

Village of Ubly  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes  
June 2, 2011

The village of Ubly regular meeting of June 2, 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, Jeremy Melnik, Clerk Alger Lemke, Treasurer Laura Kramer, Chief of Police Matt Kuhl, DPW Supervisor Carl Weber. There were 6 citizens in attendance.

Jim Czewski submitted a letter of intent for taking wood from the Hoover Farm and said his certificate of liability insurance was on file in the office. Clerk Lemke confirmed that it was. In the past Mr. Czewski had been allowed to remove wood for free for his own personal use, mostly dead wood and tops. Trustee Shawn Wright asked how we can charge others to take wood and not Mr. Czewski. There are no current contracts on file for anyone to cut and/or remove wood from the farm. Trustee Jeremy Melnik agreed with Trustee Shawn Wright that it should not be free of charge any more. No one on council was ready to make a motion for or against Jim Czewski's request, so a committee made up of Shawn Wright and Jeremy Melnik was set up to determine what should be the best course of action. Report next month.

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 Shawn Wright, seconded by Lance Krueger, discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Clerk Alger Lemke said that petitions for the upcoming election September 13, 2011 were due to him by 4:00 p.m. June 21, 2011, and that anyone interested in running for open seats or reelection should see him for the proper forms.

Bills to pay - The list of bills was reviewed no changes or additions were made. President Brown entertained a motion to pay the bills as presented. Motion made by Jeff Maikrzek, seconded by Mark Dropiewski, discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Laura Kramer presented her report for the month of May. The financial audit with Berthiaume and Company took place May 11, 2011 and went well. A Village of Ubly debit card was discussed. There would be a \$2500.00 credit limit, a \$500.00 debit limit, and a \$500.00 ATM limit, it will be held by the police department, and can be used by anyone with President Brown's approval. Mark Brown entertained a motion to get the debit card with the above discussed limitations, motion made by Jeremy Melnik, seconded by Shawn Wright, discussion, all in favor, motion carried. Laura also said that First Michigan Bank is now Talmer Bank & Trust, and consensus around the table was that Laura Kramer and Mark Brown will be the sole signatories on the account. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

**General Fund Expenditures - June 2011**

Independent Bank	1,988.76
Barbara Butch	878.61
Carl Weber	1,255.75
Christina Osantowski	75.06
Jeanne Gusa	31.47
Joan Particka	293.21
Judy Harrington	115.11
Kevin Jimkoski	959.63
Kevin Butch	72.00
Matthew Kuhl	1,092.23

Ferris, Schwedler, & Prill	600.00
MERS	2,641.36
Independent Bank	1,862.65
Sue Weber	186.53
Independent Bank	33.68
Matthew Particka	150.27
Fleet Services	564.68
Postmaster	60.00
B's Electric	690.00
Virgil Briolat	840.06

Matthew Blaine	526.24
Radene Kumaus	62.96
Virgil Briolat	856.67
AFLAC	163.56
State of Michigan	758.94
Ace Hardware	65.94
AT&T	359.95
Bad Axe Tire	276.00
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	4,019.12
Consumers Energy	107.69
DTE Energy - Electric	265.25
International League of Cities	200.00
Lenton Body Shop	231.75
Minuteman Metal Works	30.00
MML Workers Comp	4,579.00
Mortimer Lumber	85.24
Peruski Hardware	41.75
Richfield Equities	4,041.76
Shawn Wright	370.08
Thumb Office Supply	19.95
Ubly Community Schools	20.36
Village Mini Market	25.00
Village of Ubly Petty Cash	44.00
blank	0.00
Wells Fargo	57.00
Citgo Petroleum	898.93

