

Village of Ubley
Regular Council Meeting
January 7, 2021 @ 7:30 PM
“Unapproved Meeting Minutes”

The Village of Ubley Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. January 7, 2020 online through Zoom and at the Bingham/Village Government Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance: In attendance were President Jason Nicol, Trustees Jeff Maurer, Brandon Zdrojewski, Gabe Turner, Steve Irvine, Jeff Rubin, Treasurer Larry Gornowicz and Clerk Barb Butch. Trustee Sara Schmidt and DPW Supervisor Dave Franzel attended virtually. Chief Dave Rothe had an excused absence. 2 residents were in attendance virtually.

Agenda: Public comment on the agenda - none. A motion was made by Gabe Turner to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Jeff Rubin. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

Communications: An application for a EGLE grant was submitted by Dave Franzel and Jason Nicol to help with costs of replacing water lines.

Council recognized that Virgil Briolat has retired from the Village as a DPW worker. He had worked for the Village for almost 30 years and will be missed.

Correspondence from the Village of Clinton concerning petitioning the state to cover the costs of replacing lead water lines was discussed. Council decided not to go forward with this.

Clerks Report: Regular Council meeting minutes were presented. A motion to approve the November 5, 2020 Regular meeting minutes was made by Brandon Zdrojewski, seconded by Jeff Rubin. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed. Bills were presented to Council. A motion to pay the bills was made by Brandon Zdrojewski seconded by Steve Irvine. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Larry Gornowicz presented his report. The report was accepted pending audit.

Police Report/ Jeff Rubin: Discussion was held on updating the Police cell phone. A motion was made to upgrade the police phone by Gabe Turner, seconded by Jeff Maurer. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed. A motion to remove Carl Weber from the phone account and to have Dave Rothe and Barb Butch as account representatives if changes need to be made.

Jeff Rubin brought up to Council that Chief Rothe’s contract is up for renewal this year. After discussion it will be looked into.

Public Works/ Brandon Zdrojewski: Council discussed ways to slow traffic down on M19 in the morning and at the end of the day. They will look into the cost of flashing signs to get drivers attention. Work that was done in the last month: DPW worked on fixing picnic tables, took down Christmas decorations, maintenance on various equipment, Water meter reads and replacing 3 meters not working.

Unfinished Business: Jason brought up that a few residents asked if the walking path could be cleared of snow for the winter. Council said the reason they won’t clear it is because the plow would tear up the blacktop and to put salt down would kill the grass.

New Business: Committee assignments for 2021 will be: Water Committee: Jeff Maurer and Steve Irvine. Police Committee: Jeff Rubin and Gabe Turner. Parks Committee: Gabe Turner and Sara Schmidt. DPW Committee: Brandon Zdrojewski and Jeff Rubin. Budget Committee: Steve Irvine and Jeff Maurer.

Jason wants Council to look at 2 new pieces of playground equipment. One would be a new merry go round. Council will look into one that is flush to the ground so that children with disabilities would be able to use.

Council discussed the upcoming budget, they would like to see some streets paved. Some that are being looked at are Franklin, Pike and Bingham. The trees around town that need to be trimmed and are too large for our DPW to do, update some of the older picnic tables, update lighting by the basketball courts in the park, having a vac truck come in and clean the storm drains.

The DPW Salt bin that was damaged by fire in the fall was discussed. An insurance check has been received. Looking into moving it over by the DPW shop, there would be a bin for brush, one for leaves and a structure to store the road salt. Costs will be discussed at the February meeting.

Semi’s for the factories have been occasionally coming down Pike St instead of using Garfield. Pike is too narrow and the trucks when turning onto Alexander then jump the curb and drive on lawns. It will be monitored and if it continues to occur signs will be posted hoping to stop large trucks from using these streets.

Jason read the Water Report submitted by Theresa Murdock. 4th Quarter water bills have been sent out, the

format has been changed and more contact information has been added to the back. Theresa is working with Jenna McCoy, learning the billing system and updating old accounts.

Public Comment: Larry Gornowicz suggested that the Council look at Queen St. for paving. Thanked the DPW for clearing the snow by the curbs, this helps make delivering mail much easier.

Dave Franzel asked Council to think about where they are going to put the playground equipment they are thinking of getting. Space is limited in the front of the park. It was suggested about putting it closer to the ball diamonds in the back for kids to use when games are going on.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. was made by Jeff Maurer, seconded by Gabe Turner. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Butch, Clerk