

Village of Washburn

June 10th, 2024

Monthly Board Minutes

Mayor

Steve Forney

Village Clerk

Deidre Guy

Village Treasurer

Heather Hare

Village Maintenance

Tim Strauch

Board of Trustees

Kevin Burdette

Kris Hammond

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 May minutes, Kevin seconded after the corrections to Ox Concrete bid. All ayes, motion carried.

Ed made a motion to accept June bills seconded by Ginger. There was discussion regarding the property taxes for the property by the maintenance garage. The board received a tax slip this year, at this point the paperwork has been file therefore taxes will be paid for 2024 FY.

Guest Speaker:

Charlie DeBolt was present at tonights meeting to discuss the Baptist Cemetery. He brought forward that there are 80 Veteran's (one including him) designated to that cemetery and it saddens him to see the lack of upkeep. Charlie stated he went to the Township meeting, went to the VA, and went to the County meeting with his next steps being the State Representative. He noticed and was grateful for the volunteered time by Ladd Harms, Merle Guy, Gary Malec, and Ginger Humphrey, but was seeking out from the Village if they had fund for maintenance. Merle will keep sending mowing violations to the Baptist Church Board until they appoint someone to care for the lawn.

STREETS:

Route for Festival: Town festival is August 9th and 10th. Rt 89 to be closed starting August 8th at 8am through August 11th at 11am. Ginger made a motion for rt 89 closure seconded by Randy all Ayes.

There was to be discussion on tree work, but Ginger had not received the list so this will be tabled for next month.

There still is not a date set for oil/chipping – table for next month.

WATER/SEWER:

There was a test for the generator and sewer plant where there were 3-4 different companies present.

Automatic hydrant flusher was moved out to Stringtown.

EPA last month tested 1.3 and 1.4 at the two cites picked.

Kennell's located the water line by Dollar General that leads to a man hole at the north end of Sunset Street. It is located 4 ft under ground with riser going along East side Hillcrest. Water main is on Crestwood. One side of the water main is PVC the other is trancite, hoping to connect into the PVC end.

POLICE:

Cops spoke to Andy Schierer and that the noise ordinance is hard to uphold, must be above certain D-B level. It was referenced that a lawn mower would violate the D-B level. Marshall and Captain both said whoever is enforcing the ordinance should be the one following all the way through (meaning if the county starts the violation, the county should finish it. The Village Board takes the complaint and issue and passes ordinance violation along to County. Merle to be putting Property # (in the case going to Harold since he is land owner, therefore Harold gets the letter and Harold gets the ticket). A citation was sent to Harold on 6/1 due to running past 10p, Gresham called 6/2 regarding cars racing. Tickets can range from \$25 up to \$500. Next letter and

ticket to be delivered will come with a read receipt. Until then Gresham was encouraged to continue to call cops no matter the time or day and ask to add to the monthly police report.

Monthly reports reviewed with no changes or questions.

FINANCE, INSURANCE, & TIF:

There was discussion of 2023 taxes.

Mural: If the mural goes up on the side of the Duckworks building, contractor decision will go through Kevin and Lisa. If it goes on the side of a building that is public property, the Village Board picks contractor. Also if on public property, it would be an immediate payout.

The mural committee wants a vibrant, current mural – Kevin and Lisa want an older, historic mural. Becky sat on Mural committee meeting but has not spoke with Kevin and Lisa yet.

Mural will go on a wood backing in the event the building starts to crumble.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

There was discussion the easement for Prather at the Industrial Park. There was discussion to give Prather the North/South property, the horizontal property to be sold to Gary (bar on the corner) for volleyball court and Village to keep most property running along County Road. Gate can be moved, Tim to mow 2-3 times a summer. Stipulation – first right refusal – if Prather to sell, Village gets back property. Also, Villag would like him Annexed into village limits for tax revenue purposes. Buyer to pay for the survey costs.

ZONING:

Charlie Kennell reached out to Merle regarding a permit – playing phone tag – instructed to contact Village Lawyer if wanting to pursue.

Received call for Peddlers Permit – called back with no answer (solar)

Received a call for old Lloyd Damerell property off 89 for a demo permit. That is considered Marshall County.

Erkman wanting to add on – has existing permit, only lasts 1 year.

LIBRARY:

NA

PARKS:

Get with Stan for playground equipment inspection.

Concession stand at halfmoon south falls under TIF – that expires in 2034

Kevin talked to Matt about options for Halfmoon park renovations and options.

New Business:

Illinois Municipal League Membership – Steve does not recommend joining but is up for discussion. Ginger made a motion to not join, seconded by Kevin. Ed obtained.

Ordinance enforcement/Zoning Officer Position – Merle brought forward that he will continue to do Zoning but is not in favor of ordinance enforcement. He never agreed to do it, but was forced into it. Other villages the clerk or the zoning person issues the letter, head of Police then writes the ticket if not addressed past 10 days. Merle to start notifying Ed when he sends letter so he can address the ticket situation.

Old Business:

Charlie Kennell: Store front still standing – this will be Charlie's 3rd permit if issued. Letter was sent out to him on 5/15, next step would be to file petition to court to seek demo. Colt can have petition and court date finalized before next meeting.

Charlie will be served physically – cannot move forward until served. If he receives the permit, there will be stipulation (direct to Colt if that is the case).

401 N Adams Street – Same notice – court has jurisdiction. Served an address in Pekin (name not associated with address affiliated to person in Pekin). There was discussion on what to do with lot once house demoed. Discussion on just filling in pond, boarding up outside and making safe and renting a dumpster to get rid of everything outside.

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