

Village of Ubly
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2009

The village of Ubly regular meeting of December 3, 2009 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mark Brown. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: President Mark Brown, Trustees Shawn Wright, Lance Krueger, Jeremy Melnik, Adam Kain, Jeff Maikrzek, Treasurer Laura Kramer, Clerk Alger Lemke, Police Chief Matt Kuhl, and DPW Supervisor Carl Weber. Absent and excused was Mark Dropiewski. There were 2 citizens in attendance.

Steve Romzek presented a check for \$9,000.00 from the Amish logging project on the Hoover farm, and said they should be done there in about 2 weeks. After that others will be allowed in to cut the tops left over for firewood. The village will charge these others only if they plan to sell the firewood. A motion was made by Shawn Wright and seconded by Jeff Maikrzek to charge those taking wood if they plan to sell it for their own profit. All in favor, motion carried.

The minutes of the November 5, 2009 meeting were read and discussed. It was suggested to remove 2 phrases from the police report section of the minutes regarding removal of a trailer. The official copy on file will be noted with the change on December 4, 2009. President Mark Brown asked if there were any other changes to be made, and there being none he approved the changed minutes.

Clerk Alger Lemke presented a letter from Huron County Clerk Peggy Koehler informing us of an increase in the charge for using the voting machine and supplies for elections. The increase is county wide and has been approved by resolution of the Huron County Board of Commissioners.

Alger also asked if there were any thoughts about offering a buyout option for eligible employees who choose not to take part in our health insurance plan. Other employers in the county have done this as an opportunity to save the employer money while increasing the year's pay for the employee. Trustee Jeff Maikrzek and Clerk Alger Lemke will investigate and report at next month's meeting.

Discussion on bills to pay for the month of December. Bill for \$767.50 for Consumers Power was requested to not be paid as Mark Brown will look into the charges to see if they can be reduced. A motion by Shawn Wright and seconded by Mark Dropiewski to pay the bills for November less the \$767.50 Consumers Power bill. All approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer Laura Kramer presented her report as well as options for investing in some CD's. Some are covered by the FDIC, some not. Consensus was to invest in the CD's carrying the best current rate of return. The treasurer's report was noted as O.K.

Discussion on bills to pay for the month of December. Shawn Wright questioned a bill from Layne-Northern. DPW Supervisor Carl Weber said it is for updated equipment on the wells to more modern equipment. That bill is to be tabled for time to review it. Also discussed the Maurer Electric bill and the work done at the Veteran's Memorial Park. All lights work now and are the same color. A motion to pay the bills for the month of December was made by Lance Krueger and seconded by Shawn Wright. All in favor. Motion carried.

General Fund

Barbara Butch	2,119.33	Laura Kramer	17.60
Carl Weber	4,821.88	Nye Uniform	35.50

Christina Osantowski	337.60
Kevin T. Laming	433.85
Joan Particka	916.30
Judy Harrington	308.25
Kevin Jimkowski	2,904.00
Kevin Butch	211.20
Matt Kuhl	3,303.41
Radene Kumaus	30.82
Virgil Briolat	2,476.38
Independent Bank	5,803.60
National Retirement Solutions	750.00
AFLAC	381.40
State of Michigan	1,830.37
AT&T	308.67
Bingham Township	286.50
Bob McIntyre	128.00
Chapins Midtown Market	8.97
Chinoski Construction	209.88
J. A. Natzel Design	620.54
Ferris, Schwedler, & Prill	660.00
Ken's Sewer Service	265.00
Maurer Electric	292.11
MI Assoc. of Municipal Clerks	50.00

Minden City Herald	112.00
Quartermaster	123.98
Peruski Construction	320.00
Self Serve Lumber	95.47
Uby Community Schools	19.77
Thumb Office Supply	67.13
Uby Meat and Grocery	30.78
Uby Auto Supply	310.52
Uby Motor Service	364.14
Buds & Blossoms	40.00
Citgo Petroleum Corp.	150.61
Richfield Equities	3,242.40
DTE Energy	2,586.10
Alger Lemke	574.35
Laura Kramer	338.41
Matthew P. Klosowski	609.08
Intuit	169.91
Consumers Energy	185.34
Judy A. Messing	158.40
Ryan J. Swartz	123.66
Michigan UIA	4.47
League Employee Benefit Services	3,516.16
Wells Fargo	57.00

