

Village of Ubly  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes  
April 7, 2011

The village of Ubly regular meeting of April 7, 2011 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mark Brown at the Bingham/Ubly Government Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: President Mark Brown, Trustees Mark Dropiewski, Adam Kain, Jeff Maikrzek, Lance Krueger, Shawn Wright, Clerk Alger Lemke, Treasurer Laura Kramer, Chief of Police Matt Kuhl, DPW Supervisor Carl Weber. Absent and excused was trustee Jeremy Melnik. There were 5 citizens in attendance.

Ubly Community School Board representatives Mike Rutkowski and Marc Tenbusch asked the board if it could explore the possibility of drilling a well on school property next to the football field for the exclusive use of irrigating the football and baseball fields. President Brown explained that first we are up against the water ordinance that disallows new private wells on any property in the village, no variances allowed. Shawn Wright added that the school is 5% of our water revenue (a large portion of the total). Mike Rutkowski also added that the school is a big part of and contributor to the village environment/community, and to please consider this before making any decisions. Marc Tenbusch said take look at communities that have closed their schools, they seem like dead towns. He feels the school is the hub of our community. Mark Brown said that the school is paying the same rate for drinking water as it is for irrigation. Perhaps a rate adjustment for the irrigation lines would be better than other options considered thus far. Shawn Wright said he is not receptive to any rebate or discount for the school as it may entitle all who irrigate (lawns) to a rebate. He said that we need to get together with the school on short and long term goals and changes regarding the ball fields. Mark Brown asked the school representatives to give us 30 days to review and they agreed.

Minutes from last month's meeting were read. No changes or additions were suggested. President Mark Brown entertained a motion to accept the minutes as read. Motion made by Mark Dropiewski, seconded by Jeff Maikrzek, discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills to pay - The list of bills was reviewed and one for MDOT was held back for another month, pending receipt of a fax of the signed agreement previous council had with MDOT. Mark Brown made a motion to pay all the bills minus the MDOT invoice. Motion made by Shawn Wright, seconded by Lance Krueger, discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Laura Kramer presented her report for the month of March. The financial audit with Berthiaume and Company is scheduled for May 11, 2011. Treasurer's report accepted as presented.

**General Fund Expenditures - April 2011**

Independent Bank	4,096.68
Barbara Butch	1,660.77
Carl Weber	2,458.50

Ferris, Schwedler, & Prill, P.C.	150.00
GunRunners	437.00
Huron Daily Tribune	185.44

Christina Osantowski	135.10
Joan Particka	512.81
Judy Harrington	190.16
Kevin Jimkoski	1,903.11
Kevin Butch	144.00
Kevin Laming	300.14
Matthew Kuhl	2,211.44
Matthew Koslowski	202.79
Radene Kumaus	62.95
Virgil Briolat	1,746.13
AFLAC	163.56
State of Michigan	752.14
MI - UIA	30.14
MERS	2,596.37
Ally	147.59
AT&T	335.67
Auto Sport	301.95
Bingham Township	336.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	4,019.12
Citgo Petroleum Corp	663.40
Consumers Energy	453.03
DTE Energy - Street Lights	2,460.72
DTE Energy - Electric	409.61
Fast Freddie's	100.00

Joe Palmer Signs	90.00
Matt Kuhl	625.00
MML Property & Liability Pool	15,887.00
Minden City Herald	420.00
Minuteman Metal Works	30.00
Peruski Hardware	8.09
Richfield Equities	3,242.40
Thumb Office Supply	42.00
Thumb Radio	42.00
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	64.94
Uby Auto Parts	832.30
Uby Meat & Grocery	46.61
Uby Motor Service	27.91
Vehicle Lighting Systems	2,241.33
Wells Fargo	57.00
National Retirement Solutions	300.00
Fleet Services	353.31
Northstar Bank	14,165.63
Uby Lioness Club	112.50
Alger Lemke	545.54
Laura Kramer	346.16
Matthew Blaine	607.59

**TOTALS** 69,253.63

**Water Fund Expenditures - April 2011**

Booms Rent All	57.00
City of Harbor Beach	96.00
Elhorn Engineering	441.25
Peruski Hardware	12.17

Thumb Electric Coop	28.67
DTE Energy	704.35
Crop Production Services	3.01
Village of Uby General Fund	47,838.80

**TOTALS** 49,181.25

**Sleeper Public Library Expenditures - April 2011**

Abadata	1,095.00
AT&T	191.22
Baker & Taylor	588.65
Capital One	122.85
Consumer's Energy	361.00

DTE Energy	488.00
Everyday with Rachael Ray	15.00
The Library Store	263.52
Wal Mart	331.86
<b>TOTALS</b>	3,457.10

