

**Village of Ubly
Council Meeting
February 5, 2026 @ 7:30 p.m.
“Unapproved Meeting Minutes”**

The Village of Ubly Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., February 5, 2026, at the Bingham/Village Government Center.

In attendance were President Jason Nicol, Trustees: Jeff Rubin, Brandon Zdrojewski, Tracey Foster and Aaron LaPonsie, Clerk Barbara Butch, Treasurer Larry Gornowicz and Police Chief Anthony Wood. Trustee Mitch Holdwick, Sara Schmidt, DPW Supervisor Dave Franzel and Water Admin Theresa Murdock were absent. 8 residents also attended.

Agenda: A motion was made by Tracey Foster seconded by Aaron LaPonsie 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 Jeff Rubin seconded by Brandon Zdrojewski to accept the January 8, 2026, Regular Council meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Brandon Zdrojewski seconded by Tracey Foster to pay the February bills. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Police Report:

Estimates were submitted to Council on replacing the siding on the Police Department. 30 complaints were reported on 21 working days in January.

Ambulance Board Report: Terry Jimkoski reported that the Ambulance bylaws have been changed, the Village had 5 calls in December, a new ambulance will be delivered shortly.

Public Works: DPW has been busy with plowing snow, moving piles of snow to make. It was noticed that the Village was going through as much water as it usually does in the summer. A read was done and there were some with very high usage and they were notified and fixed. With the cold there are a many households running their water so that their lines don’t freeze.

Water Billing: 4th quarter water bills are due Feb. 10th, late notices will be sent out by Feb. 12th with a due date of Feb. 25th.

Unfinished Business

- a. 2026/27 Budget. Items that were discussed and will be put in the budget: Water-new scales and pumps to run the water system more efficiently. A new handheld reader for meter reads. Parks - 4 picnic tables, merry go round and swings. Police - Speed limit electronic signs, re-side Police Department - the 2 bids were opened with one bid at \$38,250 and the second one at \$32,100. Streets-looking at paving Bingham St from the TVO to past the Police dept. including water main work and Pike St. from Union St to Hund Dr. at a cost of approximately \$200,00 - \$225,000.

New Business:

- a. The Village received the MML Liability and Property Pool proposal. The premium is \$22,213, which is an increase of \$1,733 from last year’s premium of \$20,480.
A motion was made by Jeff Rubin seconded by Brandon Zdrojewski to approve the proposal from MML Liability and Property Pool for a total of \$22,213. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. Police Officer Dave Rothe talked to Council about the schooling he has attended and working as an School Resource Officer including upcoming programs to be implemented.

- c. A motion was made by Jeff Rubin seconded by Brandon Zdrojewski to approve putting a deposit down for a Merry go round, swings and ball spinner. All in favor, motion carried.
- d. President Nicol read the original contract for DPW Supervisor Dave Franzel. As an at will employee if there is probable cause an employee can be let go. He then went on to give a couple of examples. After consulting with the Village and MML attorney's they felt the Village had just cause to let Mr. Franzel go.
A motion was made by Jeff Rubin seconded by Brandon Zdrojewski to terminate DPW Supervisor Dave Franzel's agreement, effective immediately. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Resident and prior Council trustee Jeff Maurer commented that the reason he left the Council was due to issues with the DPW Supervisor.

Treasurer Larry Gornowicz questioned what steps Council will take to fill the Clerk position when Barb doesn't run this year. More municipalities are going to an appointed position, so that someone with experience can be hired for the job.

Jim Zulauf informed Council that he would like to form a committee from the Village and Township to open the time capsule that is buried by the Government Center. Tracey Foster volunteered to be on the committee. Jim also brought up that if Bingham Street is going to be repaved and water mains worked on that it would be a good time to extend the walking path along Bingham all the way to Sleeper Park on Garfield St.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Brandon Zdrojewski seconded by Jeff Rubin to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Butch, Clerk