

Village of Ubly
June 7, 2018
“Approved Meeting Minutes”

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

Attendance: In attendance were President Susan Schrader, Trustees: Brandon Zdrojewski, Jason Nicol, Jeff Rubin, Lola Brown and Gabriel Turner, Clerk Barb Butch, Treasurer Kelly Pearce, Police Chief Dave Rothe and Water Supervisor Lori White.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Jeff Rubin did the 2nd reading of the Ordinance to Adopt Article VII, Anti-Blight Regulations (Commercially Zoned Areas).

There was no public comment on any of the agenda items. Osentoski from the Huron County EDC introduced himself to Council. The EDC looks at communities and areas that may need help.

A motion was made by Jason Nicol to make corrections and additions to the agenda, seconded by Brandon Zdrojewski. All in favor, motion passed.

Hank Witenburner and Stacey Perez, presented to Council the Medicare Waiver Program.

Approval of Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Lola Brown seconded by Gabe Turner to approve the following – Submission of Bills, Minutes of May 3rd meeting, Treasurer’s Report, Communications not needing action, Water Report and Police Report. All in favor, motion passed.

FFA representatives: Bethany Gornowicz, Cheyenne Porzondik and Kylie Ogryski addressed Council on helping with the village planters. A motion was made by Gabe Turner, seconded by Joe Coddington to allow the Ubly FFA to plant up to 15 of the Villages cement planters with a cap of \$1600. All in favor, motion carried.

Communications needing action. The 2017 Water Health Standards Report for the Village of Ubly will be sent out with the July water billing. Huron Daily Tribune had a FOIA request on whether the Village received Windmill funding. We do not receive any funding from the windmills. Michigan Right of Way Coalition’s yearly dues of \$107.25 were reported. A motion was made by Lola Brown, seconded by Brandon Zdrojewski, to accept and pay the bill. All in favor, motion carried.

DPW Supervisor Carl Weber’s resignation letter was received on May 15, 2018 with his last day on May 31, 2018. Jason Nicol made a motion to accept with regrets his resignation, seconded by Brandon Zdrojewski. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Gabe Turner to extend Carl Weber’s health insurance until June 30, 2018, seconded by Lola Brown. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Jason Nicol, to pay out sick and vacation time to Carl Weber prior to the May 3rd Employee Handbook changes, seconded by Jeff Rubin. All in favor, motion carried.

Mike Meissner, candidate for District 2 Commissioner, introduced himself to Council and asked for their support in the upcoming elections.

Trustee Reports:

Planning & Zoning/Jason Nicol: The Planning Commission has the Village Master Plan done. The Council needs to agree to release it to the public. A motion was made by Brandon Zdrojewski for Council to release the Ubly Master Plan to the Public, seconded by Joe Coddington. All in favor, motion carried.

Village resident, Kristina Andrews is having problems with her property survey. 7 feet has been cut from the original deed. The Village needs to have the street and alleyway next to her property surveyed for the exact placement of markers. A motion by Jeff Rubin, to have Stiverson survey the Village Street and alleyway with a cap of \$800.00, seconded by Brandon Zdrojewski. All in favor, motion carried.

Will need to look into what the tap fee is for Dollar General to hook into Village water.

Planning Commission: Jim Zulauf reported on the Special Meeting on the property previously known as PJ’s. No variances were needed and Jason Nicol issued a permit to Mr. Sellecke.

MML was contacted by President Schrader on paying the Planning Commission a per meeting fee. Once the Master Plan is finished in August the Planning Commission will only meet once quarterly. Lola Brown moved to pay Planning Commission board members a \$25.00 per meeting fee, retroactive to the March meeting, seconded by Jason Nicol. All in favor, motion carried.

Parks & Public Spaces/Gabe Turner: Read a letter from Bonnie Irvine with an update on the Farmer’s Market. Project Fresh is being implemented and will be available in the near future. A motion made by

Gabe Turner, to allow vendors to set up their booths during the Homecoming with agreement from the Homecoming Committee, seconded by Brandon Zdrojewski. All in favor, motion carried.

Movies in the Park will be starting soon. Boy Scout walking path has numerous trees down from the earlier storms. Will be looking at getting these removed.

Personnel/Jeff Rubin: Thanked Carl Osentoski from the EDC for attending and speaking to Council. Discussed the MML Workshop on Being a Trustee. Dates discussed will be either August 1st or 8th from 6 – 9 p.m. Other communities will be invited for a fee. A motion was made by Jason Nicol, to schedule the MML training for Aug. 1 or 8, seconded by Brandon Zdrojewski. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Works/Brandon Zdrojewski: Informed Council some of the projects the DPW is working on.

Finance & Budget/Jason Nicol: Nothing at this time.

Water: Auditor recommends a 2% increase in water rates every year. A small increase each year will be easier for residents than charging a large fee in the event of a major undertaking. A motion was made by Jeff Rubin, to have a yearly increase of 2% to the quarterly water billing, seconded by Gabe Turner. All in favor, motion carried.

Police: Cleaning property room. All equipment from a drug bust was donated to the school for use in the school greenhouse. Officer Clark is handling a lot of Blight complaints. Issuing tickets seems to be stopping repeat offenders.

Old Business: Lindsay Ross, Rec Passport Grant stopped in the look at our park. The grant committee will let us know where we rank in terms of being awarded the grant.

Safe Routes to School walking audit was completed, Steve Rukowski broke the village into 5 routes. The participants were asked to look for obstacles, curbs with no handicap accessibility, etc. Steve will compile all the information and a meeting will need to be held before fall. \$400,000 is available for sidewalks, lighting, etc. and \$18,000 for educational purposes.

Trustee Homecoming Float was discussed and has been put on hold until next year.

New Business: Selection of DPW Supervisor. Candidates Robert Widger, Dave Franzel were present, Bruce Sweeney was not. President Schrader asked Council to mark resumes 1, 2 & 3. Bottom candidate would be removed from the discussion. After review, a motion was made by Gabe Turner to remove Bruce Sweeney from the applicants, seconded by Joe Coddington. All in favor, motion carried.

After an open discussion, 4 Council members had expressed they were voting for Robert Witger and 3 for Dave Franzel. President Schrader went over points on both candidates. A motion was made by Gabe Turner, to hire Dave Franzel, seconded by Lola Brown. With a show of hands the vote was 4 yes and 3 no, motion carried.

The contract with Carl Weber to operate the water program was presented. As agreed upon, \$40 per hour, no benefits. Total of 24 hours per month for June, July and August and then 8 hrs. for the months of Sept. thru Dec. DEQ wants new employee to have experience before taking the test in November.

A motion was made by Jeff Rubin to accept the contract with Carl Weber as water program tester, seconded by Gabe Turner. All in favor, motion carried.

Kelly Pearce went over the preliminary Audit findings. It was recommended to change our software program over to BS & A to help coordinate ACT 51 reports and check writing.

Council discussed adding businesses to the large wooden Welcome to Ugly signs at the entrances coming into town.

President Schrader asked Jason Nicol, Brandon Zdrojewski & Jeff Rubin to draw up a contract for the new DPW Supervisor. A motion was made by Jeff Rubin to have the afore mentioned Trustees draw up a contract for the DPW Supervisor. All in favor, motion carried.

Announcements: Jeffery Krohn announced his candidacy for District 2 Commissioner. He will attend the July meeting to discuss this in further detail.

There being no further discussion, Gabe Turner made the motion and seconded by Jason Nicol to adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Butch, Clerk