

Village of Washburn

October 13th, 2025

Monthly Board Minutes

Mayor

Steve Forney

Village Clerk

Deidre Guy

Village Treasurer

Heather Hare

Water/Sewer/Street Departments

Tim Strauch

Caden Blew

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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Steve P. made a motion to approve September minutes seconded by Kris. Ginger made a motion to accept the bill for Month of October second by Randy.

Guest Speaker:

Charlie Kennell was present tonight to address the board to settle all questions and uncertainties from both parties: The end of September was the last status hearing where the loose material was cleaned up. Colt tried to inquire with Charlie regarding the EPA situation with no response on the case at that time. The structure still has a foundation but her Charlie its not a foundation, it's a concrete floor. A final hearing is to be held on 11/10 at 11am where a Village Board member is asked to be present to testify with ordinancs, photos and Charlie's disposition. When they met at the last hearing, Charlie stated he was confused at what the Village is wanting addressed as which Colt advised Charlie come to Village meeting to inquire without hearing. Charlie stated to the Board, 'I got it done before the festival, hoping to keep slabs the way they are.' Board asked Charlie if there was a basement under the slab. Charlie replied No, that he was wanting to level and landscape eventually. Board inquired about a deadline for landscaping in which Charlie replied after he was done in the fields. He stated he has the dirt and the equipment, he was hoping by Thanksgiving or Christmas. Initial court order stated Village Board's desire was any and all foundation removed and backfilled, references removal of material. Per Charlie, the foundation is roughly 2 feet below grade therefore would cause more issue, erosion and washout. Colt assisted to provide compromise with Board and Charlie. At the time of this meeting, the Board came to a compromise due to sloping and seeding and the corner being uneven to after for a deadline of Thanksgiving and in the event there in progress made, keep the court date of November 11th, 2025 at 11 AM. Charlie verbalized agreeance and understanding of the Washburn Village's expectations.

STREETS:

1. Frank notified sidewalk work on 89 to Dollar General will start Monday – been doing Julie work.
2. Tim has started to remove side walk on Main Street – Steve to start pouring in 3-4 days.

WATER AND SEWER:

N/A

POLICE:

1. Report reviewed
2. Chad Pyles new Sgt, present at tonights meeting
3. Discussed the fireworks in town – there is not time restriction but it is an IL state law but county does not write tickets for it

FINANCE, INSURANCE, & TIF:

1. Ordinance No. 25-26 TIF agreement with Washburn Fire Protection District: Randy made a motion to give a lump sum of \$18,330.55 to the Washburn Fire Protection District for Ordinance No. 25-26 TIF agreement, second by Kevin. Roll call vote – Steve P (Y) Kevin (Y) Becky (Y) Kris (Y) Ginger (Y) Randy (Y) – 6 ayes 0 nays. Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

N/A

ZONING:

Several letters – few for garbage, 1 for junk

2 garage permits

Steve P inquired about solar permits

PARKS:

1. Matt Youngman approached a board member stating the batting cage not big enough for HS, wanting to extend – quote from Steve Baker of \$6000 – leave existing cement but add additional cement around perimeter.

Kevin made a motion to spend \$6000 on cement for batting cage, with the stipulation the two cement slabs are pinned together so they do not slope, second by Ginger.

2. Elias Memorial Park – Not heard from Gretchen. Tim to pull trees. Kevin hoping to see progress this year.

New Business:

NA

Randy made a motion to Adjourn the meeting seconded by Kevin.