

Village of Washburn

November 14th, 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. Alvin made a motion to approve minutes from September minutes, Randy seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Guest Speaker:

Kenny Meinders present due to a citation from Zoning Officer regarding bushes. He feels they are not obstructing view on corner of Main Street (210 S. Main Street) and 89. States that the hill on the opposite side of street on Main Street obstructs highway view more than his trees/bushes. Discussion to wait and see what spring holds, and hold accountable to maintain up-keep once they start blooming.

Steve Guy present to talk about brick house on the corner of Adams St and Magnolia St and the dead Ash and dead Maple tree. He is asking the town to take care of trees before they fall and cause damage to his house. Village to check it out and determine if on village property. \$2050 left in tree removal budget and if they are village, get them taken care of.

STREETS:

Ed provided with a new website for street lamps. Price for 3 head lamp pole (similar in look now), 12ft 2in at \$1582 (for pole and 3 lamps) and \$198 to powder coat. The wreck on the corner took all the wiring out, there is a need to rewire, so height is not an issue. \$9687 was provided by insurance to cover repairs.

WATER/SEWER:

Lift pump back and installed. A second pump was ordered and is 10 weeks out at \$18,000. Last VFD back, repaired and on stand-by. Jess got furnace up and running at water plant. Ted repaired leak by Casey's, boil order placed for surrounding area, if sample clears can be lifted. Looking into Auto-flush hydrants, they are 2-3 weeks out (one got ordered). Cost is \$4665 plus a few pieces to hook together. Will take off line item 3-5150 when it comes in. They can be set indefinitely for different flushes throughout the day. First one to be set over by Ed Grebner's, then over by Dollar General.

POLICE:

County made 30 traffic stops. Zook's (old windmill outside of town) is within jurisdiction but is town getting revenue for the tickets issued since they are on town hours. Ginger to look into.

Ginger to get paint for next door. Looking into flooring bids.

Ginger provided update on trying to get Facebook webpage re-activated. A report has been made to restore page but password is unknown. A copy of minutes will need to be provided on a town letterhead then to hopefully have password reset.

FINANCE, INSURANCE, & TIF:

Contents at museum at the library will be insured at \$29,650.00. Kevin did some research and it was understood that there was an agreement that the village is to cover those items on insurance. Steve recommended reach out to Larry Roop as he has worked with a library guy out of metamora when he was on the board.

Logan Sasso reached out stating village is covered regarding non-employee snow plow drivers using village equipment.

Ed up at water main leak, Ted left to get parks while Mike was in the hole and never got out. Discussed advertising a position for any other employee.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Bryce Spangler picked up an application for TIF money to convert basement of old P.O. into apartments. Waiting to hear if application qualifies.

ZONING:

Merle sent out 5 letters, one has been resolved. Bushes hanging over sidewalk, toys on Walnut got picked up, couch on Parkside, and garbage on the street on Garfield. There was a complaint of free range chickens on East side of town. Main and Walnut at Travis Schumachers has a large obstructing pine tree, goes into power line, and obstructs view, on village easement. Complaints about the two houses that caught fire and what can the town do (Adams and Church and Walnut and Park). Matt Ulrich bought the one on Park and Walnut and will be addressed. Discussed to go after the house on Adams and Church and get on Charlie Kennel about cleaning up his buildings and making them safe.

Becky Ehlers was issued letter for a citation (201 W Woodford St) handed to her on 11/7 and given 7 days to resolve issue. She concern was why was the date on letter 10/9 but handed to her a month later. There was a misprint on the letter, and it will be communicated to her.

LIBRARY:

Randy just now looking at camara footage.

PARKS:

Nothing except its winterized.

New Business:

Danny: Mr. Lougow as filled a federal court case against a village trustee. He states he has his dumpster where it is due to improving property and while in the process the village has jumped all over him and restricted his constitutional rights. He is suffering emotional distress as he calls the court house to see if we have filed a case. He is going after the trustee as they were the one to sign the citation.

Ace in the Hole: Sept 15th, letter sent to Judd asking where he felt they were in violation, and Danny reaches out via phone and e-mail but never hears back. No determination can be made at this time until Judd get back with the specs as Danny has nothing to go on.

Danny to be retiring at the end of December and being replaced by Cole.

Caucus: 1st Tuesday in December. Randy has all the forms. Any questions can be directed to Andy in Eureka. Randy, Alvin, and Becky up for caucus as well as Village Clerk. A board member not on the caucus needs to be at the Library and City Hall as well as scribe to take notes. All doors lock at 7p and caucus takes place. Ed will run library with Ginger recording and Steve will run at Village Hall. Randy's candidate will be present at library and Steve's candidate will be present at Village Hall for Village Clerk.

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