TOTALS 42,710.84

Water Fund

City of Harbor Beach	48.00
DTE Energy	653.99
Elhorn Engineering	314.25
Village of Uby Petty Cash	127.56
Layne - Northern	4,132.50

Thumb Electric Cooperative	17.90

TOTALS 5,294.20

Sleeper Public Library

AT&T	183.05
Baker & Taylor	494.14
Barbara Butch	60.00
Capital One Credit Card	153.15
Bingham Township	183.06
Consumers Energy	363.00
DTE Energy	415.00
F & M Masonry	5,000.00

Huron County Press	31.00
Huron Daily Tribune	120.00
Joan Particka	35.00
Wal-Mart Community	181.62
White Pine Library	705.89
Village of Uby	116.69
Kevin Butch	35.00

TOTALS 8,076.60

Major Street

No expense activity	
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TOTALS 0.00

Local Street

No expense activity	
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TOTALS 0.00

DPW

DPW Supervisor Carl Weber presented his report for November. Discussed tree removal, root removal in pipes on Queen Street and McKinley Street, removing river blockage by the Union Street bridge, status of

Christmas decorations and snow removal equipment, budget, and last quarter meter readings and bills. He noted that we've had past trouble with some reads, especially with compound meters on some of the larger accounts. Neptune sales representative Jim Reinhold is to be here on December 15th to help us with the issues we are having. Shawn Wright asked about lost gallons and Carl said it is not as easy to figure as originally thought, but he will check into it.

POLICE

Chief of Police Matt Kuhl reported on the December 2, 2009 meeting on the trailer on Pike Street. Owner Mr. Rivera was not present. In attendance were Adam Kain, Steve Messing and Matt Kuhl. Mr. Rivera will be invited to the next council meeting after 30 days have passed from this December 2 meeting.

Matt also presented the rough draft to his budget for the next fiscal year, saying that it is hard to budget for a new car not knowing how much they'll cost in 2010 or even if the same or similar model will be available. 2004 was our last car purchase, and options for a new one include a Dodge Charger or Chevy Tahoe.

The police department computer is from 2004, and Matt has applied for and received a grant for a program with the State of Michigan, but we need a new PC to run it. He still has room in his budget to get it, and council consensus was to go ahead and get it.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DPW - Chairperson Jeremy Melnik - no report.

Parks & Recreation - Chairperson Shawn Wright - proposed a computerized sign for the village, similar to the one that the school has, for displays of time, temperature, village news bits, etc. He will investigate cost and where to locate it and report back next meeting.

Also reported that Jeff Smith with Huron County Building and Zoning still has about 40 meters to inspect and approve (same as previous months). Discussed writing a letter to the director of Huron County Building and Zoning to get this resolved, but no firm plans on such a letter were made at this time.

Water & Services - Chairperson Mark Dropiewski - no report

Police - Chairperson Lance Krueger - no report

Personnel - Chairperson Jeff Maikrzek - no report

Planning and Zoning - Chairperson Adam Kain - no report

OLD BUSINESS

A) J. B. Logging Update - already discussed at the beginning of the meeting

B) Village Website - No updates have been made, there is a \$620.00 bill to pay to Jean Natzel, and it was decided to try it for one more month. Alger is to email the minutes to Jeremy Melnik to have them uploaded on the site.

NEW BUSINESS

President Mark Brown reported that the MML training gift certificates will still be good after the first of the year. Also said that Christmas Gift Certificates will be given to employees, \$50 for full time, and \$25.00 for part time employees.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - no report

Public Input

Huron County Commissioner David Peruski spoke on animal control for the county, and it would mean a budget increase of \$50,000 to \$60,000 for the county to take that on. He foresees an intergovernmental solution to animal control, with all townships sharing in the cost. Sherman, Bingham, and Sheridan townships have been approached on the subject, but have not yet responded.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Shawn Wright and seconded by Jeff Maikrzek. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Loyally submitted by,

Alger Lemke - Ubyly Village Clerk