

# Village of Washburn

August 14<sup>th</sup>, 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, excluding Ed. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Alvin made a motion to approve July minutes after revisions, Ginger seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Kevin made a motion to accept August bills with the clarification of Ulrich Lawn Care bill of \$916.66/mo for a total to not exceed \$5500 for 6mo of service. There was also discussion of the fuel bought from Casey's being billed to solely streets instead splitting 50/50 with water for future state. Alvin seconded, carried by all Ayes.

### **Guest Speaker:**

Officers Smith and Park were present to talk on behalf of Mr. Gresham and his complaint of his neighbors and their dirt track. Deputy has talked to Schierer residence regarding multiple complaints. Discussion was made to come up with a neighborly agreement of stopping at 9-930pm.

Andy did come to board meeting, he was given a copy of the town ordinance, he agreed to keep ground wet as to not kick up as much dust. Kids were witnessed riding around while Ken was mowing.

Ken Gresham proceeded to state he called dispatch at 829pm due to truck being vulgar. Dispatch did not page out for duputy until Ken called back at 1130pm due to side by side. Deputy spoke with Andy, said he'd rectify but then continues to disturb the neighborhood. Letter was sent to Andy's dad who is the landowner. There continues to be riding after dark with lights shining through windows.

### **STREETS:**

Frank from IDOT is running village in circles regarding ADA ramps and sidewalks running parallel. Ginger would like to file for TIF money and drop IDOT. Baker Concrete to do ADA sidewalks at Erkman's building, Frank stated would only take a day to get bid book out for sidewalks along Walnut and tar and chip roads. IDOT controls MFT money which never expires. Ginger made a motion to change the process of asphaltting Walnut Street to the amount up to \$200,000 out of TIF money instead of MFT money, seconded by Becky. All ayes.

Tim filling holes by curb by High School.

Prather has all the trees down but due to rain not cleaned up yet.

### **WATER/SEWER:**

Randy made a motion to purchase 4 new fire hydrants at \$13,600, seconded by Ginger. All Aye.

4 new hydrants cost \$13,600 (\$3,400 each)

6 need replaced – to be done 1 at a time with samples and boil orders

Leak remains on Main and Woodford.

The main by Ed Grebners will be flushed in the next 30-60 days.

Lead and copper samples were done.

GenSet arrived, no word when work will start as still need to get portable GenSet as back-up.

**POLICE:**

Officers to keep an eye out and write warnings/tickets for expired UTV/ATV stickers and minors driving said utilities.

Zero complaints from festival; only exception was resident on 89 antagonizing patrons – did not amount to much as Mayor was contacted and permission was granted for dunk tank to go where it was placed.

**FINANCE, INSURANCE, & TIF:**

Ordinance No.23-02: approving and adopting FY2024 Commercial Façade Renovation Program for the Washburn Tax Increment Financing District – Becky will get with Economical Development Group and Mayor Steve Forney and Deidre Guy will sign as well as all trustees.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

The Mudd Puddle is open and plans to be open 7 days a week.

**ZONING:**

Permits:

Solar permits

Fighting with pools.

Doc Jay's building: building is being used for short-term rentals. Renter is complaining he is paying \$500/mo and having to share a bathroom with another member renting a room as well. The residence is zoned as a single family dwelling, in order for it to be an apartment it must offer off street parking. Merle to send owner a letter stating not in compliance, that it is not a commercial property. Letter to be sent certified and regular in the event the letter is rejected.

60\* angle parking spots to be done to legion parking lot.

Yards:

Walnut Street house

Jefferson Street house

Parkside – to turn left off Parkside on to County blacktop, cannot see anything at stop sign.

**LIBRARY:**

N/A

**PARKS:**

N/A

**New Business:**

There was discussion on full-time employees getting paid vacation. There was discussion on how many hours constitute full-time. Members discussed most companies consider full-time employment at 32 hours. Heather currently works 30 hours/week, discussed with her Increasing her house to 32 hours to qualify for two weeks paid vacation. Job description was revised when Cheri quit and Heather took over stating in order to get insurance she had to work 30 hours a week.

**Old Business:**

Krowlek Ordinance Update: Shane called Ginger – wanted to agree all good if he paid fines. Cody would be moving back into Walnut St house – yard needs mowed and Cody's old truck still sitting out back. First court appearance is August 28<sup>th</sup> at 1pm – Shane wants to know how to resolve fines and issues prior to court date. Board wants the understanding they will remain complaint once all fines reconciled, but doing so having Shane, inda, and Cody all sign an agreed order stating will not violate

ordinance. If signed prior to August 28<sup>th</sup>, no need to proceed with hearing and pay roughly \$500 of total attorney fees. If all go to court, will go for 100% of amount.

Kennell update: Alvin started talking to Charlie about his building but the was out of town for HOI fair – to be tabled for next month.

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