

Village of Washburn

February 13th, 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 Ed absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Alvin made a motion to approve February minutes, Ginger seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Randy brought forward discussion on a bill to Judd's office. A bill of \$877 was sent to Village at \$175 for 5 hours, no description or itemization of what was done during that time. This bill will be tabled until March meeting. All bills excluding Judd's bill was approved and moved forward, motioned by Kevin, seconded by Alvin.

Guest Speaker:

Aaron Philips was present for 2021-2022 audit. All great things said about Heather Hare and her paperwork provided. They look at what is billed and what is collected on a yearly basis and those two should correlate. For the financial report out, assets (what the Village has) went up and liabilities (what the Village owes) is down. The Village net worth is up by \$310,000. All the numbers are going the correct way, nothing alarming. In the past three years, the Village's reserves went up \$600,000, could be stimulus money and state revenues. Summary, the Village is in the best financial state it's been in the past 2-3 years.

STREETS:

Woodford County will bid their tar and chip in March, Tazewell County will bid in April. Plan is for Conrad Moore to bid when County does theirs to get County chip price. Judd has handed over to a different engineer, with no answer. Ed to keep following up. Judd's company has to give Conrad the bid sheet. Street Committee needs to decide how to proceed with Judd and seal coating. The only thing the Village has to follow through with Judd is the Asphalt.

WATER/SEWER:

Brice Spangler made a decision on water meters. He is doing 7 individuals and be hooked up in the spring.

Kaden started 2/13/23 with a probation period of 90 days.

POLICE:

Remodel of the Police Department side is complete. Ginger does have questions for Colton! LT. Marshall Smith wants to talk with Colton regarding Cody Kroleck. Cops hands are now tied and issue would need to be taken to small claims court regarding the small junk yard behind the house on Walnut Street. Numerous fines have been issued, one paid, two outstanding (up to \$700 and some odd total). Now he is not living in the residence but cars and junk keeps showing up. The Village is understand they cannot recoup any Attorney fees, but he case all depends on how it unfolds, so time and fees are unknown. The Defendant must be present for the first hearing, and if they do not show up, then the Village automatically wins but if he shows up it depends on the details that unfold. The Village just wants clarification on when to pursue small claims court. The hope is word will get around town that the Village is pursuing action, therefore other violators will follow suite and take care of their violations. EPA has even been involved due to gas and oil in the yard. Colton wants to look at ordinances and crunch numbers, will bring back something at next meeting. One more fine will be issued by Ginger stating cleaning stipulations. If they do not continue to follow the ordinance, then Village will proceed to the next step.

FINANCE, INSURANCE, & TIF:

Quote from Mike Storms on insurance on employees. Kevin will send out individually as it is 60 pages long and will be tabled for next meeting. Some things included is offering dental and vision. Currently the Village has no employees that have insurance. This will be a new program to implement.

Sheila Durst bought old bank drive-thru and will open a coffee and ice cream shop. She is wanting to act quick and open in the spring. She has started on some repairs and had a plumber come in. She has requested an application for TIF that she has received from Kevin. More discussion on this at next meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

n/a

ZONING:

Matt Ulrich will start demo on house of corner of Walnut and Park. He does need a demolition permit.

Merle to get on census bureau to state no new residency built.

LIBRARY:

Kids up at the library using open WiFi. Recommend having cops patrol due to littering. Cameras coming with sign stating surveillance.

PARKS:

Dumpsters coming April/May.

New Business:

January, Good Energy wanting new agreement. Email went out on the 11th demanding confirmation on the 12th. Rates fluctuate .14 to .18 cents. Danny told Colton to wait it out due to high rates. Zoom meeting took place and unanimous vote of 29 month agreement at .0984/kwh. There still is option to opt out of agreement if a lower rate comes available.

Randy made a motion to adjourn meeting seconded by Kevin. Motion carried.