

Village of Ubly
August 3, 2017
“Unapproved Meeting Minutes”

The Village of Ubly Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. August 3, 2017 at the Bingham/Village Government Center.

Attendance: In attendance were - President David Jaroch; Trustees; Larry Western, Jason Nicol, Victoria Rutkowski, Lola Brown and Susan Schrader; Clerk, Barb Butch, Treasurer Kelly Pearce, Water Administrator Lori White, Police Chief Dave Rothe and DPW Supervisor Carl Weber. Trustee Larry Gornowicz was absent. There were 17 citizens in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Interim Zoning Administrator David Jaroch reported to Council the steps taken in the appeal. It was then opened to Public Comment, resident Rich Peruski commented that he had no problem with the placement of the brick fence. Neighbor Mark Klawon also had no objections. There were no letters or phone calls contesting said structure. Public discussion was closed and Comments from council were opened up. Trustee Lola Brown felt it was a nice structure. President Jaroch read Section 7.3 from the Zoning Code of Ordinances to the Council members asking them if it followed the steps listed. There being no other comment, the Council discussion was closed.

A motion was made by Susan Schrader seconded by Lola Brown to approve the variance for Randy and Pam Maurer’s brick fence. All in favor, motion passed. Zoning Board of Appeals meeting was closed at 7:10 p.m.

The Village of Ubly regular meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m.

Public Comment: Mary Lou Krueger presented to Council pictures of properties with blight in her neighborhood. She asked that the owners of the property be contacted and asked to clean it up or put up a fence.

Gary Krueger had concerns about the DPW Supervisor and presented to Council pictures.

Water Report: Lori White presented the Water report. Susan Schrader asked about the \$100 deposit that renters must put down. A committee of Susan Schrader, Larry Western and David Jaroch will draw up a form and present it at the next Council mtg.

Clerks Report: June 29, 2017 minutes were presented to Council. Victoria Rutkowski made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Jason Nicol. All in favor, motion carried.

July bills were presented to Council. Lola Brown made a motion to accept the July bills as presented, seconded by Victoria Rutkowski. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk Barb Butch let Council know that the Summer 2017 Newsletter was sent out with the water bills. Winners of the 2 “Village of Ubly” Prints, donated by Rick Glaza, Great Lakes Drone Works, were Tami Wright and Kelly Knoblock. Let Council know that a Committee of Susan Schrader, Larry Gornowicz and David Jaroch met and made a decision on the BCBS insurance. The Simply Blue HSA Bronze \$6350 Plan was picked. Due to time constraints it had to be done before the Council meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: Kelly Pearce presented to Council that the 2nd quarter report is not going to show very little that was projected on the budget. Kelly also stated she is working on the Garbage Count and that Emterra wants to have separate contracts with business owners. Business garbage pickup is not covered under the Village contract. Kelly did state that most of these businesses have paid their taxes and were billed with said taxes. Kelly presented the Treasurer’s Report. Will have to decide on CD’s before October. Susan Schrader asked if we could have 1 fund per bank instead of each fund

having 3 different bank accounts. Victoria Rutkowski made note to check on FDIC limitations before doing so. Council accepted the Treasurer's Report subject to audit.

Trustee Reports:

Public Safety/Susan Schrader: Susan presented a breakdown of hours worked for the month of June/July by the Police Dept. for the Village and the Township. Street lights have been replaced that weren't working. Reminded residents that if they see one out to call the Police Dept. and they will put in a report to DTE. A few residences have been issued notices on the blight around their homes and are required to clean up or be fined. Read a letter from resident Joe Palmer about cars parking on both sides of some streets and that it is too narrow to maneuver thru. All streets will be looked at and a list will be brought to the next meeting. These streets would then have parking only on one side and would have signage posted stating this.

Asked the bidders for the Hoover Farm Rental bids to resend their bids taking into account that it would be for 3 years and no sugar beets to be planted on the property. Will award the bid at the September Council meeting.

Police Chief Dave Rothe

Planning & Zoning/Jason Nicol: Jim Zulauf presented to Council the date of the next Master Plan Group meeting, Monday Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center. Survey tallies will be presented at that time.. **The Planning Commission still has a position open and are looking for individuals, send a letter of interest to the Village Hall in care of Jim Zulauf.**

Jason Nicol talked to Tom Selleke about concerns of a handicap ramp and the sidewalk outside his business. Council suggested Tom come to a Council meeting and give them an update and timeline on the renovation of his building.

Parks & Public Spaces/Lola Brown: Lola said the Movie in the Park had some problems at the beginning of the year but seemed to be going nicely now. Wondering if Tennis Courts could have netting strung up for people to play and maybe flooding it in the winter for ice skating. Lola, Victoria and Jason will be meeting to go over work to be done to the Pavilion.

Public Works/Larry Western: Larry told Council that Water Samples had been sent out. Summer help would be leaving the end of August, suggested a part time worker to help Carl & Virg. Carl is looking into the cost of a Well control replacement.

MML Rep./Victoria Rutkowski: MML Conference was brought up if anyone was interested in attending. A motion made by Susan Schrader, seconded by Victoria Rutkowski that anyone that goes will be a voting member. All in favor, motion carried.

Finance & Budget/Larry Gornowicz: Absent

Old Business/ New Business: President Jaroch presented a contract about harvesting the downed wood at the Hoover Farm to be done by Jim Czewski. A motion made by Lola Brown, seconded by Victoria Rutkowski, to allow Jim Czewski, per contract, to harvest trees on Hoover Farm property. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion made by Susan Schrader, seconded by Lola Brown to send a letter to the property owner in the Village, that has a fence on Village property, that it be moved. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment: Steve Irvine thanked Council and especially the DPW and Police Dept. for all the help during the Homecoming. Also let everyone know that TVO members are working on the outside of the TVO Building.

There being no further discussion, Council adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Butch, Clerk