

Village of Ubly

February 4, 2016

Meeting Minutes

The Village of Ubly Regular Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. February 4, 2016, at the Bingham/Village Government Center.

Attendance: President Mark Brown; Trustees Barb Butch, Larry Gornowicz, Victoria Rutkowski, and Adam Kain; Clerk Sue Messing, Treasurer Denise Gornowicz and DPW Supervisor Carl Weber were all present. Trustees Susan Schrader and Lola Brown and Police Chief David Rothe were absent and excused. There were 3 citizens in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Minutes from the January regular meeting had been given to each person prior to the meeting and were reviewed at this time. A motion was made by Barb Butch to accept the January minutes as written, seconded by Victoria Rutkowski. All in favor, motion carried.

- Sue had given each council member preliminary copies of the budget for this coming year for review. She would have a final copy for the budget meeting.
- Sue had been working with Thumb Cell to fix the issues with the phone reception over at the DPW/Water office. Sue had received a quote from Thumb Cell for \$350.00. This quote included a repeater, coax cable, installation, and testing. She also informed council there would have to be a TV tower, no less than 30 feet tall, installed on the west side of the building near the current conduit that enters the building to attach the repeater antenna to. This TV tower would be an added expense that the village would have to pay for. Carl was looking into prices.
- Sue had paid out all performance bonuses in the last month.
- Sue asked council to make a resolution to renew the “Right of Way” permit allowing her to apply for the necessary permits to temporarily close down/partially close M19 for a short period of time for parades and such. A motion was made by Barb Butch to adopt this resolution, seconded by Larry Gornowicz. All in favor, motion carried.
- Sue had received February’s bill for the Police Department for AT&T. This bill was still not corrected. She was working with AT&T to get this issue resolved.
- Sue had informed council that after discussing with the auditor, she would be able to reimburse the general fund (from the water fund) monies paid on the loan for the police station/water wells (Loan from North Star) since 2005 when the loan originated. This would only be the percentage of what was spent on the water wells. The amount reimbursed to the general fund would also include the water funds portion of interest paid. She had sent the auditor some info and was working on this. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Barb Butch to have monies refunded to the general fund from the water fund from loan and interest payments made to North Star Bank since the loan origination. Also, the water fund is to reimburse the general fund the allotted percentage set by the auditor for future payments. This motion was seconded by Victoria Rutkowski. All in favor motion carried.

Bills: January bills were reviewed. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Larry Gornowicz to pay January bills. Victoria Rutkowski seconded the motion. 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 \$210,639.78, Water Fund \$419,470.75, Major Streets \$323,914.16, Local Streets \$241,765.04, Village Streets \$257,944.69, Library Fund \$63,882.44 and Downtown Development Fund \$13,939.09.
- It was noted at this time that Denise and Sue were working on closing the general fund account at Independent Bank. There were a few issues with 4 checks that had NOT been cashed, some of them over a year old. Sue and Denise were working with the auditor and how to handle these checks so the account could be closed.

DPW Report: DPW Supervisor Carl Weber presented his report:

- Carl was working on the well controls. It was found by Control Dynamics that we did not have a radio license but they were helping to rectify issue.
- Carl was in the process of purchasing a used underbody for the snow plow truck from the Huron County Road Commission.

Police Report: Police Chief Dave Rothe was absent and there were no reports at this time.

Trustees Reports:

Barb Butch:

- For the upcoming budget, Barb would like council to consider the pay scales for the clerk, treasurer, and water dept. help. She would also like council to consider purchasing a number of 3x5 flags that are used to decorate Main Street.

Old Business:

- The Budget meeting for the fiscal year 2016/2017 was set to be held February 25th at 6:00 pm.

New Business:

- Mark announced the SAW grant kick-off meeting would be held Monday, February 8th, at 9:30 am. Attendees were to include: Mark Brown, Dave Rothe, Carl Weber, Larry Gornowicz, Sue Messing, and residents Terry Chapin and Doug Ogozlay.
- It is mandated by the state that we are to have an Asset Management Plan in place by 2018. Carl suggested using the assistance of Stiverson & Associates.

Presidents Report:

- The Ugly Historical Society has membership applications available for those who are interested. See him if you have any questions.
- Mark read some outside remarks concerning the balances in the village accounts.

Public:

- Steve Irvine, president of the Homecoming committee, announced that the VFW had access to small grants that could be used for village improvement projects, such as an archway over main street or helping to build little league dug outs. He is also looking into the cost of American flags to be put up in the village. Homecoming meetings would be starting up, and he would like to continue to build on the relationship with council. The homecoming meetings will be held the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm.

There being no further business, President Mark Brown entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Larry Gornowicz to adjourn, seconded by Barb Butch. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned @ 8:10 p.m.

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