

# Village of Washburn

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Monthly Board Minutes

### **Mayor**

Steve Forney

### **Village Clerk**

Deidre Guy

### **Village Treasurer**

Heather Hare

### **Water/Sewer/Street Departments**

Tim Strauch and 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 except Randy. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Kevin made a motion to approve February minutes, seconded by Kris. Steve made a motion to accept March bills seconded by Kevin.

### **Guest Speaker:**

Brad Cole was present tonight from the Illinois Municipal League. He shared that they are affiliated with 1294 cities, providing a lot of great things, and Washburn is the only Municipality not associated. The dues to sign are \$150/year offering over 100 sample ordinances, solar and zoning codes, ect. Brad's pitch was what it took to earn Village of Washburn's trust/buy in? If we were not happy with IML offered in a years time he is willing to pay back the \$150, but if we like what was to offer he is looking forward to talking future state.

Steve Guy was present at tonight's meeting representing the Washburn Fire Protection District requestion permission to barricade park of Parkside as they will be utilizing the Legion parking lot this year for the car show. FD is requesting 89 to Park Street, it was discussed that that does impact residential driveways. Alternative idea was to turn into 1 lane if residents of those hours were not okay with closing the street for the short time of cruise in, roughly 10-2. Village okay if residents of the homes okay.

### **STREETS:**

Kevin looked at the rail for Dollar General, appeared to be weld joints, they are galvanized and spray painted. They will need to be primed and kept from rusting.

Steve Baker was called to look at the railing and concrete work for Village Hall, it will take heat to bend back and will need to have old concrete dug out, then bend and set railing again.

### **WATER/SEWER:**

Caden went and tested today – if passes just needs hours

### **POLICE:**

Ealy not present, no police report.

### **FINANCE, INSURANCE, & TIF:**

Special budget planning meeting set for 3/22/2026

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

N/A

### **ZONING:**

Permit for Solar

Library pushed through

Currently no garbage trucks in town – proposing to push for ordinance to keep trucks with 500 ft of city limits.

Merle also looped back to the verbiage of the ordinance regarding Ag property. There are quite a few properties on the perimeter of town, proposed to take ‘acreage’ out and change to ‘agricultural’. Merle was advised to review ordinance book for any other changes and bring them to next meeting.

**PARKS:**

Tim to turn on water.

Contract has been signed by Kevin Schoon – Future state, school needs to let board know sooner when softball starts up.

Ash tree leaning on fence on HR side. Dead.

**New Business:**

Junk week: Looking at 5/9 or 5/23 and 9/19. Checking with Dalton on dates and start time prior to setting date.

**Old Business:**

Kevin had a question Brad and Colt: Its been brought up from other taxing bodies that Village Board cannot make donations? Brads response was if its on the agenda and bills and best interest of the Village, then yes, the Village CAN make donations.

Time Capsule – 150 years ago momentous and keepsakes went into a time capsule, when water tower went up, had to be moved, and nobody can remember where it got moved to.

Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting followed by Kris.