

Village of Ubly

July 2, 2015

Meeting Minutes

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

Attendance: President, Mark Brown; Trustees Lola Brown, Barb Butch, Adam Kain, Larry Gornowicz, Susan Schrader and April Osentoski; Clerk Sue Messing and Treasurer Denise Gornowicz; DPW Supervisor Carl Weber and Police Chief Dave Rothe were all present. There were 6 citizens in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Minutes had been given to each person prior to the meeting and were reviewed at this time. A change was noted that Brian Sweeney lived on Hurford St. and not Herbert St. A motion was made by Barb Butch to accept the minutes with changes made, seconded by Larry Gornowicz. All in favor, motion carried.

Sue Messing, Village Clerk, shared the following information:

- The homecoming flyer had been posted on the village internet website. There was an error noted with the minutes that had been posted to the site, and she would correct that with this month's update.
- Info pertaining to cell phone costs for Carl was given, discussion followed. A motion was made by April Osentoski to discontinue the current land line at the DPW and provide Carl with a companion cell phone coinciding with the police department account at Thumb Cell. Motion was seconded by Lola Brown. All in favor, motion carried.
- The permit for the partial closing for the intersection for M19 for the homecoming had been obtained.
- Made council aware of the upcoming costs of Intuit/QuickBooks updates. Sue had provided the company with her personal credit card number, no charges had been made yet but the renewal would come due in July.
- FOIA info would be posted on the village website within the next week.
- Carl had purchased a Backhoe as agreed on in the village budget. The charge for this was showing up on this month's bills. Sue reminded council that this bill was set up to be paid from the general fund, to be reimbursed by the Village Street Fund, that which in turn would be reimbursed by the Water, Major, and Local Funds.
- Working with Lori White and Susan Schrader to continue to set up the computers in the water office.

Bills: June bills were reviewed. Discussion followed. A motion made by Larry Gornowicz to pay June bills, seconded by April Osentoski. 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 \$155,028.98, Water Fund \$481,455.23, Major Streets \$338,838.27, Local Streets \$260,907.56, Village Streets \$259,276.69, Library Fund \$46,841.40 and Downtown Development Fund \$13,939.09.

- Larry Gornowicz questioned Denise on the possibilities of creating a CD with some of the monies in the water fund. Discussion followed - CD's might be done once tax collection

was completed.

- Denise also mentioned the changing of the village accounts over to North Star Bank once the bank was established in town. The council entertained the idea of inviting a representative from North Star to a future council meeting.

DPW Report: DPW Supervisor Carl Weber presented his report:

- The new backhoe was purchased
- Working on the new play equipment at the park, had one item completed and 3 items to go.
- There would be curb replacements made by the county on the corners of on Union, James, and Agnes streets connecting to Washington Street.
- There was a new turn lane put in over by Regency Plastics, the county would replace the water lines as necessary.
- Saginaw Asphalt would be doing some work on M19 and they would be giving Carl a quote to replace some sections of Main Street while they were in town.
- Water Meters were read.
- Esch Landscaping had fixed/milled down numerous sidewalks in town.

Police Report: Police Chief Dave Rothe presented his report.

- Dave presented June reports as well as the zoning report for May and June.
- New officers had been hired for the Homecoming. Dave also noted that due some changes to our current part time officers employment status he in turn would be making some changes to the villages part time police officers.
- There had been 2 search warrants issued this past week in which drugs were found. The homeowners were not involved with the drugs.
- The “Donuts and Divots” golf outing was a success. Dave presented to council a donation to the police department in the amount of \$1,325.98. This donation would help pay for the purchasing police department equipment: Body Cam’s and a new printer.

Trustees Reports:

Barb Butch:

- Informed council that Steve Irvine could not be present but he is continuing to work on projects for the homecoming.
- Photos of the Thumb Electric Plant would be on display at the Library on Thursday and Friday the week of the homecoming.
- “Movies in the Park” is going well and they are starting some shows a little early so as not to finish late at night.

Adam Kain:

- Had some questions concerning the transferring of funds from account to account. Sue Messing explained to Adam that there were no checks for the Village Street account, therefore the check had to be written from the general fund and monies then transferred over.

Susan Schrader:

- Susan continuing to work with Lori White and Sue Messing to set up the computers at the new water office. BS&A software continues to be the best offer available.
- Sue had been approached about concerns pertaining to Crop Productions washing of trucks within the village limits. The concerns were as to whether or not they could be contaminating our sewer system. Carl responded that they used to wash trucks off in the fields. Barb Butch volunteered to discuss the truck washing process with Crop productions.

Old Business: No old business to discuss

New Business:

- Discussion was held pertaining to employee insurance. A motion was made by Susan Schrader to have Haley, Ward & Associates present to the board the necessary paperwork at the next meeting info pertaining to “Bronze – Simply Blue HSA PPO \$3,000” for the village employees to enroll. The motion was seconded by Lola Brown. Motion carried with a vote of 5 yays and 1 nay. Clerk Sue Messing would contact Haley, Ward & Associates. Discussion pertaining to employee reimbursement would be discussed at the next meeting.

Presidents Report:

President Mark Brown made the following announcements:

- There was a MERS convention coming up in October. Keep that in mind for those who want to go.
- There is an Association of Mayors meeting coming up but unfortunately he would probably not be able to attend it.

Public:

Diane Smalley requested that the bushes by the Masonic hall be trimmed as they are sticking out and have become a hazard/vision obstruction. Police Chief Dave Rothe would be in contact with the owner of the building. Our current code of ordinances states that the village may take care of them. Dave Peruski gave the board info from the county level. The county had received its first same sex marriage application. A new County Treasurer was in place but now they are working on filling the spot for County Deputy Treasurer in July. Dave also talked about changes in the wind ordinances. Financially the County had finished in the black. Dave also announced that the planning commission is looking at building a facility to store sugar beets inside, construction was to start later this year.

Jeremy Iseler was present to observe parliamentary procedures in earning his merit badge towards Eagle Scout.

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 @ 8:10p.m.

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