

Village of Washburn

January 12th, 2026

Monthly Board Minutes

Mayor

Steve Forney

Village Clerk

Deidre Guy

Village Treasurer

Heather Hare

Water/Sewer/Street Departments

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 Merle. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Ginger made a motion to approve December minutes, seconded by Kris. Randy made a motion to accept January bills seconded by Steve P.

Guest Speaker:

Jason DeWalt presents at tonight's meeting to discuss next steps on building permits for his shed he would like to put up across the street from his residence on Main Street. Board brought forward health issues of the zoning officer that has delayed some of the process, but Village Clerk would work with him on getting a Variance Permit to him. In the meantime, his next steps would be to get the approval of his bordering neighbors due to height of structure, so all steps are signed off.

STREETS:

Talked to Tim about the leaking roof, does not seem concerned at this time

Sweeping of Garfield

Tim is concerned about things being down in the drains, especially over by the library – found a spade

WATER/SEWER:

Reverse osmosis/water softener at the Quick Mart put on a 1 month flush routine

Caden and Randy went across the street of the Village Hall on Jefferson Street, confirmed, all the drain all plugged.

POLICE:

Guardrail on corner of Jefferson Street got hit and is smashed up. After much discussion, it was decided it is no-longer needed, and can be removed. It was only put there due to Semis/trucking companies taking the corner too sharp, tearing up the lot. Also, per Sgt. Ealy and Board members, a police report was not needed as the person that hit the guardrail was very compliant.

Sgt. Ealy has tagged the Geo at the old Dr office on Jefferson – Board discussed next steps as owner is deceased and cannot get ahold of next of kin. Colt advised to get ahold of the landlord and see who was listed as an emergency contact.

Check out the vehicles at the old Catholic Church, some do not have plates (Caden to look at as he does water meters), and the car on N. Garfield is full of junk and not moving.

FINANCE, INSURANCE, & TIF:

Renewal Quote for Cyber Insurance: Becky made a motion to renew the Cyber Insurance, that increased by \$35, seconded by Kevin.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

N/A

ZONING:

N/A

PARKS:

Mowing: Kevin to mowing is up for bid on Village Website, Post Office, Caseys, and Bank. There are two new people interested. Bids will open up Feb 9th.

Robyn (Gretchen's Sister) stepping in while Gretchen has medical ailments attended to with Elias Memorial Park

New Business:

Colt to be out of town for the February 9th, 2026 meeting, Village Board will reach out ahead of time if they feel they need a representative present for the meeting.

Colt is also the taxes on the property across from the Village Hall on Jefferson Street. Currently the property belongs to Woodford County and could be potential for space for the Village depending what Colt find out.

Old Business:

Discussion pertaining to Charlie Kennell, and knowing when his 1 year is up, which was stated in previous meeting minutes along with interest discussion and other principal values.