#### Major Street Expenditures - April 2011

Village of Ugly General Fund	36,851.26
Surplus Services	15,250.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	52,101.26

#### Local Street December - April 2011

Huron Co Road Comm	1,652.11
Village of Ugly G.F.	30,031.40
<b>TOTALS</b>	31,683.51

#### DPW

DPW Supervisor Carl Weber presented his report for March. Regarding DWRF pay down...spoke with Jeff Hansen, DWRF does not want early or extra payments. The monies come from pooled funds from many sources, that's how we get it for such a low interest rate, and the only way these loans can be made as a break even or better for the lender is if everyone follows the payment schedule. Thumb Works offer a sweep program, one employee for us started April 1 and is scheduled until June 30, funded through stimulus dollars, paid for through Thumb Works. Will be flushing hydrants the next few weeks. New pickup is here for a look, opening bids for the old one tonight. Asphalt bids being sought for Weaver & Harrison Streets, backboards are at Wayne Lenton's for painting, still looking for a plow truck, and the ball field and fencing by the river need work (base anchors, lean top on backstop, etc.).

#### POLICE

Chief of Police Matt Kuhl said that the new Tahoe is 99% complete, ready for patrol next week. Received 3 sealed bids on the old car, it is stripped and ready to go. Part time officer Matt Koslowski picked up full time work in Isabella County. New part time officer Matthew Blaine is sworn in and on the payroll. Regarding the Warner variance...it is not possible to move the utility pole that is in his way, so even if the variance had been approved his project could not proceed as originally planned. Regarding the blighted property of Larry Rutkowski's, all buildings reportedly coming down.

#### TRUSTEE REPORTS

DPW - Chairperson Jeremy Melnik - email read from Jeremy (on vacation)...he suggested discussing DPW wages during a closed session after next month's meeting.

Parks & Recreation - Chairperson Shawn Wright - Homecoming issues...it starts Thursday but vendors have been known to plug in their trailers as early as Monday & Tuesday. Need to enforce no early electrical hookups. Carl to order Porta John's.

Water & Services - Chairperson Mark Dropiewski - No report.

Police - Chairperson Lance Krueger - Repairs to the Police Department building...will call Steve Messing tomorrow.

Personnel - Chairperson Jeff Maikrzek - No report

Planning and Zoning - Chairperson Adam Kain - no report

**OLD BUSINESS** - 3 sealed bids for the old police car opened, high bid of \$907 goes to Chicago Motors, Inc. 7 sealed bids for the old DPW pickup opened, high bid of \$722 goes to Greg McKnight of Bad Axe. Mark Brown entertained a motion to accept the high bids for each vehicle, motion made by Shawn Wright, seconded by Mark Dropiewski, discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Barb Butch offered library services for the clerical position advertised for the village office. The library has a \$10,000 server to replace, and was considering closing down one day a week to afford to pay for it. Use the day instead for clerical help for the village. Mark Brown wants a committee to meet with the Library board to discuss details. Shawn Wright offered \$7,500/year to the library for the clerical help. Mark Brown entertained a motion to offer the Library \$7,500/year to help out with water billing/clerical issues, motion made by Shawn Wright, seconded by Jeff Maikrzek, discussion, all in favor, motion carried. Barb Butch will take this information to her meeting with the Library board on the 18th.

**NEW BUSINESS** - Gemini Group...P.A. 198 and P.A. 328...50% tax abatements off of new real and personal property for 5 years in exchange for job creation and job retention agreements. Public hearing/special meeting held here at the Bingham/Ubly Government center on April 20, 2011 at 6 p.m.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - Regarding Budget and Finance Committee, Mark Brown appointed Adam Kain to chair the committee, and advised him to get with Laura. LED lighting for municipalities can be a 40-60% savings over current style lighting, costs \$700 to \$800 per pole to switch. Alger to investigate current maintenance contract to see what we're bound to. Land swap with Joe Particka, is there a paid for survey from 1999 by Case Surveying? If one exists from then, there is no need for a new one. Alger to investigate.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

David Peruski, Huron County District 2 Commissioner, said phase 3 of the Medical Care Facility addition is ready to get started. This is the inside stuff, and is the largest phase of the project. Phase 4 is landscaping. Jeff Smith has been selected as the Building and Zoning Director, replacing Russ Lundberg. Representative Kurt Damrow is trying to set up regular meetings in the county on the second Monday of each month. Representative Mike Green will be at the Expo Center on April 25, 2011 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

There being no further business, President Brown entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Shawn Wright and seconded by Jeff Maikrzek. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday May 5, 2011 at the Bingham/Ubly Government Center at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alger Lemke  
Clerk  
Village of Ubly