

Village of Ubly

May 7, 2015

Meeting Minutes

The Village of Ubly Regular Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m., May 7th, 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, DPW Supervisor Carl Weber and Police Chief Dave Rothe were all present. Treasurer Denise Gornowicz was absent/excused. There were 11 citizens in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Mark Brown read the minutes from the April 2nd regular meeting. This change was noted: Add "Susan Schrader" to the list of trustees in attendance. A motion was made by Lola Brown accept the minutes with changes made, seconded by Barb Butch. All in favor, motion carried

- Sue announced she would be attending mandatory training pertaining to Act 51 reporting in Saginaw on May 14th. Sue requested the village pay her mileage for her traveling. A motion was made by Susan Schrader to pay Sue mileage for her training, seconded by Larry Gornowicz. All in favor motion carried.
- There was an audit on April 15th. Sue announced that there were 2 MERS payments made that had not been paid, one from May 2014 and one from October 2014. Sue had paid these this past month and they are included on April bills.
- Sue had received the paperwork/financial report for Act 51 from the auditor.
- Sue had received some FOIA information from the village lawyer John Ferris. This information is to be posted on the internet site. There were some documents involving charges for processing the information. This information was passed on to President Mark Brown for review.
- IT Right had been contacted and are performing a back-up on the computers on a daily basis.
- In lieu of having IT Right on board, Sue requested the computer project for the water department computers be completed by IT Right as long as there was to be no charge from Abadata for doing so. Council approved.
- Sue requested the Thumb office bills for ink and paper be paid by the water dept. until the water dept. computer set up is completed. Council approved for these bills to be paid by the water dept.

Bills: April bills were reviewed. Discussion followed. Sue had 2 late entries to add to the list of bills which she had received just prior to the meeting: 1) Thumb Office Supply (\$72.26) for office supplies for the police department and 2) Randy's Hunting Center (\$171.00) for training for the police department. Motion made by Barb Butch to pay April Bills with changes made, seconded by Susan Schrader. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurers Report: In lieu of Treasurer Denise Gornowicz being absent, President Mark Brown presented the treasurer's report. Updates on cash balances were given for the following accounts: General Fund \$239,277.06, Water Fund \$465,388.09, Major Streets \$332,453.83, Local Streets \$255,590.62, Village Streets \$243,009.48, Library Fund \$29,587.42 and Downtown Development Fund \$17,772.43

DPW Report: DPW Supervisor Carl Weber presented his report:

- Carl announced he was working on repairing/replacing some of the sidewalks in town. Carl suggested that we use a subcontractor to perform grinding down of some of these sidewalks/problem areas where necessary. Discussion followed. The council felt those sidewalks that had to be repaired and those that had to be replaced could be left up to Carl's discretion. A motion was made by Larry Gornowicz to allow Carl to subcontract out the grinding of the sidewalks, seconded by Barb Butch. All in favor, motion carried.
- Still working on replacing/fixing the well controls.
- Carl had purchased a New Zero Turn Mower from Tri County Equipment. This purchase had been figured into the budget.
- Working on purchasing a new Back Hoe.
- Carl and Virgil are working on cutting some trees down in the village.
- Carl has some old equipment, stated he would be taking this to an auction to see what he could get for it. Other options included scrapping.
- Carl will be having new summer worker start next week.
- The new town banners are here and will be put up soon.
- Carl informed council he would be off the following week for surgery.

Police Report: Police Chief Dave Rothe presented his report.

- Dave presented April reports.
- Dave stated he would be having the seat in the Tahoe replaced/repared by Jeff's Upholstery.
- Presented zoning report from Joe Particka for April.
- There was a lock-down at the High School for an irate parent.
- Susan Schrader questioned Chief Rothe about the possibilities of obtaining body cams for the police department. Dave stated he has been working on this. There is a golf outing on June 17th. The proceeds received will go toward purchasing 2 body cams this year. Once the body cams are obtained, some policies will have to be revised.
- Lola Brown brought to Dave's attention of some people speeding into town too fast. Dave stated the police are aware and are trying to regulate these areas.

Trustees Reports:

Barb Butch:

- Uibly did not receive the ICE grant.
- The memorial adult swing for Florence Schrader has arrived.
- The new Play Scape needs to be put together. Barb is hoping to having some members of the company it was purchased from along with some volunteers put it together. Mark Brown stated he would help her put this in motion.
- Barb showed the new town banners that were purchased.
- Barb had met with Steve Irvine from the Homecoming committee. Requesting to allow vendors to stay/camp out at the park. Request was denied by council.

April Osentoski:

- April had received info on the village employee's insurance and it would be going up. She is currently shopping around for other options and getting figures. Changes to the insurance must be submitted by August.

Susan Schrader:

- Susan is working on setting up personalized voice mail/answering services. She needed to get with Clerk Sue Messing for some information.
- Working on village newsletter.
- Sue stated that there were 2 delinquent water bills. These bills would be put on the summer tax roll as "Special Assessment".
- Susan was looking at options and getting quotes for a 2nd computer for the water office and updates to the water software.

Old Business:

- Jim Zulauf talked about a meeting that he and Jim Philp, Chairman of the Planning Commission, had attended, hosted by the Village of Pigeon. Discussion followed. Jim advised that the village zoning ordinances be updated as soon as possible. Jim also noted that the Village Council is the Board of Appeals when it comes to zoning.
- Mark suggested a raise for DPW supervisor Carl Weber. Discussion followed. Susan Schrader made a motion to give DPW Supervisor Carl Weber a \$1.00/hour raise retroactive to March 1st, seconded by Lola Brown. All in favor motion carried.

New Business: No new business to report.

Presidents Report:

- Mark had no new news for the village council.

Public:

Doreen Zulauf expressed concerns of poor sidewalks in town and asked Carl to be sure to address some problem areas on Main Street.

Steve Irvine, representative for the Homecoming committee, announced that the Beer tent would be closing at 9:00 P.M. on Sunday as opposed to 10:00 P.M. The committee is still working on the TAT Bus details. Steve stated that as soon as the insurance for the homecoming was obtained, he would provide Clerk Sue Messing with a copy of the policy. Steve discussed with council about possibilities of where vendors could park/camp for the night during the homecoming. Steve also stated that the fliers for the homecoming would be completed soon and as soon as they were, he would pass the info on to Village Clerk Sue Messing to be posted on the website.

Paula Romzek stated a survey of her property shows that the current fence present on her property is indeed on her property. Paula would like this fence removed as it was not put up by her. Paula is asking the village council to make/enforce this correction. The village council declined comment and directed Paula to turn her information over to Police Chief David Rothe.

Dave Peruski, the County Commissioner for District II, presented zoning information and recommended the council update their wind zoning ordinances as soon as possible. He also announced that Ryche Roggenbuck had received his Eagle Scout. Dave also announced that their treasurer is retiring and they accepting letters of interest. Dave let council know that the FOIA information needs to be in place by July 1st. Dave also commented that the Independent Bank building had been purchased by Northstar Bank and it had been in the newspaper.

Steve Morin stated that the board has no claim to move the aforementioned fence.

There being no further business, President Mark Brown entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by April Osentoski to adjourn, seconded by Barb Butch. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned @ 8:45 p.m.

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