

Village of Ubly
January 4, 2018
“Unapproved Meeting Minutes”

The Village of Ubly Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. January 4, 2018 at the Bingham/Village Government Center.

Attendance: In attendance were – President – David Jaroch; Trustees: Lola Brown, Larry Western, Jason Nicol, Victoria Rutkowski and Susan Schrader; Treasurer Kelly Pearce, Police Chief Dave Rothe and DPW Supervisor Carl Weber. Water Administrator Lori White was absent. Trustee Larry Gornowicz had an excused absence as did Barb Butch, Clerk. There were 5 citizens in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment

Steve Irvine announced the contract for the tractor pulling was for the Homecoming being conducted from July 12th – July 15th and wanted approval from the council that these dates were good. Steve also said that since he has moved to town he can't burn any flags from the TVO so how will this be addressed. Steve also announced there will be a breakfast at the TVO hall on Sunday, January 7th.

Chris Peruski expressed concern regarding comments in the Bad Axe paper regarding blight. She wanted to know why nobody from the council had come to talk to her before anything was published in the paper.

Water Report No Report

Clerks Report

December minutes were presented to Council. In attendance should be changed from absent to excused for Susan Schrader, Victoria Rutkowski, Kelly Pearce and Larry Western. Lola Brown made a motion to approve minutes with the amendment, seconded by Larry Western. All in favor, motion carried.

December bills payable in January were presented to Council. Victoria Rutkowski made a motion to accept and pay the December bills as presented, seconded by Jason Nicol. All in favor, motion carried.

Kelly Pearce, Treasurer, ready the second reading of the Zoning Ordinance. President David Jaroch informed the council to give updates to the Clerk Barb Butch.

Treasurer's Report

Kelly presented the Treasurer's Report. Council accepted the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. President David Jaroch advised that the Police Salvage Vehicle Account monies must be moved to the General Fund as a form of reimbursement towards the New Patrol Vehicle.

Kelly suggested that when the budget is generated that we need to move monies from the Independent Bank accounts (street accounts) to a CD that is currently being held at Northstar. This is a graduated CD and the more money in the CD the greater the interest rate. The council was also reminded that if monies are needed they can be taken from the sweep accounts at Northstar Bank without penalty.

Trustee Reports:

Public Safety/Susan Schrader:

The police acquired a Chevy Silverado during a drug bust but a claim by the defendant has been made. The Police Dept. can't do anything with or to the truck until all appeals are exhausted. Changes will be made with the signs coming into town to show no parking from 3am to 5am. The current ordinance is correct the signs are wrong.

More signs will be put up by DPW to advise which sides of the street can be parked on.

A sink that was leaking at the police station will be repaired.
The cleaning of the evidence room is ongoing. There is still lots more to clean out and clear with the courts, etc. This is a 2 person effort.
Chief Rothe will meet with the Feds before conducting a sale to sell guns currently in the evidence room. This proceeds from the sale will be used to buy an external hard drive to load camera videos as a source of backup from the current computer.
The police department will be purchasing and MDT (Mobile Data Terminal) for the Tahoe A BMW that is currently in the police department's possession and stored inside has an oil leak. Because of the leak the department will have Ruthko move the vehicle out of the garage and into cold storage.
All blight tickets issued by the police department have been paid.
DHS will be coming to the house on N. Washington to assess the situation / living conditions. Once the issues are addressed at this residence the council will look at what can be done with the Old Masonic Temple.
Work is ongoing with MML to update the policies and procedures for the police department
Flags can be given to Carl to burn in a barrel on DPW grounds.
Mrs. Peruski was told that once the final Blight Ordinance is approved she will be given a copy.

Planning & Zoning/Jason Nicol:

Next Planning Commission, Master Plan meeting will be Monday, January. 15th, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center. On December 11th the planning commission was given a draft of the Rec Plan to review and present feedback. January 26th the notice to the public of the rec plan will be posted and February 26th, there will be a public hearing for the adoption of the rec plan.
President Jaroch stated that Terry Kelly was the only person qualified to help us with the zoning ordinance. President Jaroch will ask him to give us a quote on the cost of drafting the zoning ordinance. A motion was made by Lola Brown to solicit a zoning and ordinance planner and seconded by Larry Western. All in Favor, motion accepted

Parks & Public Spaces/Lola Brown:

A subcommittee was formed to submit a grant for recreation improvements. Lola Brown, Vanessa Longuski, Dave Jaroch, and Mike Moorman are on that committee.
Improvements that will be submitted will include Park Pavillion Improvements, Handicap Accessible bathrooms, and a walking trail.
A motion was made by Susan Schrader and seconded by Victor Rutkowski, to hire Spicer to write and submit the grant. All in favor, motion carried.
The Christmas Display Winners were announced – Business - Buds & Blossoms, Residence, 1st Place - Cam Hill; 2nd Place – Kevin & Diane Gracey; 3rd Place – Heather Collon.
The boys Little League group must submit a project plan for their field improvements. Pavilion Improvements were turned over to Spicer.
Monies for next year's Christmas in the Park will be figured into the Rec Plan budget.
A motion was submitted by Lola Brown and seconded by Susan Schrader to approve the Homecoming Dates, July 12th – July 15th. Motion Carried, all in favor.

Public Works/Larry Western:

Larry informed Council on various jobs the DPW has completed during the month.
Work was done on Water Pumps #6 and #7. Kincaid Electric could not fix all issues so Carl is checking with a Grand Rapids company for service.
Larry named off several areas of sidewalk that are slated for repair, a drawing with the sidewalks indicated will be presented at the next council meeting. A rough draft has been completed
Carl suggested that a possible spring project could be to piece out the work for the dead end street (Margie St.) over three summers and that he is also working on the budget.
R.J. Melnik has been hired for some mornings for plowing.

MML Rep./Victoria Rutkowski: Nothing to Report

Finance & Budget/Jason Nicol:

Jason reminded everyone that they need to have their budget requests into him as soon as possible. A motion was made by Susan Schrader and seconded by Lola Brown to conduct the final budget meeting on February 26th. All in Favor, motion carried.

President Jaroch asked the Treasurer to post budget adjustments to avert letters from the State of Michigan regarding the village spending estimates vs. actuals. A motion was made to allow the Treasurer receive help from Laurie Messing, CPA if necessary to satisfy the requirements of the state.

February's Monthly Village meeting will also include a budget review.

Old Business/ New Business:

A motion was made by Susan Schrader and seconded by Larry Western to ask the clerk to write the Village Newsletters and to pay her \$50.00 an issue. Motion carried, all in favor.

Jason Nicol will meet with Larry Gornowicz to discuss Larry's intention of coming to council meetings or resignation.

President Jaroch will be out of the country from January 14th to February 14th. Lola Brown will be in Florida. February Meeting date stands and Susan Schrader will seat as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Public Comment:

There being no further discussion, Council adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Pearce, Treasurer