

# Village of Washburn

October 9<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 September minutes, Ginger seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

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

### **Guest Speaker:**

Pat and Montey Winkler were present at meeting to discuss the amount of garbage coming from 608 N Madison residence. They brought forward how its an eye sore as well as racoon, rats, and skunks in the neighborhood. Montey spoke with Merle, who was willing to send a letter but Montey didn't want any fines involved due to ordinance violations. They also brought forward a complaint of the trailer in the ally that belongs to 106 E Woodford residence.

### **STREETS:**

Resurface of Walnut Street has begun. Mill and spray patch to happen on 10/9 – back that week to finish asphalt even if raining. Sidewalk resurface is complete. Bill in October approved Caden and Tim for backfilling.

### **WATER/SEWER:**

Hydrant by PJ Damerell replaced. Bill Damerell fixed. Leak behind old P.O.

Leak on Main Street only leaking about 10 gal/day

Still waiting on Britten to schedule – GenSet will send a technician prior to start up.

### **POLICE:**

Cop was in town looking for someone. Strange man walked into house on Walnut, when spotten took off and ran through Grebner's yard and ran toward 89.

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

Heather went over Tokyo Marine Audit – there was nothing concerning.

Caden to keep a hydrant history, when repaired/oiled/ect.

There was discussion of playground maintenance with a check list. Will reach out to Stan what Grant Park does.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

N/A

**ZONING:**

3-4 more solar permits

Car port permits

Trailer on Parkside now gone. 2<sup>nd</sup> mailbox and address on garage door (showing two houses on one lot)

Merle to send letter

Old Dr office now as 7 families, with 7 different cars – letters wrote up and ready to send

There was discussion on grass being blow on the roads – it's a state law, not town/village law

Bushes on corner of Garfield and Parkside still not trimmed, Merle to send a letter

There was discussion on solar panels and if they need to be on roofs or can be on ground. Will reach out to surrounding towns to see if they have any ordinances for in-town solar.

**LIBRARY:**

N/A

**PARKS:**

N/A

**New Business:**

82 acre solar farm going up behind grade school. Public hearing held 10.19.23 at Marshall County Courthouse. There was discussion that roads would not sustain weight of trucks, residents don't want panels in their back yard. Steve is willing to send letter of concern to board meeting to support the village as well as Merle and Kevin to represent the town.

**Old Business:**

Alvin spoke with Charlie Kennell but didn't get far. Hole needs filled and building front needs fixed. Letter to be sent from Colt. Original discussion included: wall could remain, fill in the hole – bid by Chad Hare was \$1100 – Charlie said no to the bid, for that price would do himself. If call comes down cannot use TIF money as it's not original part of the building. Colt will consult an Engineer route and get declaration of hole as a nescience. Village as agreed to fill hole, bring in Engineer, and put lean on property.

Krowlek situation to be fully resolved 9/18/23

Colt to send a letter to 401 Adams Street with full detail of fines – declare a nuisance (village will board up windows and clean up but send residence bill), Engineer route would be complete demo.

Eihlers property – an ordinance in 1995 was put in place to declare property rights to ally ways to village. Eihlers stating unaware – Colt to amend situation since there was missing measurements. New ordinance is Ord 2023-02, all ayes, ordinance passed.

Randy made a motion to go into executive meeting, seconded by Kevin

Alvin made a motion to go back into regular session seconded by Randy. Alvin made a motion to move Tim into a Supervisor at full-time at 40 hours with benefits and Heather at 32 hours/week with benefits – Seconded by Becky. All Ayes.

