

**Village of Ubly
Council Meeting
April 4, 2024 @ 7:30 p.m.
“Approved Meeting Minutes”**

The Village of Ubly Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., April 4, 2024, at the Bingham/Village Government Center.

In attendance were President Jason Nicol, Trustees Steve Irvine, Sara Schmidt, Jeff Maurer and Tracey Foster, Police Chief Dave Rothe, DPW Supervisor Dave Franzel, Treasurer Larry Gornowicz and Clerk Barb Butch. Trustees Brandon Zdrojewski, and Jeff Rubin were absent. 6 residents also attended.

Agenda: A motion was made by Tracey Foster seconded by Steve Irvine to accept the agenda with additions. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment on the Agenda: None.

Clerk’s Report: A motion was made by Jeff Maurer seconded by Sara Schmidt to approve the March 7, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Sara Schmidt seconded by Tracey Foster to pay the March bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer’s Report was accepted pending audit. Treasurer recommended closing the Downtown Development Fund. No action was taken.

Police Report: Chief Rothe informed Council that a letter was sent to the owner of the BMW. Chief Rothe presented to Council a bid for a 2024 Utility Police Interceptor including major standard equipment for \$47,390.00. The funds from the Salvage Vehicle Fund and the Drug Forfeiture Fund totaling over \$17,000.00 could be used towards the purchase of the vehicle. Also, the Chev. Tahoe will be sold, and the funds will help offset the costs.

Public Works: Raked and rolled ball diamonds for summer use. Also put out bleachers and porta johns have been delivered. Put up tennis and pickleball nets, replaced basketball nets. Read 1stquarter meters and replaced 7 meters not working.

Water Report: 1stquarter water bills were sent out with the water quality report included. Rate increases approved at the March 2024 meeting were applied.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1. A motion by Jeff Maurer seconded by Tracey Foster to close the outstanding water bill accounts on 2 foreclosed properties for a total of \$329.20. All in favor, motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Steve Irvine seconded by Jeff Maurer to accept the price of \$47,390.00 for a 2024 Utility Police Interceptor including major standard equipment. All in favor, motion carried.
3. 2004 Sterling Dump truck is up for auction. After discussion a motion was made by Jeff Maurer seconded by Sara Schmidt to approve bidding up to \$30,000.00 plus auction fees on the truck. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Discussion was held on an insurance stipend for the workers not taking insurance from the Village. A motion by Sara Schmidt seconded by Tracey Foster to table the discussion until all members are present at the May meeting.

Public Comment: Planning Commission Chairman Jim Zulauf reminded everyone that a Public Hearing for the new Master Plan will be held on Monday, April 15th at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center. Also, a zoom meeting with Spicer Group to discuss the new Recreation Plan will be held on Tuesday, May 14th at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Jennifer Booms, a representative for the Thumb Blessing Box that is set up at Sleeper Park, would like to replace it with one like the Little Free Library. Council agreed and Jennifer will get with Dave Franzel on the placement of it.

There being no further business a motion was made by Sara Schmidt seconded by Tracey Foster to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Butch, Clerk