

Village of Ubly
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2010

The village of Ubly regular meeting of June 3, 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, Treasurer Laura Kramer, Clerk Alger Lemke, DPW Supervisor Carl Weber, and Police Chief Matt Kuhl. Absent and excused was Trustee Jeff Maikrzek. There were 5 citizens in attendance.

Florence Schrader gave a report to council on the recent MML Conference in Marlette. She urged council to send one or two of our own representatives to future conferences because the interaction with other councils in attendance is key to gaining information, insight, and knowledge. She said it was disappointing to see only two from Huron County in attendance, one from Caseville and one from Harbor Beach. Some highlights of the conference included:

- * Harbor Beach's presentation on their annual Maritime Festival
- * Community Sharing - Florence was proud to say how much our village already does in cooperation with the township, school, etc. to help save money.
- * There was a legislative panel with State Representatives, discussions on any topics you wish
- * An information packet with do's and don'ts on the new non-smoking law
- * Grant money may be available for bike paths and walkways. She said everyone on council is an authorized grant writer, no special grant appointee necessary.
- * ORV's being allowed on roads was a topic of discussion. Police Chief Matt Kuhl said our village is not really affected by the new law as the two main roads into town do not allow ORV's on them. District 2 Commissioner David Peruski added that the county is in a wait-and-see mode to see how the new state law goes before they change local laws

Florence concluded by emphasizing again the we send one or two of our own council members to future conferences to be direct representatives. Council thanked her for her informative report.

Minutes from last month's meeting were read. There were a couple grammar changes suggested. President Brown entertained a motion to accept the minutes with the minor changes. Motion made by Shawn Wright, seconded by Lance Krueger. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills to pay - Council discussion resulted in a change to Lee's Landscaping invoice (overcharge on Stellas purchased), and removal of reimbursement to Florence Schrader for her attendance to the Marlette MML conference (at her request). Motion entertained by Mark Brown to pay the bills with changes discussed, made by Shawn Wright, seconded by Mark Dropiewski. Discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer Laura Kramer presented her report for the month of May. She did not yet move \$150,000 from the water fund to a CD as the current rate of return is only 0.8%. She reported that our annual financial audit for the State went good, and that the auditor asked about budgets for Major and Local streets and the Library. There being no major projects in the village for major or local streets this fiscal year it was felt unnecessary to make a budget for those accounts. The Library sets their own budget and will be forwarding a copy to Clerk Alger Lemke. The treasurer's report stands as presented.

General Fund Expenditures - June 2010

Barbara Butch	2,301.35	League Employee Benefit Services	3,516.16
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Carl Weber	3,438.44
Christina Osantowski	264.21
Joan Particka	651.31
Judy Harrington	278.88
Kevin Jimkoski	2,856.55
Matthew Kuhl	3,237.79
Matthew Koslowski	429.00
Virgil Briolat	2,468.26
Independent Bank	5,911.90
Crop Production Services	77.42
Green Acre Landscaping	2,336.90
MERS of Michigan	2,710.19
AFLAC	152.56
Ace Hardware	100.91
AT & T	336.23
Bingham Township	153.60
Citgo Petroleum	363.25
Consumers Energy	80.18
DTE Energy - Street Lights	2,345.30
DTE Energy	209.51
Ferris, Schwedler, & Prill P.C.	540.00
Johnson Portable	65.00
Laura Kramer	356.00

Lee's Landscaping	362.40
Mark Brown	16.00
Michigan Municipal League	741.00
Minden City Herald	367.00
Minuteman Metal Works	46.00
MML Worker's Compensation Fund	5,791.00
Osentoski Farm Equipment	310.54
Peruski Hardware	130.04
Richfield Equities	3,242.40
Staples Credit Plan	99.98
Sue Weber	265.19
Ubly Auto Parts	192.91
U.S. Postmaster	60.00
Kevin Butch	211.20
Wells Fargo	57.00
Wright Choice Electric	1,789.00
Alger Lemke	564.35
Radene Kumaus	15.41
Kayla Vogel	476.37
Kevin Laming	306.24
National Retirement Solutions	450.00
State of MI Withholding	1,066.09
MI - Unemployment	6.61