Radene Kumaus	31.47
Matthew Blaine	136.69
Matthew Kuhl	1,092.23
Kevin Laming	26.10
Kevin Butch	80.99
Kevin Jimkoski	951.56
Judy Harrington	141.11
Joan Particka	331.38
Christina Osantowski	105.08
Carl Weber	1,223.74
Barbara Butch	751.72
Postmaster	264.00
National Retirement Solutions	
Independent Bank	2,458.78
Alger Lemke	545.54
Barbara Butch	838.00
Carl Weber	1,255.74
Joan Particka	341.21
Kevin Jimkoski	951.56
Kevin Butch	72.00
Kevin Laming	104.40
Laura Kramer	346.16
Matthew Particka	473.24
Matthew Kuhl	1,092.22
Matthew Blaine	439.36
Virgil Briolat	1,331.12

**TOTALS** 48,333.60

**Water Fund Expenditures - June 2011**

DTE Energy	585.93
Elhorn Engineering	489.25
Postmaster	145.00
Ruth Drain Tile	35.90

Thumb Electric Cooperative	
Michigan Pipe & Valve	184.00
Village of Ubly Petty Cash	
Postmaster	220.00

**TOTALS** 1,886.98

**Sleeper Public Library Expenditures - June 2011**

Abadata Computer Corp.	547.50
AT&T	190.22
Baker & Taylor	478.10
Barbara Butch	60.00

Capital One Credit Card	511.19
DTE Energy	505.02
Village of Ubly	5,779.36
Midwest Collaborative Services	

Brandon Glaza	480.00
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WalMart Community	207.09
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**TOTALS** 9,904.73

**Major Street Expenditures - June 2011**

No Expense Activity	
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**TOTALS** 0.00

**Local Street December - June 2011**

Stiverson & Associates	80.00
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**TOTALS** 80.00

**DPW**

DPW Supervisor Carl Weber presented his report for June. Asphalt - Stiverson & Associates recommended Albrecht for the job as they bid the least amount of money per ton for the amount of coverage needed. Carl called to award the bid, they are coming June 14 to do the milling of the old asphalt and June 15 to do the paving. The projects include repaving Harrison and Weaver Streets as well as bad sections of the DPW parking lot. Trustee Jeff Maikrzek questioned the \$\$ difference per ton for the streets (\$58.00) versus the DPW parking lot (\$80.00). No answer was determined but was deemed O.K. as the project engineers hired to review the project did not red flag it. Trustee Shawn Wright asked what is done with the millings, and Carl said they can have many purposes. Shawn would like some to be used for the Boy Scout trail. Carl also said the "sweep" program is going to be done on June 24, and that we will be losing Kristopher Andrews and will hire someone else to finish out the summer. Hund Drive was discussed, and the road is too far south by a road width, needs to be opened up as it is a plotted street and to aid in plowing snow. Water meters have been read, leak reports are up from about 15 residences to 30 residences. He said we should contact those households and have them check for leaks. Air Advantage is coming up from Atwater Road east to the school and then back out of town. A liability certificate is being sought, and Carl will contact them to find out when so as not to interfere with the Homecoming. As for Homecoming, the center fence in the courtyard will be removed and new cement poured with sleeves to accept fence poles, power outlets at the fence will remain, project to be done by Homecoming week.

**POLICE**

Chief of Police Matt Kuhl reported that the repairs to the Police Department building are 99% done, need to put a window in the north side yet, 2 doors that were junk have been replaced. The State of Michigan will be sending some funds for 302 training, unsure of amount yet, previously thought to be \$0.00. Regarding the County 4 wheeler ordinance - Matt said there should be no one allowed in town or everyone allowed. He said we should allow all but any breach of law will be written up in a heartbeat. We will adopt our own ordinance, likely using the county's and plugging our name in where necessary. Trustee Lance Krueger and Chief Kuhl will come up with an ordinance to adopt for next month's meeting. We may instate a temporary moratorium before the ordinance is adopted.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

DPW - Chairperson Jeremy Melnik - asked Alger to make sure expenditure dollars were plugged into the minutes before publication, and Alger said he would. Messy tree issues were addressed with replacement possibilities, and 2 noxious weed properties were discussed. Lastly, the DPW computer is up and running.

Parks & Recreation - Chairperson Shawn Wright - no report.

Water & Services - Chairperson Mark Dropiewski - no report.

Police - Chairperson Lance Krueger - No report.

