

# Village of Washburn

September 11<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 Kevin, Randy, and Merle. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Ed made a motion to approve August's minutes after revisions, Ginger seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Al made a motion to accept September bills seconded by Becky.

### **Guest Speaker:**

Guest speaker Linda inquiring where to take a dead bat she found in her driveway. Last anyone knew, there is a lab at Knox County College in Galesburg. She stated she has had three bats and getting the run around. She has called animal control and Health Department.

### **STREETS:**

Fall clean up: There was discussion that if we want the town to stay clean, we should offer clean up twice a year. Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>, Alvin to get ahold of Larry.

Work on Walnut Street: Ginger received quotes and recommendations from Frank to go with UCM \$138,388.08. It was asked about MFT money due to TIF money not allowed to be used on roads. TIF money was okayed at last meeting up to \$180,000. TIF money has to go along with MFT for motor fuel tax money to rebuild roads. Ginger to look more into situation. Ed made a motion that if allowed to use MFT money without TIF, okay to accept UCM's bid of \$138,388.08; seconded by Alvin.

All trees are down that were on the list.

### **WATER/SEWER:**

Tim and Kaden having trouble with reader gun. Discussed using an App.

No word on sewer.

Fire hydrants are being painted and flow tested. The ones that are painted have been flow tested. The ones that don't work must be bagged, not just painted black.

Hydrant install cost from G.A.Rich is \$1200.00/ hydrant.

### **POLICE:**

Ed passed a report out during meeting. There was quite a few traffic stops. They are cracking down on speeding through town.

### **FINANCE, INSURANCE, & TIF:**

N/A

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

N/A

**ZONING:**

Merle not present

**LIBRARY:**

N/A

**PARKS:**

Defib received.

Will get ahold of Jessica Adolphson for training and look into 'champions'.

**New Business:**

Ginger brought forward abandoned homes in town. Ordinance states that is deemed unsafe and able to condemn, village can have homes torn down and bill sent to land/home owner. Colt recommended a formal letter stating given multiple notices with fines, you have X amount of days to get within compliance or professional will come in to deem unsafe.

Colt to start a letter on John Webb house on Adams St.

**Old Business:**

Shane and Linda Krowleck contacted prior to hearing – agreed on signed order – fines been paid in full 100%. Agreed order states, must comply with sections highlighted (130.10 A,B,C,H)- must bring property into compliance with 21 days of order, if failure to do so will be violating a court order – and court agreement is indefinite. If failure to comply with order in any way will, can file a petition for will to show cause on order – should be held in contempt of court. Will not have to start from scratch. If property is not in compliance within 21 days, Colt's recommendation is to send one stern letter stating past 21 day window.

Alvin not able to get Charlie alone enough to have discussion on building. Colt did say he was still willing to reach out.

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