

Village of Uby

September 3rd, 2015

Meeting Minutes

The Village of Uby Regular Meeting was held at 5:30 p.m., September 3rd, 2015, at the Bingham/Village Government Center.

Attendance: President, Mark Brown; Trustees, Barb Butch, Larry Gornowicz, Susan Schrader and Adam Kain; Clerk Sue Messing, Treasurer Denise Gornowicz and Police Chief Dave Rothe were all present. Trustees Lola Brown and April Osentoski and DPW Supervisor Carl Weber were absent and excused. There were 4 citizens in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Minutes from the August 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 August minutes as written, seconded by Larry Gornowicz. All in favor, motion carried.

Sue Messing, Village Clerk, shared the following information:

- Sue had given each council member copies of some info she received pertaining to U of M's CLOSUP report and info on grants available.
- Sue had been to the Act51 meeting on September 1st held in Bay City. She shared new info: 1) Carl is to sign the employees time cards and Sue would in turn sign Carl's time card 2) There would be some changes in the way a check was written to us by the state – she had been informed of where to go on internet get the breakdown of those checks.
- Sue announced that Bingham Township would be changing over to Comcast for internet service the following week. They were unsure yet if the villages' current set-up would work and a modem may have to be set up in the water office. An additional charge of around \$10.00/month would be added to our share of the bill received by the township. Sue asked the council permission to go forward with installation as necessary. Barb Butch made a motion to allow Sue to go forward with internet installation at the water office as long as costs were kept at a minimal. Motion seconded by Adam Kain. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills: August bills were reviewed. Discussion followed. A motion made by Larry Gornowicz to pay August bills, seconded by Barb Butch. 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 \$200,518.37, Water Fund \$433,924.79, Major Streets \$340,033.25, Local Streets \$261,379.46, Village Streets \$227,671.46, Library Fund \$55,563.45 and Downtown Development Fund \$13,939.09.
- Denise stated that she is collecting taxes. The last day to have taxes paid on time is September 14, 2015.
- Denise had received notice from the Sleeper Public Library to have their accounts changed to North Star Bank. Discussion followed. Larry Gornowicz made a motion to have the Library accounts/funds changed over to North Star Bank with Treasurer Denise Gornowicz and President Mark Brown listed as authorized users/signees on the accounts, seconded by Susan Schrader. All in favor motion carried.

- Susan Schrader made a motion to have the village accounts/funds changed over to North Star Bank at the discretion of the Treasurer and Clerk with Treasurer Denise Gornowicz and President Mark Brown listed as authorized users/signees on the accounts, seconded by Barb Butch. All in favor motion carried.
- **DPW Report:** DPW Supervisor Carl Weber was absent. President Mark Brown informed council that per Carl the asphalt project is going as planned.

Police Report: Police Chief Dave Rothe presented his report.

- Dave presented his monthly reports.
- Due to some changes within the police department, Dave introduced Officer Matthew Blaine as a new part time officer for the Village of Ubly.
- Dave informed council that EMT classes were being offered by Bingham Township and that Officer Kevin Jimkoski was taking these classes. The township is paying for Officer Jimkoski to take these classes. This will big help, especially at the scene of an accident.
- Dave brought to councils attention that they would have to look at purchasing a new police vehicle in the next year or two. He asked council to keep this in mind for the 2016 or 2017 budget when it comes time.
- Dave also brought to councils attention that his contract would expire in August of 2016. Dave stated he was happy here in Ubly and expressed interest in renewing his contract in the next fiscal year as is. If the village hires someone full time, they would also have to figure this extra expense into next year's budget.
- Dave has been doing some research on golf carts within the village limits and stated we do not currently have an ordinance that covers golf carts. He is working on creating an ordinance to help keep these regulated as they are not regulated by the state.

Trustees Reports:

Barb Butch:

- Barb spoke of the possibility of a raise for the Village Clerk and Treasurer as it had been figured into the budget for this year. Discussion followed. Council declined a raise for the village clerk and treasurer at this time.
- Barb brought to the attention that unlike most other communities, there is no administrative fee (1%) listed on the village taxes and this may be something we should think about for the coming year. Discussion followed.

Susan Schrader:

- The emergency warning signal had been moved over to the other end of town by the well towers. Many people had approached Susan, stating they couldn't hear the siren on the other end of town. Susan asked council what the possibility of purchasing a second warning siren and has it installed. Discussion followed. Susan and Police Chief Rothe would be attending the next Township meeting and they will discuss the possibilities of the township purchasing or donating towards this.

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business: No New Business

Presidents Report:

- President Mark Brown reminded council of the MML convention coming up in Traverse City on September 17th.

Public:

- No public input

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 @ 6:47 p.m.

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