

# Village of Ubly

## December 30, 2014 (January Meeting)

### Meeting Minutes

The Village of Ubly Regular Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m., December 30, 2014, 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, Clerk Sue Messing, DPW Supervisor Carl Weber; and Police Chief Dave Rothe were all present. There were 7 Citizens in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Minutes:** Sue Messing read the minutes from the December meeting. The following changes were noted: 1) Traffic orders had become permanent after being approved by the board. 2) Under trustee assignments, water department issues, Mark Brown is only temporary. 3) Barb's name in place of Lola's for water billing position report. A motion was made by Lola to accept the minutes with changes made, seconded by Barb. All in favor, motion carried.

- Sue stated she had info on becoming a notary for those who are interested.
- Aflac Representative Ken Ziel would like to do a small representation for the full time employees on plans available, approved by council board.
- Sue asked for approval to attend training courses for clerk's job, approved by council.
- Sue presented a proposal for the minutes to publish in the Minden City Herald, including cost differences. After discussion, it was decided, for the time being, there should be a note at the bottom of the published minutes in the paper referring readers/villagers to the village website, library, and village hall for a complete uncondensed copy of the minutes.
- Sue informed Council of hire packets to be filled out.
- Sue appointed Judy Messing as her Deputy Clerk.
- Sue requested current copy machine to be set up to fax as it held the capabilities to do so. Dave Rothe stated he would have Kevin Jimkoski look into setting it up.

**Bills:** December bills were reviewed, the following changes were made: 1) Michigan Pipe bill was to come out of Water Dept. fund. 2) Purchased Holder by the DPW should come ½ out of general fund and ½ out of the village fund (\$1,275.00 each). 3) Miss Dig bill is to be divided 3 ways equally coming out of the Local Street Fund, the Major Street Fund, and Water Fund (\$114.74 each). Motion made by Barb to pay December bills with changes made, seconded by Larry. 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 \$343,246.84, Water Fund \$510,629.00, Major Streets \$362,692.13, Local Streets \$291,633.27, Village Streets \$188,806.57, and Library Fund \$41,789.57.

- Denise confirmed that the check received by Bingham Township should be going into the Local Street Fund.

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

- There had been issues with the hand held water meter reader, these issues had been resolved.
- DPW purchased a used Holder that was 10 years newer than the old one. This expense

had been included in the budget when it was developed.

- Darrel Gotham from the DEQ is urging the council to look at the water rates and a possible increase to these rates. It was noted that there may be some increasing costs in the coming years for the Water Dept.

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

- Dave had no monthly statistics at this time as the month was not over yet. He would have December and Year End reports at the next meeting.
- There is a new crossing guard – Connie Swartzentruber.
- Dave has his budget completed and it is currently being reviewed.
- Dave stated he would be getting with Larry, Carl, and Adam after the first of the year to discuss the ordinances that need to be codified.

**Trustees Reports:**

**Barb Butch:**

- There had been a donation/memorial from the Florence Schrader family. The family requested that the monies be used toward a swing for adults and placed in the village park. Most of the costs would be covered, only a minimal amount of monies would be needed to complete the project, such as the cost for a cement slab to place the swing on.
- Barb requested that Joe Partaka present a report for zoning.

**Adam Kain:**

- Made a motion to have the Holder bill split between accounts, seconded by Lola. All in favor, motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- Presented the board with 2 letters of interest for the vacant trustee position. These people were Victoria Rutkowski & Susan Schrader. Susan requested her resume be read out loud. Interviews for the trustee position were held openly. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Larry to appoint Susan Schrader to fill the vacant trustee position, motion seconded by Lola. All in favor, motion carried. Susan Schrader was sworn in as new village trustee by clerk Sue Messing.

**New Business:**

- Mark presented to the council members a copy of the old budget for council members to review and for them to familiarize themselves with. Budget would be further discussed in the February meeting, to be adopted by February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- New copies of “Chapter 19 Budgeting” have been ordered.

**Presidents Report:**

- Susan Schrader was assigned to handle Water Billing Issues and a copy of the Water billing Job Description was given to Susan.
- Randy Osantowski showed interest in purchasing land from the village. Council declined the offer at this time.
- Bingham Township currently pays \$7,500.00 a year towards the Police Dept. budget for their services. Discussion held on asking for an increase from Bingham Township. Dave stated he would be attending their January meeting. Mark and Dave would approach the Bingham Township council with a request for an increase in these monies.

**Public:**

- No public input

There being no further business, President Mark Brown entertained motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Barb Butch to adjourn, seconded by Larry Gornowicz. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned @ 8:18 p.m.

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

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