

Village of Ubly
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2010

The village of Ubly regular meeting of July 1, 2010 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, Adam Kain, Jeremy Melnik, Mark Dropiewski, Jeff Maikrzek, Treasurer Laura Kramer, Clerk Alger Lemke, DPW Supervisor Carl Weber, and Police Chief Matt Kuhl. There were 3 citizens in attendance.

Sleeper Public Library's request for funding assistance to have their building repainted and potential brick mortar repair was discussed. The request came after the 2010-2011 fiscal year village budget had been approved, so there is no room this year to help them. President Brown suggested waiting until next year so assistance to the library could be included in next fiscal year's budget.

Minutes from last month's meeting were read. There were no changes suggested, and Mark Brown entertained a motion to accept the minutes as is. Motion made by Jeff Maikrzek, seconded by Jeremy Melnik. Discussion, all in favor, motion approved

Discussion on the incorrect tax bills that were mailed this week. The L-4029 form submitted to the county for printing the bills had the street millage 1 mill too high. It was approved at the March 4, 2010 regular meeting at 2.2000 mills, and due to a clerical error the tax request form went to the county at 3.2000 mills. After seeking advice from the MML, Huron County Treasurer Sherry Learman, and Bingham Township Treasurer Lynn Tyll, it was consensually agreed by council to pursue a reprint of the tax bills with the correct approved millage rate. No payments were processed by the village nor Independent Bank because it was not legal to do so until July 1st. Any payments received before the new printing will be returned to the tax payer so they can pay the correct (reduced) amount. The new bills will be printed on blue paper instead of yellow and will be accompanied by a note explaining the second mailing. Also, garbage bills will be included in the new mailing of the tax bills so as to save the village unnecessary additional postage.

Trustee Shawn Wright asked Treasurer Laura Kramer about escrow payments made by mortgage holders. Laura explained that she sent a copy to both the mortgage companies as well as the tax customer. Shawn said that our tax customers are confused that they are receiving the bills, thinking that they have received the only copy. Lynn Tyll suggested sending escrowed bills to the mortgage companies only, and Laura could have access to the release forms the township has on file to get this handled accordingly.

Bills to pay - after discussion President Brown entertained a motion to pay the bills as presented. Motion made by Mark Dropiewski, seconded by Shawn Wright. Discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Laura Kramer presented her report for the month of June. The only notable significant change was a payment to Major Streets from the State of Michigan. Copies of the financial report prepared by Berthiaume and Company (auditors) were given to each council member. There being no further questions for Laura, the treasurer's report was O.K.'d as presented.

Mark Brown asked if new streets could be paid from the Major Street fund or if they had to be paid from the Local Street Fund. Carl Weber suggested contacting Ed Trace at the state level about Act 51 guidelines, or possibly the County Road Association of Michigan.

General Fund Expenditures - June 2010

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| US Postmaster | 220.00 | DTE Energy | 250.54 |
| AFLAC | 152.56 | Barbara Butch | 1,633.11 |

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| Ace Hardware | 22.99 |
| AT&T | 332.35 |
| Autowares, Inc. | 11.17 |
| Berthiaume & Company | 5,965.00 |
| Bischer Ready Mix | 279.00 |
| Cass City Oil & Gas | 318.00 |
| Citgo Petroleum Corp | 521.51 |
| Consumers Energy | 37.19 |
| DTE Energy (Street Lights) | 2,345.00 |
| Laura Kramer | 264.00 |
| League Employee Benefit Serv. | 3,516.16 |
| Mortimer Lumber | 693.73 |
| Richfield Equities, Inc. | 3,242.40 |
| Staples Credit Plan | 127.97 |
| Thumb Office Supply | 101.94 |
| Virgil Briolat | 2,182.58 |
| Wells Fargo | 57.00 |

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| Branden Gettel | 368.60 |
| Carl Weber | 2,510.41 |
| Joan Particka | 549.02 |
| Kayla Vogel | 907.23 |
| Kevin Jimkoski | 2,126.54 |
| Kevin Butch | 176.00 |
| Kevin Laming | 451.87 |
| Matthew Kuhl | 2,663.75 |
| Matthew Koslowski | 495.34 |
| Warren Kuhl | 270.02 |
| Independent Bank | 5,001.16 |
| National Retirement Solutions | 300.00 |
| Alger Lemke | 564.35 |
| Laura Kramer | 338.41 |
| MERS | 3,791.48 |
| Ugly Little League | 700.00 |

TOTALS 43,488.38

Water Fund Expenditures - June 2010

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| Elhorn Engineering | 122.30 |
| Municipal Supply Co. | 1,203.05 |
| Rio Supply Michigan Meter | 363.06 |

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| Thumb Electric Cooperative | 16.55 |
| DTE Energy | 719.08 |

TOTALS 2,424.04

Sleeper Public Library Expenditures - June 2010

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| Abadata Computer Corp | 124.99 |
| AT&T | 213.14 |
| Baker & Taylor | 504.31 |
| Barbara Butch | 68.00 |
| Bingham Township | 63.74 |
| Capital One Credit | 267.27 |
| Clemco Printing | 131.00 |

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| Consumers Energy | 363.00 |
| DTE Energy | 462.00 |
| Ugly Post Office | 44.00 |
| Upstart | 127.50 |
| Village of Ugly | 464.56 |
| Wal-Mart Community | 155.47 |

TOTALS 2,988.98

Major Street Expenditures - June 2010

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| Bischer Ready Mix | 1,357.25 |
| Mortimer Lumber | 85.79 |

TOTALS 1,443.04

Local Street Expenditures - June 2010

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| Ken's Sewer Service | 325.00 |
| Rooney Contracting | 500.00 |

TOTALS 825.00

DPW

DPW Supervisor Carl Weber presented his report for June. He received a final recommendation from Stiverson & Associates that we pay the \$500 retainer to Rooney Contracting for their recent street work in the village. He also presented a written request from Charlie Briolat asking to have the lease agreement he has with the village to be renewed for 10 years at the same yearly rate. President Brown entertained the motion as per the letter's request, motion made by Lance Krueger, seconded by Shawn Wright, all in favor, motion carried. Lastly Carl reported that water meters were read, consumer confidence reports went out with the water bills, and that the delinquent water customers had their water turned off and then right back on as soon as they paid their bill.

