

Village of Ubley
Council Meeting
April 6, 2023 @ 7:30 p.m.
“Approved Meeting Minutes”

The Village of Ubley Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., April 6, 2023, at the Bingham/Village Government Center. In attendance were President Jason Nicol, Trustees Jeff Rubin, Jeff Maurer, Steve Irvine, Sara Schmidt, Tracey Foster, DPW Supervisor Dave Franzel, Police Chief Dave Rothe, Treasurer Larry Gornowicz and Clerk Barb Butch. Trustee Brandon Zdrojewski had an excused absence. There were 5 residents in attendance.

Agenda: A motion was made by Jeff Maurer seconded by Jeff Rubin to accept the agenda with additions. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment on the Agenda: None.

Communications: None.

Clerk’s Report: A motion was made by Steve Irvine seconded by Tracey Foster to approve the March 2, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Minutes. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Tracey Foster seconded by Sara Schmidt to approve the March 2, 2023 Budget Hearing minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Jeff Rubin seconded by Sara Schmidt to pay the April 2023 bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Council accepted the report pending audit. Larry informed Council that he will be moving some funds from accounts that have larger amounts into 2 CD’s. After discussion it was decided that \$75,000 would be moved from the General Fund Account and \$75,000 would be moved from the Water Fund Account to open 2 CD’s from Bay Port State Bank.

Police Report: None.

Public Works: Cleaned storm drains, replacing water meters were just a few of the jobs done in the last month. Dave Franzel informed Council that he contacted the bank that owns the house on the corner of Pike & Union that it is their responsibility to keep the property mowed.

Water Report: First quarter 2023 water bills were sent out. 20 meters are being replaced because they stopped working.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: A motion by Jeff Maurer seconded by Tracey Foster to approve, as budgeted, the purchase of the Ford Interceptor for the Police Department. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Tracey Foster seconded by Steve Irvine to approve, as budgeted, the purchase of a new pickup truck for the DPW. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion made by Sara Schmidt seconded by Jeff Rubin to approve, as budgeted, a new Zero turn mower from Tri County Equipment. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the buildings on the corner of Main & Queen Streets. One building has collapsed in the back of the property, another has bricks falling off and is hazardous to anyone walking by. Police called the new owner who came and put up sheets of OSB but hasn’t done anything more. Police Chief Rothe said a larger barricade needs to be put up to keep everyone clear of the area. The Village has a dangerous building ordinance, and a letter will be sent to the owner.

A motion by Steve Irvine seconded by Jeff Maurer to approve a Public Hearing on Monday, April 17 at 7 pm concerning 2200 Main Street. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Ambulance Coverage in the Village. Residents are concerned about there being very little times when an EMT is available and residents must wait even though there is an ambulance housed in the township hall. Police Chief Rothe said there have been residents who said they would cover it but didn’t want to have to stay at the hall and suggested using a pager, but the Ambulance Board did not want to do that. He said maybe the Service could be more flexible and allow this if they are short staffed.

A motion by Tracey Foster seconded by Jeff Rubin to present a letter to the Ambulance Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Jeff Maurer informed the Council that the Lions Club would like to donate some bushes to be planted around the walking trail in Veteran’s Park. A motion was made by Jeff Rubin seconded by Tracey Foster to approve the donation of some bushes to be planted by the walking trail. All in favor, motion carried.

Police Chief Dave Rothe requested a \$1.00 an hour raise for the School Crossing Guards, from \$15.00 to \$16.00 per hour.

A motion was made by Sara Schmidt seconded by Jeff Maurer to approve the \$1.00 an hour raise for the Crossing Guards. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Irvine seconded by Sara Schmidt to put 3 delinquent water bills, on the tax roll totaling \$336.69. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment: Council was informed that there is a person living in a barn/shed in the Village without running water, heat or electricity. The village is looking into the matter.

Nikki's Kitchen would like to do a food truck in the Village. They will be contacting the Police Department about a permit and hope to make it to the May 4 Council meeting.

Jim Zulauf commended the DPW for the great job of keeping the Village streets plowed over the winter.

State of Michigan, MDOT will be paving all of M19 in the Village limits this summer, we will keep residents informed as we get information on when it will be happening.

There being no further business a motion was made by Steve Irvine seconded by Sara Schmidt to adjourn the meeting at 8:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Butch, Clerk