

Village of Ubly

September 1, 2016

Meeting Minutes

The Village of Ubly Regular Meeting was held at 5:00 p.m. September 1, 2016, at the Bingham/Village Government Center.

Attendance: President, Mark Brown; Trustees Adam Kain, Lola Brown, Larry Gornowicz, Susan Schrader, Barb Butch; Clerk Sue Messing, Treasurer Denise Gornowicz, Police Chief Dave Rothe, DPW Supervisor Carl Weber, and Water Administrator Lori White were all present. Trustee Victoria Rutkowski was absent and excused. There were 10 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. The following changes were made: 1-2) under new business – (for voting for Gemini to have easement access and voting for President Mark Brown to sign the easement agreement) it should have read “6 yay’s, 1 nay, motion carried.” and 3) under president’s report it should read “... next meeting is August 15”. A motion was made by Larry Gornowicz to accept the August minutes with changes made, seconded by Lola Brown. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills: August bills were reviewed. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Barb Butch to pay August bills. Susan Schrader seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerks Report: Sue had no news to report.

Treasurers Report: Denise Gornowicz presented the treasurer’s report. Updates on cash balances were given for the following accounts: General Fund \$271,887.51, Water Fund \$361,819.81, Major Streets \$319,677.77, Local Streets \$234,798.98, Village Streets \$274,716.46, Library Fund \$52,970.83 and Downtown Development Fund \$13,954.92.

- Denise has been collecting for the village taxes and the last day to pay them is September 14th. She will be present at the office that day from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

DPW Report: DPW Supervisor Carl Weber presented his report:

- The Spicer Group has finished running the cameras through the storm drains. Their report will come at a later date.
- The well controls are soon to be delivered. Carl will be meeting with a representative about them in the next week.
- MDEQ water testing has been completed.
- Fire hydrants will be flushed in September.
- The 1520 Ford recently broke down, was repaired and running again.
- Carl is continuing to work on sidewalks.

Police Report: Police Chief Dave Rothe presented his report.

- The roof and door had been repaired at the police station.
- Dave will be attending a Salvage Vehicle Class on September 27th. The village will be able to continue collecting these monies starting in October.
- Dave had received a lengthy letter from Bill Schuette in reference to “Lions on the Road”. Allowing organizations to stand in the street to collect money will be prohibited. He will get in touch with all organizations involved as to who it refers to.
- The police report an average of 3 street lights burnt out per week to DTE. This has begun to be very costly. DTE will not just replace lights for an upgrade to LED lights. President Mark Brown has been looking in to other options and had made a few suggestions, including LED lights and replacing the current lights with different poles and having meters installed. This would save a lot of money for the village in the long run. This is something council needs to keep in mind for the next budget.
- Blight issues continue to be worked on.

Trustees Reports:

Barb Butch: Barb stated there would be a village newsletter going out in October with the water billing. Anyone wishing to have something put in the newsletter should contact her by mid September.

Lola Brown: The Historical Society is having some tours come through in the next month. Lola asked Carl if he could temporarily place a port a john on the property for visitors. Carl stated he would take care of it.

Susan Schrader: “Movies in the Park” had gone well this year and the plan is to continue doing it next year. She had also seen the new swing dedicated to Florence Schrader was in the park and it looks good. She also stated that she had seen the glider in the park had been repaired and she stated she sees a lot of kids playing on it.

Old Business:

- The village had been contacted a while back pertaining to the new warehouse being built on M19, and building of a road and bridge, the possibilities in helping to fund the new road and bridge etc. President Brown stated that the only thing the Village has agreed to was giving the Gemini group easement access to their retention pond. Much discussion followed, including statements that the EDC was also involved with the development of the road/bridge/grant application filed by the Gemini Group and that Bingham Township had “opted out” sharing the grant costs. Jim Zulauf, chairperson for the Planning Commission, also spoke. Discussion followed. Barb Butch made a motion to opt out of participating in the development of the new road/bridge with the Gemini Group. Susan Schrader seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business: No new Business

Presidents Report:

- Mark informed trustees that if they wanted information about the budget, the trustees need to look at the auditor’s report that was provided to them. He was going to try and contact Berthiaume & Company to see about future reports being written in more laymen terms.

- The MML convention is coming up September 14th - 16th at Mackinaw Island.
- Mark read a letter from Nicole Coddington, who is owner of a child day care in town. She was asking if “children playing” signs could be posted in the area for child safety. Carl & Dave will look in to posting signs in the area.
- Mark had received a letter from the MDEQ, stating there was still 1 more water test to be completed that is only done once every 72 months. He would get with Carl to discuss the letter/testing and Carl would make sure the paperwork was completed.

Planning Commission: Jim Zulauf, Chairperson for the Planning Commission gave updates to council on what the planning commission has been working on and asked for clarification of the letter pertaining to a “special use permit” (pertaining to the RE Store sign). Chief Rothe stated he will speak with the Village Attorney regarding this matter.

Public:

- Alger Lemke, resident of Ubly, spoke. Stated he was glad he heard what he had pertaining to the Gemini Group Project on M19. He thanked council for their previous discussion in the meeting and provided council with other information on land in the area where the retention pond is. He expressed concern about the retention pond, standing water, and back flow. Discussion followed. At this time, Susan Schrader and Larry Gornowicz were appointed to an infrastructure committee to speak with Gemini and Carl Osentowski from EDC pertaining to the retention pond.
- Ella Weltin, resident of Ubly, spoke. Stated her concerns were the same as Mr. Lemke’s.
- Dave Peruski gave council an update of things going on at the county level and gave council some enlightenment on who council should speak to for information on the retention pond.

There being no further business, President Mark Brown entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Lola Brown to adjourn, seconded by Barb Butch. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned @ 6:30 p.m.

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