Village of Ubly
Council Meeting
November 6, 2025 @ 7:30 p.m.
"Approved Meeting Minutes"

The Village of Ubly Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., November 6, 2025, at the Bingham/Village Government Center.
In attendance were President Jason Nicol, Trustees: Jeff Rubin, Sara Schmidt, Mitch Holdwick, Brandon Zdrojewski, Tracy Foster and Aaron LaPonsie, Treasurer Larry Gornowicz, DPW Supervisor Dave Franzel and Police Chief Anthony Wood. Clerk Barbara Butch was absent. 7 residents also attended.
Agenda: A motion was made by Jeff Rubin seconded by Tracey Foster to accept the agenda with additions. All in favor, motion carried.
Public Comment on the Agenda: None.
Communications: Terry Jimpkoski gave a report on the new training for EMS at the Ambulance Meeting.
Clerk's Report: A motion was made by Jeff Rubin seconded by Mitch Holdwick to approve the October 2, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.
A motion was made by Brandon Zdrojewski seconded by Tracey Foster to pay the November bills. All in favor, motion carried.
Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented and accepted pending audit. Taxes are done.
Police Report: Anthony, Vince, Dave and Huron County Building Inspector met and inspected two properties in the Village – a trailer on Bliss St. and the old Masonic Temple. He did not condemn the properties. President Nicol talked to the owner of the trailer, Justin Faber, who wants to repair the trailer. Mr. Faber was given until the Summer 2026 to make it habitable. Order from the Court is unable to locate the owner of the two buildings on the corner of Main Street and Queen Street.
Public Works: Removed flowerpots from Main St., replaced risers that were bent over from lead/copper inspection. Trimmed trees near sidewalks for snow removal, patched 2 storm drains, winterized the Pavilion and repaired fire hydrant on Main St.
Water Billing: Bills were due Nov. 4th, prepared 70 late bills from the 3rd quarter water billing.
Unfinished Business

a. Pelican Street Sweeper – Will do a possible test drive on it before a decision is made.
b. Main Street flowers – Jason talked with Melissa Kramer, the FFA Advisor concerning the flower pots. The FFA tried a different variety this year that didn't do well. It was decided to go back to what they had done previously.
c. DPW/Water building cleaning – After discussion, it was decided that the DPW/Water employees will maintain the cleaning of the building instead of hiring it out.

New Business:

a. Timeclock Policy – A motion was made by Jeff Rubin seconded by Brandon Zdrojewski to approve the Policy. All in favor, motion carried.
b. EDC Grant – feasibility study by EDC on Village Sewer System – After discussion it was decided to not do the study at this time.

c. Rec Grant – Decided to not apply for the Grant at this time.
d. Skate Ramps – Was notified that kids were lighting fires under the ramps. After discussion it was decided to remove the ramps from the park. Trustee Schmidt will contact the Bad Axe skate park and see if they are interested in them and will also see what we would get if they are scrapped out.
e. 2178 Main Street Water issue – Council received a complaint from a resident that the water was turned on in a vacant building and froze and damaged the building. Council directed DPW staff to look into when the water was turned off and dates of work performed at the address.
f. DPW employee issue. President Nicol asked employee Dave Franzel if he wanted a closed session but he chose to leave it open. 3 Village residents witnessed Dave picking up leaves on his lawn with the Village mower during village working hours. Trustee Rubin was notified by these residents on Thurs. Oct. 30th. Dave denied all allegations but eventually admitted to doing it. A verbal warning was issued and a written warning will be placed in his file. Case closed.

Public Comment: Treasurer Larry Gornowicz stated the Council could transfer money into the Downton Development Fund to help with park equipment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Brandon Zdrojewski seconded by Mitch Holdwick to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Butch, Clerk
**recorded from notes taken by Trustee Sara Schmidt