

Village of Ubly

April 2, 2015

Meeting Minutes

The Village of Ubly Regular Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m., April 2nd, 2015, at the Bingham/Village Government Center.

Attendance: President, Mark Brown; Trustees Lola Brown, Barb Butch, Adam Kain, Larry Gornowicz, and April Osentoski; Treasurer Denise Gornowicz and Clerk Sue Messing were all present. DPW Supervisor Carl Weber and Police Chief Dave Rothe were both absent/excused. Police Officer Kevin Jimkoski was here to represent Police Chief Dave Rothe. There were 9 citizens in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Mark Brown read the minutes from the March 5th public hearing meeting. A motion was made by Barb Butch to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Lola Brown. All in favor, motion carried. Mark Brown read the minutes from the March 5th regular meeting. These changes were noted: 1) Add "Denise also felt it is an added cost due to monthly fees etc." in reference to use of debit/credit cards under Treasurers Report. 2) April Osentoski is looking into BCBS quotes under New Business. A motion was made by Larry Gornowicz accept the minutes with changes made, seconded by Susan Schrader. All in favor, motion carried

Representatives from Independent Bank, Jamie Macumber and Emily Phillips, were present to address the council on any concerns/questions due to Independent Bank in Ubly closing at 3:00 on April 30th. They offered a remote deposit system at no cost/no charge with a 7:00 same business day deposit. This also included the scanning of checks. At this time there was no offer for a courier. They also stated the current Independent Bank building is for sale. Anyone interested in purchasing the bank may contact Emily herself or Christine Kazyk, the Branch Manager in Ubly.

- Sue requested permission from the board to pay the Thumb Cell and Sunoco bills prior to the council meetings. Discussion followed. Barb Butch made a motion to allow payment of the Sunoco and Thumb Cell bills to prevent late fees. Lola Brown seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Sue announced that the village did receive a check from AT&T of \$662.20 for the phone line that there was not supposed to be any charges for.
- Announced that Police Chief Dave Rothe had ordered the new labor law signs. They had been received were posted.
- Sue announced an increase to the Employer portion of the MERS retirement account. It had gone up from 12.68% to 14.29%.
- Sue had received a request for donations to the Ubly High School Yearbook for an ad placement. The council declined this request.
- Representing Virgil from the DPW department, Virgil requested to go to training in Bad Axe on April 21st for mandatory training to keep his licensure. The cost was \$150.00. A motion was made by Susan Schrader to pay for Vigil to go to training, cost not to exceed \$150.00, seconded by Larry Gornowicz. All in favor, motion carried.

- Sue let council know that there would be mandatory training for MDOT reporting, not sure as to when, but there would be some classes in Saginaw coming up. Sue also noted that there were some webinars available, but current time was not good for her. There would be more offered.
- From the office of Carl Osentoski, Sue asked council of any known vacant Industrial properties /buildings for sale. Info was passed on to Sue to pass on to Carl Osentoski's office.

Bills: March bills were reviewed. Discussion followed. Mark instructed Sue to pay the Bell Equipment Company bill for the street sweeper brooms ½ out of local streets and ½ out of major streets. Motion made by April Osentoski to pay March Bills with changes made, seconded by Lola Brown. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Denise Gornowicz presented the treasurer's report. Updates on cash balances were given for the following accounts: General Fund \$301,071.45, Water Fund \$457,080.88, Major Streets \$333,649.36, Local Streets \$267,896.86, Village Streets \$215,931.56, Library Fund \$26,823.01 and Downtown Development Fund \$17,772.43

- Denise noted that at this time she still plans to continue banking with Independent Bank though the Bad Axe Branch.
- Denise had announced that she would not be present for May's meeting as she would be out of town. Mark informed her to have whatever she had for the meeting to be given to him to present.
- Susan Schrader stated she felt Denise should be reimbursed for her mileage for traveling back and forth to Bad Axe to do the necessary banking. At this time Denise is asked to keep track of her mileage.

DPW Report: No reports, DPW Supervisor Carl Weber was not present.

Police Report: Officer Kevin Jimkoski represented Police Chief Dave Rothe in his absence. Chief Rothe was attending training out of town.

- There were no March monthly reports at this time, Chief Rothe would bring them to the next meeting
- Officer Jimkoski addressed council to give the crossing guards a forty cent raise. Discussion followed. Susan Schrader made a motion to give the crossing guards a forty cent raise, retroactive to March 1st. Barb Butch seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Officer Jimkoski announced that the police department was under budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year by \$12,012.44.

Trustees Reports:

Larry Gornowicz:

- Found the village was under a contract with Emterra that included the fuel surcharge on the monthly bill.

Barb Butch:

- Presented ideas for decoration banners for Main Street. The payment for these banners is to come out of the Downtown Development Fund. Discussion followed. Lola Brown made a motion to order the banners with cost not to exceed \$2,500.00, seconded by April Osentoski. All in favor, motion carried.

- Barb announced that she had completed the application for the ICE grant. Barb was asking

everyone to spread the word that between April 20th and May 1st, encourage people to go to the H.C.C.F. website and vote for Ubyly to receive this grant.

- Letters had been sent out for sponsors for “Movie in the Park”. It was stated that Team One Credit Union was interested in sponsoring all of them. Clerk Sue Messing had not received any sponsorships as of this time.
- Barb stated the Zoning committee is still active in Ubyly, per Jim Phelps, President. She would continue to work w/Jim Phelps and Police Chief Rothe to update the zoning ordinances.
- Barb is looking for a grant to purchase LED street lights, as current street lights need updating or replacing.
- Barb is working on ordering a swing for the park with the monies obtained from Florence Schrader’s Memorial Fund.

April Osentoski:

- April presented a quote from IT Right for the back up and services for up to five computers for the cost of \$2,000.00. After discussion, April made a motion for the board to accept the quote from IT Right for back up and services for up to five computers for \$2,000.00, seconded by Larry Gornowicz. All in favor, motion carried.
- April is working w/Susan and Barb on the Village website issues and updating.
- April had been to her first meeting w/MML Energy Technology and Environment Committee. There were 3 field trips being planned, one of which included a trip with DTE to the local wind farms.

Susan Schrader:

- Susan continues to work with Lori White on improving the water billing process.
- Susan would like to see the village personnel receive personalized voice mail/answering services. Susan would look into this.

Old Business: No old business to report.

New Business: No new business to report.

Presidents Report:

- May 2nd, Pigeon Library is having a zoning workshop. Cost is \$40.00 per person. Mark states he is probably going to be going to this.
- We have new playground equipment at the new DPW shed. Mark suggested having a representative come to help with set up of this equipment, Council agreed it would be a good idea. Mark will provide the council with the info.

Public:

Steve Irvine, representative for the Homecoming committee, announced the Homecoming would be held July 9th-12th. The theme for the homecoming is going to be “Big Brother” with local celebrity Nicole Franzel and Hayden appearing as Grand Marshals. Steve requested to continue to use the “No Parking” signs on Main Street. Steve also announced that the committee is looking into having a TAT bus provide transportation for people at the Ubyly Homecoming. Steve is working with Barb Butch to put this in motion.

Doreen Zulauf expressed concerns of poor sidewalks in town, specifically a few spots on Pike Street. She suggested that all the sidewalks be looked at for necessary repairs to prevent any mishaps.

There being no further business, President Mark Brown entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion

was made by April Osentoski to adjourn, seconded by Larry Gornowicz. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned @ 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Sue L. Messing - Clerk- Village of Ubly
