

Village of Washburn

February 9th, 2026

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. Randy made a motion to approve January minutes seconded by Ginger. Steve P made a motion to pay February's bills seconded by Ginger.

Guest Speaker:

Steve Babcock was present tonight to discuss concern of loose gravel in his yard and dust kicks up since his road was resealed. Voiced questioning to why streets not swept and vacuumed after chipping done to pick up access. It was explained to him that seal coating is contracted out and will inquire if clean-up is in the process. He also voiced concerns regarding hydrants out of service so it was explained to him which ones were in use.

STREETS:

Removed tree on Garfield and Walnut.

WATER AND SEWER:

Caden at conference Tues-Thursday in Effingham.

VFD keeps going out, couples calls made.

Estimated meters this month – below zero temperatures and phones wouldn't work.

POLICE:

Shane and Linda junking cars at Jerry's, fork lift is broke down, giving them two weeks to get it back up and running and get things cleaned up.

Geo if gone.

Junk car on Garfield gone.

FINANCE, INSURANCE, & TIF:

Ordinance No. 26-01 – TIF Agreement with Post 661- Kevin made a motion to give Legion post 661 up to \$51,601.65 for phase 1 (roof) second by Steve.

Roll call vote: Steve (Y) Kevin (Y) Becky (Abstain) Kris (Y) Ginger (Y) Randy (Abstain). 4 Ayes 2 Abstains 0 Nays.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

N/A

ZONING:

N/A

PARKS:

Matt Ulrich sent letter to Village Board stating wanting to downsize this year, has enjoyed working with the town and took it as a sign that the Village was putting bid out therefore he did not put a bid in. 1 sealed bid was received: Family Roots Lawncare, Kevin Schoon at \$6,400 for the year for both Halfmoon and Elias Memorial.

Kevin made a motion to accept the bid for Family Roots Lawncare with a bid of \$6,400 owned by Kevin Schoon second by Ginger. All ayes.

New Business:

Library wants to add on, out back would do into neighbors tree line and do not want to kill anything. Asking for a variance to go within 16 ft of sidewalk and build toward 89. This would still be 30 feet off the road, not blocking traffic. Village of Washburn requests Library to be mindful of the Jade Memorial Sign and landscaping.

Randy made a motion to accept the 16 foot variance for the Library to add on as outlined by Merle second by Steve.

Old Business:

NA

Ginger made a motion to adjourn the meeting second by Steve P.