

Village of Ubly

November 3, 2016

Meeting Minutes

The Village of Ubly Regular Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. November 3, 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, and Water Administrator Lori White. DPW Supervisor Carl Weber was absent and excused. There were 10 citizens in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Minutes from the October regular meeting had been given to each person prior to the meeting and were reviewed at this time. 2 changes were noted: 1) Under trustees reports (page 2), rephrase to read "...spoken with Rick Glaza of Great Lake Drone Works...". 2) On page 2, change principal to superintendent in reference to Joe Candela. A motion was made by Barb Butch accept the October minutes with changes made, seconded by Victoria Rutkowski. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills: October bills were reviewed. Sue noted she had 1 late addition to the bills – a bill from Great Lakes Drone Works for \$185.00. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Lola Brown to pay October bills. Barb Butch seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerks Report: Sue gave her report.

- Now posted on the village website is the water report (mandatory) and the survey for Huron County for their master plan.
- At this time, Sue stated she would like to thank council and the village residents for supporting her while in office. This would be her last meeting since elections were coming up and she would not be running for the office of Village Clerk again.

Mark Godzinski, who currently rents land from the village (Hoover Farm), was present and stated he would like to renew his lease for 5 years. The lease would end in November of 2017. Discussion followed. Council chose to table their decision to renew their contract at this time due to some changes that they may want to make. Some changes may include/be part of the "Master Plan".

Treasurers Report: Denise Gornowicz presented the treasurer's report. Updates on cash balances were given for the following accounts: General Fund \$302,733.82, Water Fund \$340,286.05, Major Streets \$360,748.61, Local Streets \$236,560.52, Village Streets \$310,580.61, Library Fund \$79,689.41, Downtown Development Fund \$13,958.54 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. Her report was reviewed at this time. Discussion followed.

DPW Report: DPW Supervisor Carl Weber was absent. No news at this time.

Police Report: Police Chief Dave Rothe presented his report.

- October Reports were not completed yet. Dave would get them to council as soon as possible.
- Devils' night and Halloween had gone well. Dave would like to thank the local fire and ambulance personnel for their support for patrolling during the Halloween hours.
- In addition to attending the interview class, Officer Clark had also attended a FOIA class. He had stated it was very informative and helpful and both classes had gone well.
- Joe Particka, our Zoning Administrator, had issued one license in the past month – a resident had a garage fire on Pike Street. They would be tearing it down and rebuilding at the existing location.
- The police department ATT bill is once again rising. Dave is going to look in to other options the police could use for internet and fax.
- Barb questioned Dave on a blight issue with a trailer near by. He stated he had issued a citation and is looking in to it.

Trustees Reports:

Barb Butch:

- Barb had been in contact with Sign Image. There have been ongoing issues with the electronic display sign used for advertising village news and information. She had received quotes for 2 new radios that communicate with the sign. Discussion followed. Susan made a motion for Barb to implement the purchase of the two new radios to communicate with the village sign. Lola Brown seconded the motion. 5 yays, 2 nays, motion carried.
- Barb had available to view, if anybody was interested, the drone work that had been done by Rick Glaza. He will be doing more video taping in the spring and summer. She will forward this to Jean Naetzel for the village website. Barb also noted the \$185.00 that we pay Great Lakes Drone Works includes 2 large photos that can be raffled off at the Ubly Homecoming.

Lola Brown:

- Congratulated the Ubly Homecoming Committee for a successful Homecoming, as they were able to give each participating organization \$1,100.00.
- Congratulations to Ubly High Schools for having a GREAT year with their Fall Sports, as Football, Cross Country, and Volleyball have had very successful seasons. "GO BEARCATS!"

Susan Schrader:

- Pertaining to the safety signs that have been posted on Garfield Street and the nearby alley, Sue stated the residents have been very happy with the outcome.

Old Business:

- President Mark Brown is working on having the previously approved expansion of Margie Street to Agnes Street recorded.

New Business:

Mark presented to council the idea of the village wide internet. He had been in contact with Melanie McCoy from Village of Sebawaing and they currently have this, costing residents who use it about \$35.00/month. Mark noted, this may be a good idea to be included in the Master Plan. Discussion followed. Council was receptive to this idea and felt it was favorable for the community. A sub-committee made up of Mark & Larry would explore the idea/options.

Planning Commission:

Jim Zulauf, Chairperson for the Planning Commission, was present and gave his report. The Public Hearing for the Special Use Request pertaining to the truck being used as a sign will be held Monday, 7:00 pm at the Bingham November 21st at the Bingham/Village Government Center.

Presidents Report:

- Mark requested those that had to prepare their budgets, have them for the next meeting.
- Discussion on paying Denise to continue being Village Treasurer until her replacement can be found and trained was brought up. Discussion followed. Susan made a motion to increase the pay for Sue and Denise to the rate of \$15.00 per hour to continue working with replacements after the election. The motion was seconded by Lola. 5 yays, 0 nays, 2 abstained. Motion carried.
- Mark had received an invoice from the MDEQ for \$799.24. This invoice is for the cost of a NEW annual fee being charged to villages and cities (cost based on population) for enabling the state to implement regulations for public water supplies. The bill is due Nov. 30th. Mark wants to verify the bill is legit and not a scam. Discussion followed. Barb made a motion that upon Marks verification that the bill is no scam, to pay this bill so it is not late and we do not receive any penalties. Susan seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- With elections coming up, Sue will swear in the new clerk prior to the new meeting and the new clerk will swear in the new officers/trustees at the December meeting.

Public:

- Resident Kelly Pearce spoke and introduced herself. She announced she is running as a registered write in candidate for the position of Village Treasurer. Kelly then gave brief background on herself and her experience.
- Dave Peruski gave council an update of things going on at the county level.
- Curt Watchowski, representative from Gemini Group, had gone to the planning commissions meeting and presented to council plans for the continuing development for their warehouse on M19, which had been approved earlier this year. Changes included that the “ditch” will now be piped instead of open. They continue to work on the detention 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 Victoria Rutkowski. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned @ 8:07 p.m.

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