

**Village of Ubly  
Council Meeting  
May 2, 2024 @ 7:30 p.m.  
“Approved Meeting Minutes”**

The Village of Ubly Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m., May 2, 2024, at the Bingham/Village Government Center.

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

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

**Public Comment on the Agenda:** None.

**Communications:** Jason Nicol informed Council he was informed by Spicer Group that the Village received the grant for water services.

Barb Butch informed Council that AVS will be having a meet and greet open house on Wednesday, June 5 from 4 to 7 pm at the Senior Center highlighting their fiber optic internet.

**Clerk’s Report:** A motion was made by Steve Irvine seconded by Sara Schmidt to approve the April 4, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

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

It was brought to Council’s attention that the July Council meeting falls on the 4<sup>th</sup>. After discussion it was decided to hold the July meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer’s Report was accepted pending audit.

**Police Report:** Chief Rothe informed Council that a registered letter was sent to the owner of the BMW who refused it. It was then served in person by a police officer. If storage fees are not paid before May 13<sup>th</sup>, then ownership will be transferred to the Village and can be sold. Chief Rothe informed Council the new police car is in and ready to be outfitted for police use. The Chev. Tahoe will then be gone over and ready to be sold.

**Public Works:** Hydrants were flushed, picked up Salt truck from Ionia DPW, busy with spring clean-up. Walking path solar lights will be installed in May.

**Unfinished Business:**

- a. Jason Nicol informed Council the DPW Plow truck bidding with closing costs was \$39,956. A motion was made by Jeff Maurer seconded by Sara Schmidt to accept the price of \$39,956 for the new plow truck. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. Discussion was held on offering full time employees an HSA account. It will be looked into, and more information will be brought to the June meeting.

**New Business:**

1. The following Council positions will be up for election in November: President Jason Nicol, Clerk Barb Butch, Treasurer Larry Gornowicz and Trustee positions Steve Irvine, Sara Schmidt and Jeff Maurer. Present council or person’s interested should contact Bingham Township Clerk Joe Trepkoski for the paperwork needed.

2. Chief Rothe discussed with Council that the new police car will need to be retrofitted for Police use. Pro-Comm will install everything and make it turnkey ready. Council was also reminded that funds from the Drug Forfeiture account and Salvage Vehicle account will be used towards the cost of the new car.

A motion was made by Jeff Maurer seconded by Steve Irvine to approve the quote from Pro-Comm for \$16,728.00 and the purchase of a refurbished Kustom Ka Radar for \$1195.00. All in favor, motion carried.

3. After discussion, a motion was made by Steve Irvine seconded by Sara Schmidt to approve the installation of outdoor lighting on the North Building by Wright Choice Electric for \$3,400.00. All in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Planning Commission Chairman Jim Zulauf reminded everyone that a zoom meeting with Spicer Group to discuss the new Recreation Plan will be held on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Resident Bob Klebba expressed concern about the amount of trash he picks up around his property from the neighboring apartment buildings. Chief Rothe will meet with him and come up with a solution.

Trustee Jeff Maurer requested the employee handbook be at the Council table at each meeting in case of questions raised.

There being no further business a motion was made by Sara Schmidt seconded by Jeff Maurer to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara J. Butch, Clerk