

**Village of Ubly
Council Meeting
January 8, 2026 @ 7:33 p.m.
“Approved Meeting Minutes”**

The Village of Ubly Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m., January 8, 2026, at the Bingham/Village Government Center.

In attendance were President Jason Nicol, Trustees: Jeff Rubin, Sara Schmidt, Brandon Zdrojewski, Tracey Foster and Aaron LaPonsie, Clerk Barbara Butch, Treasurer Larry Gornowicz and DPW Supervisor Dave Franzel. Trustee Mitch Holdwick was absent. 9 residents also attended.

Agenda: A motion was made by Sara Schmidt seconded by Tracey Foster to accept the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment on the Agenda: None.

Communications: DPW Supervisor Dave Franzel submitted a letter to all on Council in regard to personnel concerns.

Clerk’s Report: A motion was made by Aaron LaPonsie seconded by Jeff Rubin to accept the November 6, 2025, Regular Council meeting minutes with the wording correction of “the mowing of his lawn to picking up leaves on his lawn”. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Tracey Foster seconded by Brandon Zdrojewski to accept the December 4, 2025, Regular Council meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Barb submitted annual Federal & State reports, and all employees were given or mailed their W2’s.

Treasurer’s Report: The treasurer’s report was presented and accepted pending audit.

Police Report: Tacked a Ticket on the building on the corner of Queen and Main Streets. Anthony and Dave attended active training.

Ambulance Board Report: None.

Public Works: Monthly jobs were plowing snow, putting down a lot of salt either for snow or ice, took down Christmas lights and Nativity set, picking up downed limbs and cleaned out storm drains. Had a demo of a street sweeper the village may purchase.

Water Billing: Fourth quarter billing has been sent out. Only one nonworking bottom meter had to be changed with 16 original meters still working.

Unfinished Business

- a. Skate Ramps. In the spring signs will be posted concerning age limits and safety equipment that should be worn.

New Business:

- a. 2026/27 Budget requests were submitted with additional ones to be added at the February 5th Council meeting.
 - 70 water services to residences will have to be changed due to galvanized/lead fittings. EGLE is giving municipalities until 2041 to complete these changes with proper documentation.
 - Talked about which streets need to be replaced and how they are graded.
 - Solar Radar Speed signs for the east and west entrances to the Village.
 - Street Sweeper
 - Playground equipment for Veteran’s Park.
 - Picnic Tables
 - Tree Trimming

- Crack Sealing
- Sidewalk Repairs
- Tires for JCB Backhoe & International Dump truck
- Residing the Police Dept. building

- b. A motion by Aaron LaPonsie seconded by Tracey Foster to replace the fluorescent lights in the Village office to LED at a cost of \$700. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Jim Zulauf asked if the homeowner would be responsible for the cost of any lead connections/lines that are required to be replaced.

Closed Session A roll call vote to go into closed session with ayes by Brandon Zdrojewski, Aaron LaPonsie, Sara Schmidt, Jeff Rubin, Tracey Foster and Jason Nicol at 8:10 p.m. included in the session was Clerk Barb Butch and DPW employee Vince Kuntze. Trustee Mitch Holdwick was absent. Council returned and closed the session at 8:28 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Brandon Zdrojewski seconded by Jeff Rubin to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Butch, Clerk