

Village of Ubly
September 7, 2017
"Approved Meeting Minutes"

The Village of Ubly Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. September 7, 2017 at the Bingham/Village Government Center.

Attendance: In attendance were - President David Jaroch; Trustees; Larry Western, Jason Nicol, Larry Gornowicz, Lola Brown and Susan Schrader; Clerk, Barb Butch, Treasurer Kelly Pearce, Police Chief Dave Rothe and DPW Supervisor Carl Weber. Trustee Victoria Rutkowski and Water Administrator Lori White were absent. There were 7 citizens in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: Village resident Susan Schrader brought up that the complaints against DPW Supervisor, Carl Weber were unfounded. The DPW does a great job taking care of the Village.

Water Report: Lori White was absent and President Jaroch went over her monthly report. A Water Turn On Request Form was presented to council. All renters will be required to pay a \$100 returnable deposit before water billing will be turned over in their name. Susan Schrader made a motion to accept the Water Request Form, effective immediately, seconded by Larry Gornowicz. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerks Report: August 3, 2017 minutes were presented to Council. Lola Brown made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Jason Nicol. All in favor, motion carried.

July bills were presented to Council. Larry Western made a motion to accept the August bills as presented, seconded by Larry Gornowicz. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk Barb Butch informed the Council on the Miss Dig class she attended.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly presented the Treasurer's Report. Informed Council she is getting more information about having various accounts in one bank instead of numerous banks. Presented that there are currently 13 businesses that are being charged for the Residential trash pickup. Once the Master Plan is complete and Grants are being sought, Kelly reminded Council that she would need help from the various Committees with gathering costs and needs lists. 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 Aug. by the Police Dept. for the Village and the Township. Police have been busy working on a couple of cases in town. Susan asked Chief Rothe if the Village has a Commercial Blight Ordinance. Chief Rothe said at this time we do not and will be talking to Village Lawyer, John Ferris on what the next steps are for the Village.

A homeowner has been notified about the Village Building Code Ordinance, due to the state the home is in. After discussion with the Council, Susan Schrader made the motion that we contact the County about hiring a Building Inspector on an as needed basis, seconded by Larry Western. All in favor, motion carried.

The one crossing guard being used by the school is working out fine.

Bids were presented for the Hoover Farm Rental that would be for 3 years and no sugar beets to be planted on the property. 2 bids were presented. A motion was made by Susan Schrader to rent the Hoover Farm Property to Mark Gosdzinski for a period of 3 years at \$180.00 an acre, seconded by Lola Brown. All in favor, motion carried.

Police Chief Dave Rothe informed Council that the MDT used for accident reports and tickets is old and cannot be updated. He is currently getting bids for a new one including a computer, cost will be \$2000-\$4500. Chief Rothe will present the bids at the next meeting. His department is under budget at this time and he felt the cost of the purchase of the MDT was within his budget. Dave and Tim Rutkowski will be attending a class on the new Medical Marijuana Act.

Planning & Zoning/Jason Nicol: Jason turned it over to Planning Commission chairperson, Jim Zulauf who presented to Council the details of the Master Plan meeting and the survey results were discussed. Spicer Group felt a good response was obtained from all aspects of Village, township and outside locations. Based on the survey, Jim presented to Council a set of goals to enhance Ubly's quality of life, economic future and Parks and Recs. Date of the next Master Plan Group meeting, Monday Sept. 18th at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

President Jaroch presented the Zoning Administrator's report. John Smigielski had contacted him about a permit for his driveway but none was needed.

Parks & Public Spaces/Lola Brown: Lola, Victoria Rutkowski and Jason Nicol met and looked over the Pavilion. Would like to see an enclosed Kitchen area added to the Pavilion for gatherings and fundraisers. Tennis net is up in the tennis courts. Carl is looking into a hanging fence to separate the tennis and basketball courts. Discussed flooding the courts in the winter for ice skating. Lola is also looking into getting prices for a Splash pad for the park.

Lola presented Janel Morrell to Council concerning the Riverside softball field. Janel would like to see the field moved away from the River so there is room for dugouts and bleachers. Council asked Janel to present a plan of what the girls' softball league would like to see happen, to a future Council meeting.

Public Works/Larry Western: Larry informed Council on various jobs the DPW has completed during the month. Clean out of river is done but there were areas that are in question. Carl talked to the Huron County Drain Commission about having some of the areas cleaned up. They will look at the areas and make a decision soon. ACT 51 reports have been turned in and are up to date. New roof needed on pump house #5. DPW will be flushing hydrants in the next week or two. Information will be put on the electronic sign in the park.

President Jaroch reminded Council that a casual employee was approved in this year's budget. He had a resume from Steve Irvine interested in the position. A motion was made by Lola Brown to hire Steve Irvine for a casual position in the DPW department, starting pay at \$14.00 per hour, seconded by Susan Schrader. All in favor, motion carried.

Once the river cleanup is done the DPW may have time this fall to start work on the Cass River Walk Trail that the Village is trying to begin.

MML Rep./Victoria Rutkowski: Absent.

Finance & Budget/Larry Gornowicz: Larry went over the 6-month budget review. Overall the budget is looking good. Informed Council that he is working with Jason Nicol and reviewing the Employee handbook. They will present their recommendations at a future Council meeting.

Old Business/ New Business: President Jaroch discussed street lights that are out in the Village. Police Chief Rothe asked that residents call in any street lights that are out, to the non-emergency police number.

President Jaroch discussed how the Council also feels the DPW does an excellent job in the Village and they are confident that Carl and Virg are doing their work in a timely and resourceful manner.

He talked about how the Village is working on the blight control and dogs running loose.

Presented to Council, Bonnie Irvine who is interested in starting a Farmer's Market in Veteran's Park. Bonnie talked about where it would be located and that it is in the preliminary stages.

Council asked her to bring a plan back to Council before they would make a decision.

Margie Street extension is in the beginning stages. Costs have been turned in and will be reviewed.

Public Comment: Bonnie Irvine asked Council about having more activities for families to do in the winter.

Barb Butch informed the Council that her husband Kevin had built a Little Free Library and she had contacted Leila Korotounova and with her approval they would be installing it in the Forever Soaring Parkette in Uby. They hope to have it installed by October.

Steve Irvine updated Council on the painting being done to the outside of the TVO hall.

Depending on the weather there were still a couple more items they were hoping to get done this year.

There being no further discussion, Council adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Butch, Clerk