

Village of Ugly Council Meeting
May 7, 2026 @ 7:30 p.m.
“Unapproved Meeting Minutes”

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

In attendance were President Jason Nicol, Trustees: Jeff Rubin, Brandon Zdrojewski, Tracey Foster, Mitch Holdwick, Sara Schmidt and Aaron LaPonsie, Clerk Barbara Butch, DPW Supervisor Vince Kuntze, Treasurer Larry Gornowicz, Police Chief Anthony Wood and Water Admin Theresa Murdock. 7 residents also attended. The public hearing was called to order at 7:30 concerning the village resolution to apply for DWSRF Funding. Nick Portwine from Spicer Group presented the DWSRF Project Plan and timeline. The plan outlines the galvanized service lines that need to be replaced. Galvanized pipes can with zinc coating can leach lead into the lines if the coating is corroded. The resolution is the first step for funding this project. Larry Gornowicz asked why the costs lead to \$750,000, Nick explained approximate costs for the project. Brandon Zdrojewski asked what the outcome would be for communities that do not replace their lines by 2041 concerning the state. Jim Zulauf asked what the timeline would be for this project. Nick responded that if funding is obtained then the work would be done the summer of 2027. Jason Nicol read Resolution No. 2026-1 adopting a final project planning document for water system improvements and designating an authorized project representative.

A motion was made by Jeff Rubin seconded by Brandon Zdrojewski to accept Resolution 2026-1 and authorize Jason Nicol as the project representative. 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

The public hearing was closed at 7:45 p.m. and the regularly scheduled Council meeting was opened directly after.

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

Clerk’s Report: A motion was made by Sara Schmidt seconded by Tracey Foster to accept the April 2, 2026, Regular Council meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Brandon Zdrojewski seconded by Jeff Rubin to pay the May bills. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Police Report: Jeff Rubin reported that a new Taser was needed for the Police Department at a cost of \$2,379.61.

Motion by Brandon Zdrojewski seconded by Tracey Foster to purchase the Taser for \$2,379.61. All in favor, motion carried.

Police Chief let Council know that both he and Officer Dave Rothe are now certified to instruct classes on Hunter Safety. The school will have a Hunter’s Safety Class as part of the curriculum starting next year.

Public Works: The remaining new picnic tables were received and have all been replaced. Worked on finishing up the service line identification. Hydrants will be flushed May 12th through 15th.

Water Billing: 2026 First Quarter water late bills will be going out this week. Theresa and Vince will be getting training on the new handheld meter reader and programs before the next reads done around the first part of July.

New Business:

- a. A committee consisting of Vince Kuntze, Jeff Rubin and Aaron LaPonsie reviewed all the applications submitted for the DPW Laborer position. Vince Kuntze recommended Nick Booms for the position. Nick has a CDL-A license. He will be hired at \$24.00 hour, after 90 days will receive a .50 raise and will be required after one year to become water certified.

A motion was made by Aaron LaPonsie seconded by Tracey Foster for to approve hiring Nick Booms as the full time DPW Laborer position. All in favor, motion carried.

- b. Discussion was made on the two buildings at 2206 Main Street. Nothing can be done until after July 1st, courts mandate the previous owner has 90 days to remove items from the property. Due to non-payment of taxes, the buildings have gone to the County and will be in the County Tax Auction.
- c. A motion was made by Sara Schmidt seconded by Mitch Holdwick to approve the putting Spring Cleanup dumpsters at the DPW yard May 29 through 31st for Village residents only. All in favor, motion carried.
- d. Jason Nicol read a resolution from MDOT to appoint Vince Kuntze as the Street Administrator for the Village.
A motion was made by Jeff Rubin seconded by Brandon Zdrojewski to designate Vince Kuntze as the Street Administrator for the Village of Ubyly. 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
- e. A motion was made by Brandon Zdrojewski seconded by Aaron LaPonsie to approve going into closed session for discussion on a litigation case at 8:25 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.
A motion was made by Brandon Zdrojewski seconded by Sara Schmidt to re-open the regular Council meeting at 8:30. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Scott Wright, Homecoming Committee President informed Council the Homecoming will be June 25, 26, 27 and 28th this year. There will be changes in the schedule and new additions.

Jim Zulauf let Council know that the Time Capsule buried in front of the Bingham/Village Government Center will be exhumed and will be open on Saturday, June 27 at approximately 3 p.m. at the 10 Cent Barn. There will also be a Pie Baking Contest at the Barn with the winner announced after the Time Capsule is opened with the top winning pie to be auctioned off and all others will be available for purchase. Proceeds to be used for a new roof for the barn.

Trustee Sara Schmidt presented a flyer on the DPW picking up lawn waste (grass clippings, leaves) in 30 gal. recyclable yard-waste paper bags. The bags can then be set by the curb only on Thursday mornings, to be picked up by the DPW. Branches are to be set by the curb and not put in the bags. The DPW will not supply the bags, residents will be responsible for purchasing them.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Aaron LaPonsie seconded by Brandon Zdrojewski to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Butch, Clerk