

Village of Washburn

January 9th, 2023

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 Ginger absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Alvin made a motion to approve January minutes, Ed seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Ed made a motion to pay bills for the month of January, seconded by Kevin. It was brought forward that K&T has raised rates by 11%, at this time have agreed to not raise Village rates. Kevin brought forward an issue with tax on camera and clock being taxed, but due to purchasing on Amazon, there is not a way around it.

Guest Speaker:

Officer present to touch bases on how things are going around town. It was brought forward semis still cutting through on Francis. Officers are two manning traffic coming into Washburn. There is record of 11 traffic stops for the month of November. Come spring, officers will patrol Grant Park due to previous substance bust. Park now has 3 to 4 video surveillance placed around the park. There was clarification if Woodford County is on duty versus off duty for Washburn, the ticket is still being wrote to the town.

STREETS:

Ed made a motion for Steve Hausmann to take possession of the old town truck with the winning bid of \$1775. Motion seconded by Al. Motion carried. Insurance will be carried on truck until Steve signs the title.

Ed spoke with Judd, trying to get on with Woodford County to get bid for gravel. Will bring forward when Judd plans to bid and will bring forth a special meeting if need be.

Grant Park would like to use the bucket truck to re-aim the lights at the pickle ball court. Tim to run the truck, donate labor, and do the work. Ed will have Matt get with Tim.

Judd is taking on another partner by the name of Justin. He will be passing Washburn over to him as he has other towns to work with. Ed to get contact information in the week.

WATER/SEWER:

Brice Spangler has been given prices and options. Waiting on him to make a decision. Interview was help on open position.

POLICE:

Contract from the County expires in March. They are on a 4 year contract with their union, guaranteed rates to not go up: Randy made a motion to accept the 4-year contract stated as followed with a 30 day opt out: for FY2023/24: Annual Total of \$106,402.00 and Monthly Total \$8,866.83; FY 2024/25: Annual Total \$108,849.25 and Monthly Total \$9,070.77; FY 2025/26: Annual Total \$111,352.78 and Monthly Total \$9,279.40; and FY2026/27: Annual Total \$113,913.89 and Monthly Total \$9,492.82. Ed seconded motion, motion carried.

FINANCE, INSURANCE, & TIF:

Cyber insurance: this is included in this months bills, totaling \$2190. Last year it was \$1911, went up \$279 or 4% adjustment. This is to be paid by the 14th of the month and not needed to be voted on as it was in the monthly bills and already voted on.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Tavern on the corner has been sold and cleaning it out. Jerry Beschorner bought in partnership with his son Jeremy. They are asking if the village would be interested in selling part of the property as the septic is right on the line and also wanting to put in a sand volley ball court. Kevin asked if he would annex into the Village versus Woodford County. His questions were if it would raise his taxes, which it would. Then he asked if the Village would give him the property in exchange for annexing into the Village. Concerns are it's in a flood plain and that it's not an established business of the Village now and if it flops, then he gains and town loses. It would be Jerry and Jeremy's responsibility to hire a surveyor and front the cost of separating the property. Kevin to go back to Jerry and state the Village is interested in helping him out but will fine tune the details as his business gets established.

ZONING:

If the tavern gets annexed into the Village, the trailer will need to go. Kevin stated that is in the works.

The evergreen tree on the corner of Main and Walnut is hanging into the road. The last discussion was waiting on Ameren due to being in the wires. Ameren has already done Main Street, now Village to have Tim trim it up.

Pot belly pig: there are two on Walnut Street. There is discussion on dogs and cats come and go from the house, making them a pet but if they are staying outside, there is no shelter making it a violation. There is discussion that at this time the pigs are not a violation and will address any smell concerns if they arise in the Spring. There is a town ordinance that states a pet content.

Ginger sent violations (grass and junk in the yard) to John Webb, owner of the yellow house on the corner of Church and Adams that caught fire. Copies needing to get to Merle.

LIBRARY:

Getting ready to put cameras up, but was told can't have voices or pointed at library due to privacy.

PARKS:

Ginger made a suggestion due to the football player's heart condition to have an AED at the park. Adolphson donated the one at the legion, suggestion to speak with her.

New Business:

Colton has no business. Fire board, Village board, and Mike Storms to attend Danny's retirement dinner on Feb 9th.

Ed made a motion to move into Executive Session: Separate minutes provided

Alvin made a motion to hire Cody Upts for water, sewer, and streets at \$20/hr with a 3 month probation period with no benefits/insurance until after probation period. Seconded by Randy. All ayes.

Alvin will follow-up and get a start time.

Ed made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Becky.

