

Village of Ubly

October 6, 2016

Meeting Minutes

The Village of Ubly Regular Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. October 6, 2016, at the Bingham/Village Government Center.

Attendance: President, Mark Brown; Trustees Adam Kain, Lola Brown, Larry Gornowicz, Susan Schrader, Barb Butch & Victoria Rutkowski; Clerk Sue Messing, Treasurer Denise Gornowicz, Police Chief Dave Rothe, DPW Supervisor Carl Weber. There were 8 citizens in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Minutes from the September regular meeting had been given to each person prior to the meeting and were reviewed at this time. A motion was made by Lola Brown to accept the September minutes as written, seconded by Victoria Rutkowski. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Clerks Report: Sue gave her report.

- The village had received a rebate check from BCBS totaling \$445.55.
- Sue has been working with Barb Butch on training for the Clerk position since she is the only person running for the position in the upcoming election. Sue stated she would be available to help Barb out after the elections as much as she can.

Treasurers Report: Denise Gornowicz presented the treasurer's report. Updates on cash balances were given for the following accounts: General Fund \$377,432.25, Water Fund \$336,258.23, Major Streets \$318,427.50, Local Streets \$240,681.44, Village Streets \$274,785.53, Library Fund \$52,520.74, Downtown Development Fund \$13,956.82 and Police Forfeiture Account \$990.00. Denise had no other news to report.

Water Report: Lori White had given copies of her report to council members. She was unable to attend the meeting.

DPW Report: DPW Supervisor Carl Weber presented his report:

- Fall maintenance is underway.
- Due to weather conditions, grass cutting continuing and the ball fields have been sprayed.
- The new main to the New Gemini Warehouse on M19 is in.
- Well controls continue to be worked. Extra maintenance had to be done due to a lightning incident.
- Carl & Virgil continue working on water meters and maintenance.
- Stephen Rutkowski from the Spicer Group was present to give updates on the SAW Grant progress. Cleaning of the sewer lines is completed. They are continuing to look at the data they obtained and putting together suggestions for improvements. About 40% of the analysis is complete. Maps & photos were included in this discussion.

Police Report: Police Chief Dave Rothe presented his report.

- Dave had attended a Salvage vehicle inspection class and passed the course. The police are now doing salvage vehicle inspections and this will bring in some money for the police department. Dave stated this money should be kept in a separate account and he is working on the details for this. He will get with Denise when he has all the information.
- Officer Clark had attended a class for interviewing people/suspects. He had stated it was very informative and helpful and it went well.
- 2 tickets had been issued in the past month for ordinance violations.
- Dave had been involved with an active shooter drill at the school. Things went well and he commended the new principal, Joe Candela, on doing a great job.

Trustees Reports:

Barb Butch:

- Barb had spoken with Rick Glaza who has a drone and is able to video tape/take pictures of our community. Barb thought this might be a good idea to have this posted on our website with the cost being \$185.00. A short discussion followed. Barb Butch made a motion to have Rick Glaza to take videos/photos to be posted on our website for the cost of \$185.00. Susan Schrader seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- There continues to be issues with the electronic sign at the village park and obtaining connections. She is working on getting quotes on repairs.
- Barb asked if it would be possible, in the future to have a “Halloween Parade” or something else for the kids in the community on Halloween. Through discussion, she said it was too late to do this year, but she would look at the possibility of having something next year.

Lola Brown:

- Lola has been reviewing at the master plan for the Village of Ubyly.
- The Lions Club will be holding their Halloween party at the school shortly following the Halloween “trick or treating” hours.

Susan Schrader:

- Ball fields are being worked on.
- Susan spoke in reference to safety signs being posted on Garfield Street and the nearby alley. Discussion followed. Susan made a motion to post 3 signs in the area on Garfield Street and the nearby alley, seconded by Larry Gornowicz. All in favor, motion carried. Carl and Dave would get together and figure out where to post them.
- Residents are asked to report to the police department any issues there may be of speeding, “squealing” of tires, violation of ordinances etc. when they happen. This way they can be handled immediately and appropriately.
- Some area businesses would like to see the large flower pots in town decorated/painted. After discussion, the council felt it would not be a good idea, as it would add to upkeep, as they would have to be continuously repainted.
- Sue & Larry had followed up on the Gemini zoning permit for building a retention pond. It was noted that Mr. Jim Zulauf and Mr. Joe Particka new about the permit which was signed on 05/10/16. The permit they have is for one year. It also states that whatever Gemini does, it must not be detrimental to the surrounding areas/houses.
- Sue asked about the possibility of getting a list of permits requested within the village as they happen so the council could be more aware of what is going on within the village limits.

- Tom Selleck had purchased the foreclosed bar in town and is planning on opening a new business through grants available. Mr. Selleck wants to know if the village would be willing to share the cost of getting rid of some trees in this area. After discussion, council felt it was not in their best interest to help pay for the cost of the tree removal.

Old Business:

- President Mark Brown had looked in to the costs of the Village Liability and Property Pool Insurance that is paid in hopes of lowering the costs. Mark had found that most municipalities are paying more then we are and the bid he received was twice the amount that the village currently pays at this time. Mark also noted that the village also receives a refund check from the MML on a yearly basis.

New Business:

- Susan made a motion to have Halloween “trick-or-treating” hours set for October 31st from 5:30 pm to 7:00pm. Barb seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Carl brought up paying the fire department for patrolling the streets while “trick-or-treating” is going on. Barb Butch made a motion to pay the Bingham Township Fire Department \$100.00 for street patrol during the Halloween hours. Lola seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Mark has been working with Mary Charles from the MML to see what grants are available for developing the Village’s Master Plan. Hopefully he would have more information at the next meeting.
- The council would like to say “Congratulations to Nicole Franzel!” for her big win on the TV Show Big Brother.
- With the budget coming up in the next few months, Mark presented to council a flyer on the costs of a solar operated speed limit/radar sign. This could be posted in the problem areas. He asked council to keep this in mind for the next budget.

Presidents Report: Mark had now news to report.

Planning Commission: Jim Zulauf, Chairperson for the Planning Commission, was not able to attend the meeting.

Public:

- Stephen Rutkowski spoke and stated that the Spicer Group is working on a Master Plan for Huron County. They may be able to help us in the development of this. He stated that there are surveys located at the library that residents can fill out and give their input. He also stated that there is a website link that people can also go to, to fill out the survey. He would get the link to Sue and have it posted on the village website.

There being no further business, President Mark Brown entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Barb Butch to adjourn, seconded by Victoria Rutkowski. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned @ 8:01 p.m.

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