the neighbor's lot. Not complying with fines. Next step is to take to court but cannot sue for fees. Discussion on how much to pursue for a \$25 fine. It was asked as to what ordinance are we fining him under? Zoning found ordinance 152-032, considered a barrier fence. There was discussion if the dumpster is indeed in violation of the ordinance, over 4 foot tall? But on gravel making it over 4 foot. Letter sent stating he had 5 days to remove dumpster but he never signed for the certified mail. Next one to go out and served by Sherriff stating he has 5 days to move dumpster or be fined up to \$500.

Danny asked what Sterm's mean when they say something bad could happen and everyone get sued? With the dumpster in the way, they cannot see the road until the back end of the car is over the sidewalk. Danny requested Sterm's to record themselves backing up.

STREETS:

Asphalt and spray patching on Walnut Street, Judd said pavement maintenance called, he would honor his price for next year if Town will wait due to temperature changes and fear of not getting done in time. Discussion on what to do with strip with asphalt tore out: coal patch? Spray patch? What will snow plows do? Discussed to call Ace in the Hole to fix spot on Walnut Street.

Culvert and sidewalks done. State Street, in order to get code met, sidewalk has to dive down.

Steve got trees cut down.

WATER/SEWER:

Pumps that bring water up into lagoon failed. Waiting to hear back if can be rebuilt or if a new one needs purchased. If need to buy a new one will cost roughly \$20,000. Got another \$73,000 from American Rescue Plan Act, couple possibly use some of that for new pump. Life expectancy is roughly 15 years and they are now 22 years old. Randy made a motion to purchase a new lift pump for sewer plant up to \$25,000, seconded by Ed. All Ayes.

Furnace is from 1980, bid for \$3250.00 to replace by Jessie Erkman, \$4165.00 from Grassier's. Kevin made a motion to reward Jessie to replace and install the furnace for \$3250.00 with a 60 day time limit, seconded by Alvin. All Ayes.

Ed having complaints of smells in his area.

POLICE:

Police station remodel starting 10/13/22. Heating and cooling duct work is not insulated, once drop ceiling goes in, will sweat if not insulated, so seeking out advice and not included in bid.

Concern to the cops is that kids sitting at library, using free WiFi and leaving garbage.

Semis and farmers on Francis Street. Sign needs placed for limitations.

FINANCE, INSURANCE, & TIF:

Insurance annual review with Mike Storms. One question was what is the liability on snow plow drivers. Town does give them a 1099 so what is insurance coverage since in town trucks.

New truck has been added to policy. Policy was present for viewing. New plow is on as well.

Discussed total to township. Do they hire them and put them on payroll or do they contract?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Bar on the curve has sold. Plan is to reopen as a bar. Septic tank is on village property.

ZONING:

Letter sent to the house with the pool, 2 panels up, nothing else. Ginger sent fine.

Dealt with a couch on Walnut Street.

Attended Marshall County Zoning meeting regarding Ratcliff, he presented licenses and titles, stated they all start and run. Merle announced himself as Washburn zoning, asked when the last time one left the property? Ratcliff now mad stating he's the one causing the trouble. Court date is set.

Now asking if Meinders should be served a letter regarding toys along the road?

Woodford and Adams has a tall hedge on corner lot, do we pursue it? Also hedges on Garfield and Parkside. Main and 89, Kenny Meinders house. Address brushes that blocks sidewalk.

Mike Beltramea wants to build a shed – considered residential. He should come to meeting and discuss his build and get a permit. Last time Merle spoke with him, he had no dimensions or plans but saw the lot.

LIBRARY:

Working on cameras.

PARKS:

All winterized and ready to close until spring.

New Business:

Danny to revisit garbage dumpster issue. Before any fines or letters are issued, needs to be handed over due to nascence.

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