TOTALS 51,747.63

Water Fund Expenditures - June 2010

City of Harbor Beach	48.00
DTE Energy	698.65
Elhorn Engineering	102.75
Peruski Hardware	91.29
State of Michigan DEQ	18.00

Thumb Electric Cooperative	16.67
Village of Ubly Petty Cash - postage	10.56
Postmaster - postage for water bills	220.00

TOTALS 1,205.92

Sleeper Public Library Expenditures - June 2010

Abadata Computer Corp	873.70
Baker & Taylor	457.27
Micro Marketing LLC	70.00
Wal-Mart Community	266.24

AT & T	189.94
DTE Energy	462.00
This Old House	10.00

TOTALS 2,329.15

Major Street Expenditures - June 2010

Booms Rent-All	49.92
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Local Street Expenditures - June 2010

Booms Rent All	49.92
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DPW

DPW Supervisor Carl Weber presented his report for May. Sue Weber has purchased flowers for the village pots and planted them. Dennis Smalley will ask the Community Club for a donation. Thank you Sue for donating your time. Wright Choice Electric hooked up a power cord for the new generator purchased last month, then it was checked at the wells for power supply and rotation. It worked great. Carl asked when the next quarterly reading of the water meters was to be, and Alger Lemke said it is slated for June 21st. President Mark Brown cautioned to stay on top of delinquent accounts, including renters. Carl said the

Memorial Day celebration went good, but there were few in attendance. Lastly, Kayla Vogel will be starting on June 14 as summer help for the DPW.

POLICE

Chief of Police Matt Kuhl thanked council for the new landscaping at the P.D. He said we are all set for the Homecoming in July, and that he has the grant paperwork for the new police car. He'll be looking at the County grant that they prepared for their new car as guidance on how to fill out ours. Matt said in an effort to save lawyer and court time, many of our violations should be reduced from misdemeanors to civil infractions. Mark Brown entertained a motion allowing Police Chief Matt Kuhl and village attorney John Ferris discretion on which ordinances should be changed from misdemeanors to civil infractions. Motion made by Lance Krueger, seconded by Jeremy Melnik. Discussion. All in favor, motion carried.

Chief Kuhl said our attorney John Ferris recommends taking the ordinance violation paperwork regarding the Pike Street trailer to a judge for review and a judge's signature, thus reducing and possibly eliminating liability when it comes time for the trailer's removal. President Mark Brown entertained a motion allowing John Ferris to seek a judge's review and order of demolition/removal. Motion made by Shawn Wright, seconded by Adam Kain. Discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Lastly, Matt said he and Carl Weber will be meeting with state builders at the school to ensure zoning compliance for a new greenhouse to be constructed.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DPW - Chairperson Jeremy Melnik - Newsletters went out last month, Alger shared that he has heard good feedback on the layout and readability. Thank you to Jeremy and Nicole Melnik for all their work on the newsletter. Mark Brown asked if a "children playing" sign could be placed at the entrance of Riverview Drive, as there are often children biking or walking from house to house on that street. Carl Weber to investigate.

Parks & Recreation - Chairperson Shawn Wright - asked if the grassy/weedy area between the sidewalk and the Main Street bridge rails could be replaced with stamped concrete. Cost expected to be about \$1,500 plus stamping (similar to the sidewalk on Queen Street by Steve Messing's businesses). Money can come from the Major Street Fund, expected total cost \$2,000, not to exceed \$2,500. Mark Brown entertained a motion to do the stamped concrete on both sides of the bridge, supervised by a committee of 3 (Mark Brown, Shawn Wright, Carl Weber), and not to exceed \$2,500 in cost. Motion made by Adam Kain, seconded by Jeremy Melnik, discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Some of the steel on the police station is rotting away (walls and doors). Quote from Steve Messing Carpentry is \$1,680 for the walls (labor & materials), and \$1180 for door replacement. Further investigation is needed as the problem may go deeper, possibly wet insulation.

