

**Village of Ubly
Council Meeting
February 1, 2024 @ 7:30 p.m.
"Approved Meeting Minutes"**

The Village of Ubly Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., February 1, 2024, at the Bingham/Village Government Center. In attendance were President Jason Nicol, Trustees Steve Irvine, Brandon Zdrojewski, Jeff Rubin, Sara Schmidt and Tracey Foster, Police Chief Dave Rothe, DPW Supervisor Dave Franzeland, Treasurer Larry Gornowicz and Clerk Barb Butch. Absent was Trustee Jeff Maurer. 6 residents also attended.

Agenda: A motion was made by Brandon Zdrojewski seconded by Sara Schmidt 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 Tracey Foster seconded by Steve Irvine to approve the January 4, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Sara Schmidt seconded by Brandon Zdrojewski to pay the January bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report was accepted pending audit.

Police Report: A letter to Council from Chief Rothe asking for a pay raise to be put in the budget for Officer Wood. It is getting harder to keep officer's because there is a shortage and other police departments are offering higher wages and more benefits.

Chief Rothe informed Council that a seized BMW from 2016 can now be put up for auction and the money can be used towards the new police car.

A stabbing that took place in Ubly was handled by the Huron County Sheriff's Department. It happened when our officers were not on duty.

Public Works: Plowing snow, Wolverine has been surveying Main Street, maintenance on snow equipment.

Took the 2014 International Dump Truck in to fix an antifreeze leak.

Unfinished Business: The owner of the blighted building that collapsed on the corner of Main & Queen wired the funds to have it cleaned up.

New Business:

- a. After discussion, the 2024/25 Budget Hearing will be on Monday, Feb. 26 at 7 pm. The 2024/25 Budget Meeting will follow at approximately 7:30 pm.
Some requests to be put on the budget:
 - DPW would like to have approval into purchasing one from an auction site if one becomes available.
 - Water rates will increase by 2 – 4% for the next fiscal year.
 - Replace 5 per year of the picnic tables under the pavilion at a cost of \$3,200. A swing for the Forever Soaring Park, \$1407 plus shipping.
 - Pickleball Court. Discussion on placement of court and costs. Cost is approximately \$30,000.
- b. Clerk Barb Butch informed Council that the Act 51 transfer of funds from Major & Local Streets and the Water dept. will be done in the next week.
- c. A motion by Brandon Zdrojewski seconded by Tracey Foster to approve the purchase of 5 new picnic tables for \$3,200 and playground equipment for \$8,500 from the 2023/24 budget. All in favor, motion carried.
- d. Due to her computer constantly shutting down and the age of it, a motion was made by Tracey Foster seconded by Sara Schmidt to approve the purchase of a new computer for the Clerk. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Planning Commission President Jim Zulauf reminded Council to add the updating of the Master Plan and Rec Plan costs to the upcoming budget.

DPW Supervisor Dave Franzel said that there will be stakes posted by the risers along Main Street while it is being surveyed. Do not remove them, they will be removed when Wolverine is done.

There being no further business a motion was made by Sara Schmidt seconded by Brandon Zdrojewskito adjourn the meeting at 8:36p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Butch, Clerk