

Village of Washburn

April 13th, 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. There was a request by for an amendment to the May minutes. After amendment, Ginger made a motion to accept both sets of April minutes second by Kevin. After addition of a late bill for cleaning of the inside of the water tower for \$2,000 Steve made a motion to pay May's bills seconded by Randy.

Guest Speaker:

N/A

STREETS:

Highview Ridge: discussion regarding curb work and driveway work. Owner is wanting to put in two driveways – Street Department specs (how cut, put in ect) – Ginger to get with Merle and reach out.

Clean up day set for May 23rd, 2026

WATER AND SEWER:

Inside of water tower to be pumped and cleaned – plan to take less than 72 hours, date TBD. All tests are coming back normal.

Its been reported some residents not getting a water bill.

POLICE:

House on corner of Madison and Magnolia – door keeps opening, smells rancid. Per Ealy, no reports through Police Department. Owner is from Goodfield, start the process with Merle on violations.

Police addressing all violations/break-ins/vandalism in town.

FINANCE, INSURANCE, & TIF:

Add the \$5000 for Elias Park 1-5585 Elias Memorial Park \$5000 – Roll call Vote: Steve P (Y) Kevin (Y) Becky (Y) Kris (Y) Ginger (Y) Randy (Y) – 6 Aye 0 Nay

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

No activity in the last year from Jerry Beschoner with the corner bar.

ZONING:

Working on permit for larger rooms on Main Street.

Joey Longo approached Merle regarding selling the corner building and if it needed to go through zoning- at one time the two parcels were combined and when they decided to sell would need to be disconnected.

Few Solar panels

Discussed an 'Eye Sore Hit List:' properties that need work. Merle advised to not hesitate on sending letters if he sees any sort of ordinance violation, and board advised to send Merle addressed of violators to be acted upon immediately.

PARKS:

FB complaints set clear regarding Snag Creek and a fence. It was a misunderstanding and the commenter had the wrong park.

Still not much from Robyn regarding Elias Memorial Park – Kris did talk to her not long ago, seemed interested still, will attempt reach out again.

Picnic tables need pressure washed and stained, still in good shape. Sinns = \$564-\$2200 for treated wood or Tim would get material and build for \$40 a piece.

Troy White = load of gravel (CA-6) for parking lot at Halfmoon hauled by Andy Jay. Can haul 22 ton at a time.

Netting is up around batting cage

Light at scoreboard is fixed temporarily until Les can permanently.

New Business:

Brad Cole from IML – only municipality not involved – table discussion.

Washburn Website and making it ADA compliant by April 2027 – Closed caption for the hearing impaired, larger text, ect. Sheila as the Web Admin is looking into what needs changed and targeting to have and update by June meeting.

Colt: Lot across from the Village Hall – reached out to Woodford Co. – Attorney handling Joesph Meyer and Associates – no answer, but a slow process. Not a high priority.

Old Business:

NA

Steve made a motion to move into Executive Session

Open meeting was reconvened with the decision to adjust Full-time employee salary's according to their performance, annual evaluation, and certifications/testing decided by a roll call vote from the board. It was in favor to give Caden a raise of \$25/hr with 6 aye 0 nays, Heather a 5% or 1 time bonus equal to 5% with 6 aye 0 nay, and Tim with a 3% raise with 3 aye, 2 nay, 1 undecided.

Kris made a motion to adjourn meeting second by Randy