

Village of Washburn

December 9th, 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. Kevin made a motion to approve November minutes, Ginger seconded after corrections were made to the Walker bid stating \$62,864.50. All ayes, motion carried.

Ed made a motion to accept December bills seconded by Kris.

Guest Speaker:

N/A

STREETS:

Christmas decorations are up – contract is up on a three-year contract. Discussed surrounding towns buying new ones, maybe buying off them.

MFT payment sent – Frank to close out

Ordinance 24-03 to name Wildcat Lane – No Name Street belongs to school district but the village plows it. This will be tabled again as Village as no jurisdiction therefore no rights to rename at this time. There is also no motor fuel tax, and the Village should not be plowing, the school will have to look into hiring this out.

WATER/SEWER:

N/A

POLICE:

Discussion regarding Jolliff's parking on the street again – Ed could not find a letter that had been sent. Zoning under the impression that formal approach was taken therefore he did not have to send a letter. Instructed to have something in writing stating County Officer to deliver ordinance change to homeowner for a paper trail, and since they did not answer when the officer attempted to notify, a letter is to be sent.

Prather – Merle to resend letter and be more specify with stating ' removal from property'.

FINANCE, INSURANCE, & TIF:

Renewals – stay With Sorms: Becky made a motion to stay with Mike Storms with Tokeo Marine HCC Insurance seconded by Randy.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

N/A

ZONING:

Letter was sent certified to Charlie Kennell on 11.22.24 giving a two week notice to clean up and remove materials from lot (still not removed as of meeting date)

Letter to go to Prather

Couch on Walnut St – garbage will not pick-up

Larry Tomlinson – there are 5 to 6 vehicles behind shop

Is this considered a junk yard? If so must have 8ft fence

Will investigate ordinance

Jerry Beschoner looking into fence for his property on the corner – inquired about a height restriction with his location.

LIBRARY:

Dawn Smith and Jake Waddle are inquiring about making improvement on their own versus the Village. Village got ahold of Jessica Youngman to survey lot the water tower is on separately that the Village paid for. Dawn will pay for the appraisal. Looking to have everything wrapped up before the end of April. Low Point Washburn students that live in Marshall County will be able to use the library for free.

PARKS:

Mowing: Board decided that they will await to hear Matt Ulrich's FY 2025 quote. If it is not out of spec, will stick with him as he is local and has been over it for years.

Playground is back together. Mulch is back in, but will need more in the Spring.

New Business:

Tax Levy \$143,460 – Ordinance keeps us at 100% FY25 – Roll call vote: Randy (Y) Kris (Y) Becky (Y) Kevin (Y) Ed (Y) Ginger (Y) 6 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

Old Business:

401 N Adams St: Nick does not have insurance. Since Ginger reached out to Vince about Nick doing the job, Village is off Winkler's list.

Randy made a motion to move into Executive Session seconded by Kris

Returned to Open session

Kevin made a motion to pay a Christmas Bonus of \$600 to Full-time employees Caden, Tim, and Heather seconded by Kris. Motion carried.