Consumer's Power left an untidy mess at the corner of Washington and Riverview. The village DPW will level and repair the area and send the bill to Consumer's Power.

Steve and Carolyn Peruski have said they do not like the south corridor landscaping. It previously was a grassy ditch, council consensus is that the landscaping looks good and enhances the south M-19 corridor, both coming into and leaving the village.

Water & Services - Chairperson Mark Dropiewski - No report

Police - Chairperson Lance Krueger - contacted Bad Axe Marble and Granite Works for a new sign for the P.D., a 3 foot by 4 foot by 4 inch thick granite sign will cost about \$2,350. There were no scrap leftover

chunks available at a lower cost. It was thought that Jim Osentoski may have some slabs available that he cannot use. Lance to investigate.

Personnel - Chairperson Jeff Maikrzek - No report

Planning and Zoning - Chairperson Adam Kain - no report

OLD BUSINESS

The police department landscaping project is done, roughly \$550 to \$600 invested with plants, stone, etc. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the project and Carl and Virg for getting the old heavy stuff out of the way first.

NEW BUSINESS - Movie in the park will begin on Saturday June 12 at dusk. Movie to be Cat in the Hat.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mark Brown read a letter from Sheriff Hansen thanking the village for their donation of money to the Huron County workforce. They recently helped clean up village flower beds on M-19 and painted the Village Office.

Discussions with Al Pollum and a possible road/water loop on the east end of the village where his property meets the dead end streets - still ongoing.

Regarding debt reduction on the water bond, need contacts, possibly John O'Malia or Jeff Hansen, to see if we can get an answer to whether or not this will be allowed.

PUBLIC INPUT

Florence Schrader said an ordinance may be necessary to attach delinquent monies owed the village to the next tax roll. She said that Lynn Tyll would be a good resource. Adam Kain to get with Lynn and relay information to Alger Lemke. Florence also asked if the MML gift certificate had been used yet. Mark Brown said that it has been left to Alger to use for his training benefit, and that when Alger has it scheduled that all council members will be encouraged to attend if it fits their schedules. Florence said there is a MML Foundation silent auction, proceeds of which are available for village, city, and council education. She would be willing to represent the village if council would make a motion allowing her to do so. Trustee Shawn Wright was not in favor at this time, and President Brown said he would not be interested in entertaining a motion unless all council members were unanimously supportive. No motion made at this time. She next said that the newsletter looks great. Additionally, she is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the auxiliary to the Ubyly Temple Association, and that they have money they'd like to put toward marble benches for the village or possibly the lighted/computerized sign Trustee Shawn Wright had been investigating a couple months ago. Shawn will get the sign information to her so her associates can decide where they'd like the donation to go. Lastly, she said that the MML Magazine has advertising available to its members at little or no cost.

Joe Palmer of Joe Palmer Signs said he is interested in sponsoring a Movie in the Park.

Huron County District 2 Commissioner David Peruski relayed some of the latest happenings at the county level. A V.A. clinic has been discussed with potential rent revenues to the county about \$1.7 million, but that V.A. criteria for such an undertaking is very limiting. The Memorial Wall on the west side of the courthouse is underway. He mentioned the recent news byte of the county planning commissioners having a potential conflict of interest as regards windparks. The county is to have a hearing on the new ORV law in June. The new Senior Center is open 7 days a week with high volume usage, and lastly he, too, would like

to sponsor a Movie in the Park.

There being no further business, President Brown entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Shawn Wright and seconded by Lance Krueger. Discussion. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned 8:43 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alger Lemke
Clerk
Village of Ubly