

Village of Washburn

March 10th, 2025

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 February minutes, Ginger seconded. Kevin made a motion to accept the bill from March seconded by Kris.

Guest Speaker:

Autum Jones, Manager of Woodford County Farm Bureau was present at tonight's meeting to ask for Villages support/resolution in Woodford County. There are roughly 3,500 Farm Bureau Members, with roughly 1,000 in just Woodford County alone, she is not asking for any special treatment, just Ag support as Woodford County as come of the riches soil. Ginger made a motion to adopt resolution seconded by Randy – Roll Call Vote – Kevin Yes, Ed Yes, Kris Yes, Ginger Yes, Randy Yes, Becky Yes – 5 Ayes 0 Nay Motion Carried.

STREETS:

Frank sent oil and chip estimate to Ginger - \$76,169.40 (including \$10,000 in spray patching on top) bid not out yet.

Walker is ready to start the water like to Dollar General on Wednesday

There was discussion regarding Francis Street and Oblique street being a concern (to be looked at for this year's budget)

WATER AND SEWER:

Ordinance 25-03: Setback for Protection of Water Well – drafted as Metamora's states. Min/max setback may perform ground water assessment (gravel/soil type). Randy made a motion to accept Ordinance 25-03 as written by Village Attorney seconded by Ginger – Roll call vote: Ed Yes, Kevin Yes, Becky Yes, Kris Yes, Ginger Yes, Randy Yes. 6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carries.

Britton emergency repair: manual bypass of the water tower (flip switch) – boys fill the water tower twice a day. – times cards may reflect some overtime due to this repair and manual bypass. Tower panel was struck by lighting for the second time, no more than \$60,000 to repair – it's been a challenge to get a good ground.

POLICE:

Reviewed report

Woodford County hired a new Deputy that lives in Marshall County, therefore he cannot take the deputy car home, brought forward if car could be parked in the old cage while off duty – Village agreed they are okay as long as Shane Krowlek is okay. When on duty, personal car will go in cage as well.

Complaint of Semi that parks at Casey's driving down Madison Street every evening. There was suggestion of posting signage of 'No Trucks' or 'No Semis'. Srg sees this Trucker every morning, will talk to him first.

FINANCE, INSURANCE, & TIF:

Claim for water tower submitted – Randy to email Becky copy of Bill

Budget meeting Sunday March 16th, 2025 at 1:30pm

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Dave out at Stringtown has applied for a grant up to \$160,000, to expand the kitchen for a teaching kitchen for the High School, parking lot repairs, and foundation repairs asking for a reference letter from the Village. Village will move forward on writing the referral letter.

ZONING:

Pretty quiet – a few phone calls

LIBRARY:

Asbestos report came back on Library, it is in entry way but is sealed – ready to proceed with offer – tabled for April.

General questions from community – where will money from sale go?

There will be a separate pin/parcel for Water tower and Library lot

PARKS:

Will contact Sarah Stauch with Grant Memorial Park regarding sharing the Mulch – they are not having a meeting until April

Working on getting a contract wrote up with Matt Ulrich for mowing

New Business:

Resolution in Support of Woodford County Agriculture – discussed in Guest Speaker

Old Business:

Charlie Kennell: Have not appeared – will email date

401 Adams Street: boarded up – pulling numbers for lean

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