

Village of Washburn

July 14th, 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

Steve Prather

Ginger Humphrey

Randy Knoblauch

Becky Schupp

Zoning Officer

Merle Guy

Steve called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with everyone present except Deidre Guy. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Both sets of May minutes and June minutes were approved by motion made by Ginger seconded by Randy. Becky made a motion to accept the bill from July second by Ginger.

Guest Speaker:

Brian Jorris was present for tonight's meeting from IML Risk Management. In 2015 they took on a new CEO, have 802 members and are just asking for the Village to allow them to offer an official quote. There is time for the Village to gather more insight at renewal time is not until end of year and enrollment for IML Risk Management is 1/1.

Becky Ulrich was also present for tonight's meeting regarding the signs that were posted in honor of Carley's State Track records. It was brought to her attention that the signs have been taken down, and she is facing board to seek out why. There was an agreement with the Superintendent/school and Village that signs will be displayed for each athlete honored for one year then taken down. Each town makes their own rules on signage displays.

STREETS:

Becky made a motion to accept the BID from C&G Contractor of \$151,719.10 to complete the sidewalk along 89 to Dollar General.

Resolution R25-1 for Rt. 89 to close for Festival: Ginger made a motion second by Randy to close Route 89 from August 14 through August 17 for the Washburn Festival: There were 2 nays and 3 ayes – with the contingency that for FY26 the Resolution gets revise, turning Kevin's initial Nay to a Aye.

BID letting for Seal Coating will be held at 10am on 7/25.

WATER AND SEWER:

Village was approached with a credit card option for form of payment. There is no contract with this, just a service. Randy made a motion to accept the Village adopt UtilityPay (CourtMoney credit card service) as a new form of payment second by Steve P.

Grounding field is working, radios to be installed next. The goal is before Steve starts sidewalks.

POLICE:

Jerry Knoblauch is currently homeless with a warrant for his arrest (as of this meeting). Please contact Woodford County with any details.

FINANCE, INSURANCE, & TIF:

Becky made a motion to renew the \$150,000 annual line of credit with Washburn Community Bank second by Ginger.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Jerry Beschoner's bar on corner – only working on it on weekends.

ZONING:

406 Jefferson St – Letters sent but returned to PO. Cannot get in touch with family. There is a worry about animals.

Andy Jay – Merle asked how does he write a permit for a building that large?

Several compliance letters : 9 pools, 1 nuisance, several grass

Merle requested that there be an update on the ordinance book and how one particular ordinance is stated regarding animals/farm animals. Currently states 1 acre/animal, Merle would like to add 'in AG area'. Steve asked Merle to amend how he felt it should be states and present at the next meeting.

PARKS:

It was reported toilets were not working, when Kevin looked at them there didn't appear to be any leaks. Women's was loose and men's was worse but not leaking water. Kevin asked Tim to tighten, but Jesse was not called.

Old Business:

Charlie Kennell Property clean-up status:

Got ahold of Kurt Blunier, a local guy that has handled EPA issues before, (Loren found out what needs done and backed out). Has to bring in a licensed asbestos contractor from M&O came out, wished the building had not been tore down as it cannot be tested now, it is assumed to be 'hot'. It will be treated as if there is asbestos by lining the trucks brought in with plastic, covering it, hauling it to the dump. No dollar figure has been quoted at this time, estimating 4 loads at least. Will not be able to do in July, but hopefully will be able to by beginning of August. Board Members to pursue, next hearing is July 31st, Board Members to give Blunier's a copy of court order so they are aware of plan.

Madison and Magnolia House: its an LLC so no response. Tim knocked down weeds, kids are breaking into it. It has been mowed twice this year, roughly \$400 in labor.

New Business:

1% local grocery sale tax Ordinance: Steve P. made a motion to not persue the 1% local grocery sale tax second by Kris. All ayes.

Please return all Library keys to Dawn if you have one.

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