POLICE

Chief of Police Matt Kuhl asked if Judy Harrington (school crossing guard) could be hired to be a crossing guard for the Homecoming 5K Run/Walk. We would have to pay her wage for a couple hours during the

event. Council consensus was that it would be O.K. to pay her for the couple hours. He next addressed the many complaints he has been receiving about feral cats in town and that he cannot legally have them killed. They have to be live trapped and released in a remote location, and he is still investigating how to take care of the problem. The new car grant...Matt is working with someone from the USDA grant office to get it completed. Lastly, the Police Department is having a tent at the Homecoming on Saturday July 10 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. to do finger printing and distributing free gun locks.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DPW - Chairperson Jeremy Melnik - Thanked Carl Weber for the pitcher's box in the east Little League field, wondered if another set of bleachers could be constructed as attendance at the games has been high, and asked if a clear barrier such as plexiglass could be mounted to the backstop to prevent sand from spraying into the spectator bleachers. It was decided that the bleachers could be a good winter project for the DPW, and he and Carl will consider some sort of sand barrier for the back stop.

Parks & Recreation - Chairperson Shawn Wright - said the Homecoming Committee gave \$250 for flowers in the village pots, that there was no charge to the Vacation Bible School, the Bingham Township Ambulance, nor the Fire Department for the use of the pavilion in Veteran's Memorial Park, and asked if there could be a sand box constructed and filled for children to play in Vet's Park. Council consensus was that a sandbox would be O.K. Shawn said it would likely cost \$500 or less. Next he addressed the lighted computerized sign he had been investigating a couple months ago. There is an organization that would like to donate toward the cost of the project, perhaps as much as \$15,000, but the amount depends on the sale of property the organization owns. Total estimated cost of the project is not to exceed \$35,000, and the exact location is yet to be determined. Mark Brown entertained a motion to start the process on the sign, not to exceed \$35,000. Motion made by Jeff Maikrzek, seconded by Shawn Wright, discussion, all in favor, motion carried. A 3 person committee consisting of Jeff Maikrzek, Shawn Wright, and Carl Weber will be overseeing the project, and council was asked to bring more ideas on the project to next month's meeting. Matt Kuhl will get started on a variance, since the sign is computerized and has moving/lighted graphics. The variance is needed as current ordinance does not allow for lighted moving displays. Lastly Shawn told DPW Supervisor Carl Weber that the new sidewalks on the Main Street bridge look excellent.

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

1) Trailer on Pike Street, Chief of Police Matt Kuhl has turned the matter over to village attorney John Ferris. The owner will get a citation for violating village ordinance, and will be required to have the trailer removed from the property.

2) Children Playing sign on Riverview Drive. Carl Weber said it is up already.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Letter from Richfield Equities was presented citing fuel surcharges that the village would have passed on to them. Even with the surcharges, the current rate would cover the higher amount the village would pay to have garbage removed. No plans to increase the garbage rate charged residents at this time.

2) Movie in the Park during Homecoming Thursday? We did it last year, and it is on this years Homecoming schedule. Suggested movies: "Up", or "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs." Who the

sponsor will be is yet to be determined.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mark Brown read a letter from a citizen saying the sidewalk between O'Connor's and Garfield St. is in poor shape. He discussed an upcoming meeting with ITC, owner of the high power transmission lines in the area and a proposed loop coming into the area to allow for more wind turbines to access the grid. The \$150,000 water bond debt reduction seems to be allowable, but it will not happen quickly. May be a few hurdles/red tape to get it handled. The Al Pollum/water loop service drive discussion is still ongoing.

PUBLIC INPUT

Jim Zulauf, village resident, said we need to proceed with caution when considering any variance to an ordinance as it will set a precedent for all other future requests of it's kind.

Adam Kain reported that village resident and Community Club member Diane Smalley has said the Community Club would donate \$1000/year for 2 years for the removal of the cherry trees lining Main St. and replace them with red maples. It was decided to table this discussion for one month so that the matter could be looked into.

Dave Peruski, Huron County District 2 Commissioner, said that a lease agreement has been signed with the V.A. for a clinic in Bad Axe, that an ORV ordinance has been adopted at the county level that allows ORV's to operate on county roads within certain parameters, that there is a July 6 meeting at the Huron County Expo Center to discuss the overlay zone, that there is a Meet the Candidates meeting at the Farm Bureau building on July 22, and lastly that the county audit realized a \$235,000 surplus. He said that the county spent less money in 2009 than in 2008.

There being no further business, President Brown entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Lance Krueger and seconded by Jeremy Melnik. Discussion. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned 8:48 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held at the Bingham/Ubly Government center on Thursday August 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alger Lemke
Clerk
Village of Ubly