

Village of Washburn

April 10th, 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 everyone present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Ed made a motion to approve March minutes, Alvin seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Kevin made a motion to accept April bills as well as a \$300 donation to the Cyclone's JFL league in Lacon, IL. Randy seconded, carried by all Ayes.

Guest Speaker:

STREETS:

Clint Kennell was contacted to do sidewalks in town but he is not interested at this time. Village reached out to Steve Baker regarding 2023 sidewalk project: bid is for 880 lineal feet for 4 ft wide sidewalks, \$31/lineal ft for a total cost of \$27,280. This is strictly sidewalk repair, nothing downtown. Ed made a motion to accept Steve Bakers bid of \$31/lineal ft at \$27,280 and to be completed by August 1st, seconded by Becky. All Ayes.

Festival Street Closure: Cazenovia Township does not want Semi's on township road due to weight on bridge and sink areas. After multiple options and discussion, plan is to go back to original route, detouring down State Street to Main Street. 89 to be closed from noon Thursday to 8am Sunday. New barricades have been ordered.

Townwide Clean-up: Town clean-up will be 5/13. A second date will be determined at a later date depending on where budget is for first one. Heather to reach out to guy from Varna regarding electronic disposal. A list will be published on what is prohibited ahead of time.

Legion parking lot resurfacing: (parking lot belongs to Village, not Legion) no bids at this time. Tar and chip last 5-7 years, asphalt lasts longer. TIF money can be used – discussion to have it repaired correctly due to building being used more. Discussion to add Walnut and Francis to Garfield repairs. TIF goes out to 2034 – topic is tabled until and engineering firm can get bids and numbers (Ed to look into Tazewell and Road Maintenance).

Mohr and Kerr: Frank gave a presentation on Engineering Firm at Village committee meeting – already works with small villages – this company retains records! Ed made a motion to hire Mohr and Kerr as Village sDesign and Engineer Company, seconded by Ginger. All Ayes.

Ed will reach out to Judd regarding Engineer Firm changes. There is not legal contract with Judd, but will send out a courtesy letter.

WATER/SEWER:

N/A

POLICE:

Dumpster on Walnut St: Owner of residence has moved the dumpster back down driveway, obstructing view of neighbors pulling out of their driveway and over sidewalk, hence not in compliance with ordinance, a fine will be issued by Woodford County on behalf of the Village.

FINANCE, INSURANCE, & TIF:

Mike Storms was present to discuss employee insurance policy options. Village previously had Humana coverage now going to Blue Cross Blue Shield. HMO policy includes \$1000 deductible, preventative care at no cost up to deductible, \$25 in office co-pay, \$50 specialty co-pay. This would roughly cost the village \$771/employee starting May 1st for an annual expense of \$9562/employee/year or \$27,756 for all three/year. It was noted that the village has budgeted up to \$30,000 for employee benefits. Mike also discussed offering term-life to include \$50,000 worth of coverage.

Kevin made a motion to approve \$150,000 open line of credit with Washburn Community Bank, seconded by Ed. All Ayes.

Kevin made a motion to approve 2023-2024 budget, seconded by Randy – Roll call vote: Ginger: yes, Becky: yes, Kevin: yes, Randy: yes, Ed: yes, Alvin: yes.

There was discussion that signatures need to be changed at Washburn Community back to Steve Forney, Deidre Guy, Randy Knoblauch. Kevin made a motion seconded by Ed, all Ayes.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

N/A

ZONING:

Skid shed was trying to set without zoning set backs.

Chicken coups: Alvin made a motion to set Ordinance 23-01 in place, seconded by Becky. Roll call vote: Becky: yes, Randy: yes, Ed: yes, Kevin: yes, Alvin: yes, Ginger: yes.

Merle to fill out census bureau again.

Complaint was made regarding garbage trucks being parked on corner of Main and Magnolia. If continues to happen, a letter will be sent regarding situation.

Village to follow up regarding house on corner of Magnolia and Madison and their fines regarding yard being mowed.

LIBRARY:

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

PARKS:

Two more loads of rock put in place.

New Business:

Colt updating on Krowlek fines. Letter has been sent, formal letter has been sent stating a fine total and to be paid within 10 days of receiving letter. Also looked into Abating the situation; if they comply and everything to be removed, if not, can send bill for everything to be cleaned up. Abate notice would start with a 5 day notice and so forth. Fines are totaling \$1525. Village to await next actions.

Alvin made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss employee salary, seconded by Ed: Separate minutes provided

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

