

Village of Washburn

March 11th, 2024

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 except. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Ed made a motion to approve February minutes, Kevin seconded it. All ayes, motion carried.

Ginger made a motion to accept February bills seconded by Ed.

Guest Speaker:

STREETS:

Townwide clean-up: Ginger will get ahold of Larry and see what they have available. Looking at May.

Frank will be looking into water line project – potentially in TIF district.

401 Adams St: John Webb showed up to court and was cooperative, got the okay for structural engineer to come out. At one time Kyle Grebner was interested in the property – village to reach and see if still interested.

WATER/SEWER:

OSHA gave a deadline of two weeks to get citations corrected.

Stairs (water plant mezzanine safety railing/stairs) got approved at \$4,394.71(Randy made a motion, seconded by Kevin).

GenSet was put up for auction with no bids, got an offer for \$1000 from a guy out of Lacon.

Lead Surveys received back is at 67%. Sent out 487, received 305 back. Plan is approved for 4/15, still waiting on 182.

Backhoe needs new tires. Casper Gensler quoted both tires (including mounting) for \$1,776, cheaper than the Firestone at \$2,072.

POLICE:

Reviewed Police report.

Prather is allowing Ratcliff to park and use the easement (not village right away but Prather's easement and village can use). Danny stated when property sold, the easement was to never close. The land behind the dump was sold to Prather. Colt to look at paperwork and will email out what he finds out.

FINANCE, INSURANCE, & TIF:

3/12 will be budget meeting at 4:30.

Heather/Audit: Becky reached out to Mike Storms to see if there was any other plans with providers in network. He found one that was an additional \$125/annual renewal.

Heather would like vision insurance and is willing to pay herself.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

N/A

ZONING:

1 fence permit

1 solar permit

There was discussion on Prather's lot – since within city limits can send letters for abandoned vehicles due to ordinance violation.

Merle watching the alley way by Lawn and Garden and Dr office.

LIBRARY:

N/A

PARKS:

Kevin has now been assigned Parks

Mowing – Ulrich's bid for 2024 season is \$5,640 (last FY was \$5,400)

Tim is placing concrete along the bank of the creek

Matt Youngman is looking to renet the batting cage and there are 2 Walnut trees. Prather offered to cut both trees down for \$300 including stump removal.

Slide on playground needs replaced, Caden to look into.

Discussed wasp spraying – will address when becomes an issue.

New Business:

Flier was sent to donate to Marshall County Cyclones – noted no.

Old Business:

Charlie Kennell: Letter from 16th for updating on futher steps. He wrote back on Feb 19th that he had been talking with Alvin. He is wanting TIF money to assist with renovations but he will need to fill out TIF app.

When structural engineer comes for 401 N Adams will have them look at Kennell Property.

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

