

**Village of Ubly
Council Meeting
March 4, 2021 @ 7:30 p.m.
“Approved Meeting Minutes”**

The Village of Ubly Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., March 4, 2021 online through Zoom and at the Bingham/Village Government Center.

Attendance: In attendance were President Jason Nicol, Trustees Brandon Zdrojewski, Jeff Maurer, Sara Schmidt, Jeff Rubin, Steve Irvine, Gabe Turner, Clerk Barb Butch, Treasurer Larry Gornowicz, Police Chief Dave Rothe, DPW Supervisor Dave Franzel and Water Administrator Theresa Murdock, DPW worker Vince Kuntz and Police Officer Kyle Romzek. There were 4 attending virtually.

Agenda: Added to the agenda were the water report, park playground equipment and Homecoming dates. A motion was made by Jeff Maurer seconded by Gabe Turner to accept the agenda with additions. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

Communications: None.

Clerk’s Report: A motion was made by Gabe Turner seconded by Steve Irvine to approve the February 4, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Gabe Turner seconded by Sara Schmidt to approve the February 23, 2021 Budget Hearing Minutes. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Gabe Turner seconded by Jeff Maurer to approve the February 23, 2021 Budget Council Meeting Minutes. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Steve Irvine seconded by Jeff Rubin to pay the February 2021 bills. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Larry Gornowicz presented his report to Council. It was accepted pending audit.

Police Report: Chief Rothe introduced to Council the new part-time Police Officer for the village, Kyle Romzek. Officer Romzek grew up in Ruth and went to school in Ubly.

Public Works: Monthly jobs consisted of cleaning up after all the snow we received, clearing storm drains. Theresa Murdock presented to Council her report on the water billing. The billing for 2020 was just completed. Theresa is now working on cleaning up records, updating contact information and ownership on some properties.

Unfinished Business: Gabe Turner presented one quote for an in-ground Merry-go-round, ADA swingset and ADA picnic table for \$11,200. Rubber mat to go around the Merry-go-round would be around \$3000. He is waiting on another quote and will present it at the next Council meeting. Sara Schmidt had a price on an outdoor 4-piece floral Xylophone of \$4650. No decision was made at this time.

Discussion was made to look into lighting for the basketball courts and some areas of the walking path in the park and around the DPW yard.

New Business: Late water rate fees were discussed. A motion was made by Gabe Turner seconded by Brandon Zdrojewski for a 10% fee for both water usage and ready to serve fee. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed. At the suggestion of both the DEQ and the auditor an increase of 2% per year will be added to water bills. The rate is currently \$3.22 per thousand gallons and will go to \$3.28 per thousand gallons in town and \$6.56 outside of town. A motion was made by Steve Irvine seconded by Gabe Turner to change the water bill rates for 2021. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

DPW worker Vince Kuntze is eligible for a retirement plan through the village. Discussion was made on the options presented to Vince. Vince chose the \$1.10 an hour raise including his .50 raise after 90 days brings him to \$23.10 hr. A motion was made by Jeff Maurer seconded by Gabe Turner to give Vince Kuntze a \$1.10 raise in lieu of a retirement plan.

A motion was made by Gabe Turner seconded by Steve Irvine to support the 3% raise for DPW Supervisor Dave Franzel for 2020/21 fiscal year, effective March 1st. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

President Jason Nicol presented the lease with Ugly Community schools to use the softball fields at Veterans Park. A motion was made by Gabe Turner seconded by Sara Schmidt to approve leasing the William J. Murdock softball field for the cost of \$1 per year for 20 years to the Ugly Community Schools. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

The date for the April Council Meeting was discussed due to a few members not being able to attend. It was decided to change the date from April 1st to April 8th.

Discussion was held on ordering new water meters for a factory located in the Village at a cost of \$4793. A motion was made by Gabe Turner seconded by Jeff Maurer to approve the purchase of water meters for the factory. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

At this time Trustee Schmidt had to leave.

Discussion was held on the Chief of Police contract renewal. There was some wording that both sides felt needed to be changed. Motion was made by Jeff Rubin seconded by Gabe Turner to amend the police contract to say an average of 25 hours per week, \$600 stipend for Homecoming weekend, \$50 per Council meeting and approve the Police contract for 4 years. Roll call vote, all in favor, with 1 absent. Motion passed.

The dates were discussed for the 2021 Ugly Homecoming. A motion was made by Brandon Zdrojewski seconded by Gabe Turner to approve July 8 – 11 for this year's homecoming. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Dave Franzel would like to purchase spring loaded flags to mount on the village's fire hydrants to make them more visible during the winter.

Steve Irvine would like Council to consider helping with the cost of updating lighting in the DPW area for tractor pulls during the Homecoming. Homecoming funds will be used to partially fund the update on the lighting. Cost would be around \$9000, but he will get an updated quote.

There being no further business a motion was made by Jeff Maurer seconded by Gabe Turner to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Butch, Clerk