

Village of Washburn

May 8th, 2023

Monthly Board Minutes

Mayor

Steve Forney

Village Clerk

Deidre Guy

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 April meeting and executive session minutes, Kevin seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Deidre Guy was called forward and sworn into office by Steve Forney. Thank you Linda Justice for filling in over the last year and a half.

Ginger made a motion to accept May bills. Ed seconded, carried by all Ayes.

Guest Speaker:

Two officers were present to speak to any concerns; a concern regarding trucks and semis coming down Francis Street acting crazy.

STREETS:

R23-1 Resolution: Ed mad a motion to close Rt 89 on Thursday August 10th at noon thru Sunday August 13th at noon to route all traffic coming through town for the Town Festival.

Legion Parking Lot: Brandon gave a bid for \$36,000 for 3 inches of asphalt and the town mills the parking lot, or \$55,000 for all labor and 3 inches of asphalt. It was discussed the Legion will pay for stripping and that TIF money can be used for milling and asphalt. Seal coat bid was \$23,000, guarantee how long it will last is unknown. There was discussion to have Brandon come do a test roll. Randy made a motion to do pre-work , and Tazewell County Asphalt to lay 3 inches of asphalt, not to exceed \$36,000, seconded by Alvin. 5 ayes, 1 opposed- motion carried.

Tree Bid: Prather bid \$8950 to cut 7 trees. This bid does not include clean up, town will clean and remove limbs and logs.

WATER/SEWER:

Capped 6-7 feet of Tee over by Ed Grebners. Still working on autoflush.

Bryce Spangler is hooked up, he has 7 lines.

Adolfson's sewer is fixed.

No word on GenSet. There was discussion on having to rent one in order to do the switch once the new one arrives.

POLICE:

The sign above the Police Station is up. There was discussion to hang the old sign in the Village Hall.

ATV stickers can be purchased from Ginger at the Village Hall on June 24th from 10-12. Those needing stickers must have validation of insurance prior to getting sticker. A copy of the town ordinance will be available to view so that the community is aware of what is considered a violation.

Patrol will be happening to make sure all ATV/UTV/Golf Carts have proper stickers.

FINANCE, INSURANCE, & TIF:

Tim got into the concrete of Bryce Spangler's property regarding disturbed wall, an adjuster has been assigned. (claim # OPM-22-07987).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Jerry Beschorner is looking to buy some of the property near his bar on the corner. Village is holding off on selling at this time, watching the progress of the bar as it is not due to open this year. Jerry stated he would reach out when he is ready. Village looking into stipulations regarding annexing in to the village once they purchase our property. Bar will still pay Marshall County tax, but sales tax to go to the village. Steve will control liquor license.

In regards to Prather approaching board years ago regarding purchasing property, the Village does not want to sell the whole property (which Prather proposed), and the sewer to the bar is on the Village property, which is why the Village would consider selling a portion.

ZONING:

There was discussion on residential preliminary solar zoning permit.

Zoning is watching current offenders on grass (house on Madison and Magnolia and Main and Walnut).

All ordinances from the past 3 years have been updated on the Village website.

Land owners to get notified of junk day coming up.

LIBRARY:

N/A

PARKS:

Concerns of dead trees in the park.

AED for Halfmoon Park is ordered.

Halfmoon Park to be sprayed in the AM so that it is usable for ball games in the afternoon.

Discussion to spray for bees.

New Business:

Colt: Discussed energy credit – more for Heather.

A letter was sent early April to Krowlek Residence to make corrections to ordinance violations, there was discussion to give more time (as there are currently two vehicles in back yard), pursue monetary damage (there is one outstanding fine), or Abatement (village to clear and clean up at their expense). Decision was made to go after fines with court being the next step. Fines will continue to be issued until actions are taken.

Rehire: Village Attorney – Colt with HRBK (Alvin made a motion seconded by Becky – all ayes); Village Treasurer – Heather Hare (Alvin made a motion seconded by Ginger – all ayes); Water Commissioner – Kurt Downie (Alvin made a motion seconded by Ginger- all ayes); Financial Auditor- Phillips, Salmi and Associates (Alvin made a motion seconded by Kevin – all ayes)

New Committee Assignments:

Street: Ginger Humphrey – Chair, Randy Knoblauch, Ed Grebner

Economic Development: Kevin Burdette – Chair, Ed Grebner, Ginger Humphrey

Library: Ed Grebner – Chair, Randy Knoblauch, Alvin Grebner

Police: Ed Grebner – Chair, Randy Knoblauch, Becky Schupp

Water/Sewer: Randy Knoblauch – Chair, Alvin Grebner, Becky Schupp

Finance/Insurance/TIFF: Becky Schupp – Chair, Kevin Burdette, Ginger Humphrey

Park: Alvin Grebner – Chair, Kevin Burdette, Becky Schupp

Zoning Officer: Merle Guy

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