

Village of Washburn

August 12th, 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 July minutes, Randy seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Guest Speaker:

Dawn Smith with Illinois Prairie District Public Library was present at tonight's meeting requesting to give the library in town a remodel. Recently Metamora' library got a face lift and new furniture, Roanoke got added onto as there was a second room that was not being used. Ed, Randy and Kris are on the Library Committee and will meet with Dawn to discuss options for Washburn's library as there are many items taking up space.

Steve Guy was also present at tonight's meeting to discuss closing Francis Street that runs in front of Springtown down to Alvin Grebner's shop for the Washburn Fire Protection District Cruise-in on September 14th from 10-2. Village committee members advised Steve to talk with business owners along that road to assure they are okay with their road being closed during that time, but the Village was okay with it.

STREETS:

Oiled and Chipped – Tim to sweep pea gravel by Lawn and Garden (a motorcyclist contacted Village Board Member)

Sidewalk – Parkside to Oak St complete

Tim will pull concrete/sidewalks from driveway as Steve is ready to do them

Ledbetter's dog fence got torn out in the process of concrete removal as it was not correctly placed away from the sidewalk like they were aware – they do not currently have a dog, put will in the future so will need replaced.

Ginger made a motion to pay for port-a-potties and hand sanitizer stations from the festival up to \$750. Randy seconded the motion. All ayes.

There was a discussion on No-name Street. There was talk on how does the town put a name on it. Colt to look into it (tabled for next month).

WATER/SEWER:

New regulators for chlorine

Sewer plant fixed

Water shut-offs planned for 8/15

Old Catholic Church – new buyers closed on it 7/31- now needs a meter. The water has not been shut off since new ownership.

POLICE:

Reviewed report

Beer tent went well

FINANCE, INSURANCE, & TIF:

N/A

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Jerry Beschoner – concerned with improvements to his bar after owning it 10 years, will he be able to keep property with tavern (which negates first right refusal). There was discussion that he should annex in his building prior to final recording of plat – Colt to get answers – table vote until next month.

ZONING:

2 compliance – car, pool on Walnut

Add on to kitchen on Magnolia

1 pool permit, 1 solar permit

Discussion of price of permits and how they have not gone up in years. In years past, permit costs used to go to paying the zoning officer.

LIBRARY:

NA

PARKS:

Discussion of new playground equipment: area is 38x65

Option 1: 30x30 - \$15,999.00 (org. \$22,796.22)

Option 2: 31x34 - \$24,999.00 (org. \$34, 255.00)

Option 3: 54x35 - \$38,999.00 (org \$52,944.00)

Prospect Heights, Little Tikes Commercial (40% added for labor)

Randy makes a motion to purchase PB2273685 up to \$40,000 out of TIF, 2nd by Becky.

Annual Joint review was on 8/7 – Paul Ostrosky (Economic Development Analyst)

Ladd Harms approached a board member regarding TIF money to repair Legion. (Legion is currently not tax exempt). Would be a similar case at Duckworks – pay full amount and Village re-imburse.

New Business:

Industrial Park: Purchase price \$2500 – first right refusal, annex, burning rights, any issues, will not sell. Tavern to be annexed as well as parcel – Jerry to cover purchasing, survey costs.

Old Business:

Charlie Kennell: Filed complaint: served 8/3 – to appear in court 9/9 – if does not show, will default. Clint talked to Ginger and said planned to build a wall and new roof – was seeking out permit. He was advised he was to make improvements and did not need a permit.

401 N Adams St: 8/5 court – jurisdiction – failed to appear, authorized village to prevent any entrance. If the village finds any other nuisances other than listed the Judges stated, they will supplement with any other details just have Colt re-submit. Ginger will find someone to hire to start cleaning up.

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