

# Village of Ubly

## August 5, 2015

### Meeting Minutes

The Village of Ubly Regular Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m., August 5th, 2015, at the Bingham/Village Government Center.

**Attendance:** President, Mark Brown; Trustees Lola Brown, Barb Butch, Adam Kain, and April Osentoski; Clerk Sue Messing ; DPW Supervisor Carl Weber and Police Chief Dave Rothe were all present. Treasurer Denise Gornowicz and Trustees Larry Gornowicz and Susan Schrader were absent and excused. There were 2 citizens in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Minutes:** Minutes from July's special and regular meeting had been given to each person prior to the meeting and were reviewed at this time. A motion was made by April Osentoski to accept the special meeting minutes as written, seconded by Lola Brown. All in favor motion carried. Two spelling errors were noted on the regular meeting minutes – page 1 “Brain” should be “Brian” and on page 3 “Simply Blue HAS...” should be “Simply Blue HSA...” A motion was made by Barb Butch to accept the minutes with changes made, seconded by April Osentoski. All in favor, motion carried.

Sue Messing, Village Clerk, shared the following information:

- Sue informed council that during budget time, it had been set up to pay for the new backhoe with funds from the water fund (\$54,000.00) and the major & local street funds (\$18,000.00 each). Sue informed council that in order to continue to receive Act 51 monies/credit this money could not come out of the major and local street funds, as all that was going in to these accounts was money provided from Act 51. Sue asked council to have monies over \$54,000.00 be used from the village street fund, totaling \$31,633.00. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Barb Butch to have \$31,633.00 used from the village street fund to pay for the new backhoe, with \$54,000.00 being paid by the water fund (total \$85,633.00). Lola Brown seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Sue had set up the phone at the DPW/Water office to now be a cell phone. Due to a special being ran by Thumb Cellular at the time of sign up, Carl's phone (companion phone to the police dept.) would be free of charge for 1 year. We would also soon be getting a credit from AT&T for \$11.67.
- Sue and Carl would be attending a meeting for ACT 51 the first week of September.
- Sue had provided each council member with information pertaining to health benefit reimbursement. This information stated it was illegal to give a cash reimbursement for health insurance deductible to an employee as we have in the past. Sue had spoken with their auditor and insurance provider. Options, if the council wanted to give money back to the employee, were either an HSA account or a “performance bonus”, which would then be taxed.

**Bills:** July bills were reviewed. Discussion followed. A motion made by Lola Brown to pay July bills, seconded by April Osentoski. All in favor, motion carried.

- **Treasurers Report:** Denise Gornowicz was not present, Mark Brown presented the treasurer's report. Updates on cash balances were given for the following accounts:

General Fund \$180,110.56, Water Fund \$490,049.17, Major Streets \$343,286.09, Local Streets \$262,509.40, Village Streets \$173,646.52, Library Fund \$50,971.25 and Downtown Development Fund \$13,939.09.

**DPW Report:** DPW Supervisor Carl Weber presented his report:

- Carl presented to the board a quote from Ace-Saginaw Paving Company/Saginaw Asphalt Division to perform some street work. The village would save some money if this work was done when the same company does some work on M-19 through town. Quoted price came to a total of \$74,150.55. April Osentoski made a motion to accept the quote from Saginaw Asphalt and for Carl to begin the process of redoing some streets in town. Barb Butch seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Carl stated he would be getting a letter of “thank you” out to the Huron County Road Commission for the work that they have done thus far on various street corners
- Water samples have been sent to the state.
- DPW has been busy working on the Water Main/Hund Drive.

**Police Report:** Police Chief Dave Rothe presented his report.

- Dave did not have this months reports completed yet, as he was still waiting on some information. He would get these to each council member as soon as possible.
- Dave did speak to the owner of the Masonic hall, and bushes had been trimmed.
- Homecoming had gone well and the TAT bus was a large success.
- Dave asked council to increase the part time officers pay from \$14.50/hr to \$16.50/hr. Current rate for part time police officers everywhere else was \$16.50/hr. Discussion followed. April Osentoski made a motion to give part time Officers a pay increase to a total \$16.50/hr., Lola Brown seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Dave is also looking in to selling some sliding windows that have been lying around.

**Trustees Reports:**

**Barb Butch:**

- Barb had talked with Jim Cook from the Co-op and he stated that the trucks from the Co-op are rinsed off in the fields prior to coming back in to town.
- Steve Irvine from the homecoming committee could not be present, but he would like to thank everyone for all their help with the homecoming. Stated it was a great success.
- Barb questioned Carl on need for additional phone for the DPW. Carl didn't seem to think it was necessary, but he would look into it.
- There are some old police records in the police station, these records will be gone through and some stuff will be passed on to the historical society.

**Old Business:**

- Discussion was held pertaining to employee insurance. A motion was made by April Osentoski to accept the “Bronze – Simply Blue HSA PPO \$3,000” insurance coverage for the employees. In lieu of a cash payout for health insurance deductibles, each employee would receive a “performance bonus” equal to what the individual had paid in deductibles for that year. This amount is not to exceed \$3,000.00 for an employee that is single or \$6,000.00 for a family of 2 or more. Barb Butch seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**New Business:**

- In order to save some money, President Mark Brown is looking in to other possible carriers for liability insurance.

**Presidents Report:**

- Mark Brown read a letter of “Thank You” received from the boy scouts for letting them earn some money at the Ubly Homecoming.
- There will be a MML conference in Traverse City in September, see Mark if you are interested.

**Public:**

- No public input

There being no further business, President Mark Brown entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by April Osentoski to adjourn, seconded by Lola Brown. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned @ 7:53 p.m.

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

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