Personnel - Chairperson Jeff Maikrzek - No report

Library - Chairperson Adam Kain - no report.

**OLD BUSINESS** - Employee evaluations and wages were discussed, a letter from Laura Kramer and Alger Lemke was read requesting pay increases, and a letter from Alger was read requesting back pay for doing the extra work of the water billing. The request for back pay for Clerk Lemke was tabled for one month, and

there were no motions made to support the increase for the Clerk and Treasurer positions. President Brown recommended we stand fast where we are for wages as our taxable property value in town has dropped by 6 or 7%. He is not in favor of any increases this year. Jeremy Melnik recommended a 1 or 2% raise for the DPW, but Mark Brown countered that everyone deserves a raise, but the money is just not in the budget. Lance Krueger said that the part time police are behind the average for the area. Shawn Wright said that Matt Kuhl brings in \$7500.00 per year for police vehicle inspections and supports a raise for Matt. Matt said that everyone does their job well, but if any raises are being considered, please give money to the part time officers before they consider giving him a raise. President Brown said that with our tax dollars down it does not make business sense to approve raises. A motion was made by Jeremy Melnik to grant a 1.5% increase for the DPW, there was no support for the motion, motion dead.

**NEW BUSINESS** - Mark Brown said there will be a band new to the Homecoming on Saturday night called Trigger Happy, they have 7 band members and are very good.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - Particka/Ubly land swap...it is not easy to get answers from the information gathered so far, moving forward but moving slow.

Sue Weber...helped out for two 12 hour days to get the new village truck and she will be planting flowers in the village pots again this year. A motion was made by Shawn Wright to cut a check to Sue for her help in the amount of \$100.00. The motion was seconded by Mark Dropiewski, discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

LED lighting for the street lights, we've received information for making the change to LED, but it may be a political nightmare with DTE, so no plans to move in that direction at this time. Police sign...Rough draft received from Bad Axe Granite Works, the piece of granite is about 3 feet by 8 feet. Jeremy Melnik asked if it was going to be lighted, but it was felt not initially, could be done later.

Vet's Park sign...will cost a total of \$22,707.00, much less than the original price of \$30,000.00 plus. Installation by the end of next week. Shawn Wright reported the electrical is done, the Library will do the programming, and said there will be an electrical outlet on it for Christmas lighting.

A letter from village resident Rob Elliott was read suggesting that village employees get their birthdays off with pay. No firm thoughts from council one way or the other.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Jim Czewski said that he got sick last year before he could get all the wood out of Hoover farm that he had already cut and asked if he could go in and pick it up. Council said that would be O.K.

Dennis Smalley said the Community Club wants to help with the cost of replacing the berry producing trees lining Main Street as they are very messy. There are about 12 trees to replace and it was thought that businesses should have theirs replaced first. He will get with Carl Weber to determine how and when.

Mark Brown entertained a motion to move the July meeting from the 7th (Thursday) to the 6th (Wednesday) as Thursday kicks off our annual Homecoming festivities. Motion made by Lance Krueger, seconded by Jeff Maikrzek, discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Mark Brown entertained a motion to suspend quiet hours for the Homecoming dates of July 7, 8, 9, and 10. Motion made by Shawn Wright, seconded by Jeff Maikrzek, discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

David Peruski, Huron County District 2 Commissioner said the Michigan Department of Treasury rating for Ubly for 2009 was "2". 1 to 4 is good, 5 and over is not. Senate Bill 7 is being tossed around at the state level which would require an 80/20 cost sharing of health insurance costs. Currently Ubly's full time employees enjoy health benefits paid fully by the village. He reported that Deanna Kidd has been hired by the county as a temporary in the Tax Mapping office. Lastly he said there is a committee formed to evaluate windmills changing from personal property to real property as State Legislators are considering eliminating

the personal property tax.

There being no further business, President Brown entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Jeff Maikrzek and seconded by Jeremy Melnik. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday July 6, 2011 at the Bingham/Ubly Government Center at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alger Lemke - Clerk - Village of Ubly