

Village of Ubly
Unapproved Regular Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2010

The village of Ubly regular meeting of March 4, 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, Mark Dropiewski, Lance Krueger, Jeremy Melnik, Adam Kain, Treasurer Laura Kramer, Clerk Alger Lemke, Police Chief Matt Kuhl, and DPW Supervisor Carl Weber. There were 2 citizens in attendance. Absent and excused was trustee Jeff Maikrzek.

The minutes of the February 3, 2010 meeting were read and discussed. With no changes suggested a motion to approve them was made by Mark Dropiewski and seconded by Lance Krueger. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion on bills to pay for the month of March. Trustee Shawn Wright recommended holding payment on the Rio Supply Michigan Meter bill for one month to investigate. Also in question was the bill from Layne Christensen. A motion was made by Shawn Wright and seconded by Jeremy Melnik to pay the bills minus the Rio and Layne bills. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer Laura Kramer presented her report for the month of February. After a brief discussion it was agreed by consensus that the report was OK as presented.

General Fund

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| MERS of Michigan | 2,486.86 | Barbara Butch | 1,368.12 |
| AFLAC | 152.56 | Carl Weber | 2,539.96 |
| AT & T | 119.88 | Christina Osantowski | 293.56 |
| Bad Axe Tire | 25.00 | Joan Particka | 551.27 |
| Citgo Petroleum Corp. | 533.88 | Judy Harrington | 278.88 |
| Consumers Energy | 395.74 | Kevin Jimkoski | 1,899.16 |
| Deluxe Business | 326.46 | Kevin Butch | 140.80 |
| DTE Energy | 2,574.56 | Kevin Laming | 306.23 |
| Fast Freddies | 25.00 | Matthew Kuhl | 2,167.53 |
| Ferris, Schwedler, & Prill | 180.00 | Matthew Klosowski | 527.49 |
| Huron County Treasurer | 189.41 | Alger Lemke | 564.35 |
| League Employee Benefit Serv. | 3,516.16 | Laura Kramer | 364.81 |
| Minuteman Metal Works | 1,034.00 | Independent Bank | 1,952.66 |
| MML Workers Comp | 142.00 | State of Michigan | 1,149.68 |
| Osentoski Farm Equipment | 40.30 | Virgil Briolat | 2,078.89 |
| Personnel Concepts | 19.90 | Wells Fargo | 57.00 |
| Richfield Equities | 3,242.40 | Postmaster | 17.60 |
| Staples Credit Plan | 204.03 | Ubly Family Fitness | 25.00 |
| Thumb Office Supply | 420.00 | Ubly Meat and Grocery | 16.67 |
| Ubly Auto Parts | 275.10 | Ubly Motor Service | 120.55 |
| | | TOTALS | 32,323.45 |

Water Fund

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| City of Harbor Beach | 48.00 | Postmaster | 140.00 |
| DTE Energy | 714.52 | Thumb Electric Cooperative | 33.89 |
| Bank of New York Mellon | 4,427.19 | | |
| | | TOTALS | 5,363.60 |

Sleeper Public Library

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| Abadata Computer Corp | 608.28 | Eating Well | 14.97 |
| AT & T | 203.70 | Field & Stream | 10.00 |
| Baker & Taylor | 313.75 | First for Women | 19.97 |
| Better Homes & Gardens | 12.00 | Food Network Magazine | 12.00 |
| Capital One Credit Card | 125.69 | Good Housekeeping | 10.00 |
| Car and Driver | 6.00 | House Beautiful | 10.00 |
| Consumer Reports | 20.00 | Lakeshore Improvements | 75.00 |
| Consumers Energy | 363.00 | Martha Stewart Living | 19.00 |
| Dog Fancy | 15.00 | Popular Mechanics | 12.00 |
| Simple & Delicious | 10.00 | Quill Corporation | 175.77 |
| Wal Mart Community | 192.90 | Taste of Home Magazine | 10.00 |
| Woman's World | 59.60 | TCM | 76.95 |
| DTE Energy | 462.00 | Real Simple Magazine | 20.00 |

TOTALS 2,857.58

Major Street

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| No account activity | |
| TOTALS | 0.00 |

Local Street

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| Huron County Road Commission | 1,206.13 |
| TOTALS | 1,206.13 |

DPW

DPW Supervisor Carl Weber presented his report for February. Discussed were cross connection (back flow) tests, Steve Ashford's yearly MDEQE visit and the resulting Water Contingency Plan update, an update on the wood cutting activity on the Hoover Farm, a conversation with Norm from SLC, and a visit from MML's Loss Control Consultant Jerry Graczyk. A bridge over the drain on the Hoover Farm was talked about and the possible construction materials. Beams from the old Ruth gym are not an option but perhaps a semi-trailer truck bed might be. Further investigation needed before proceeding. Wood cutting on the Hoover Farm is going well with Tony Osentoski and Jim Czewski.

POLICE

Chief of Police Matt Kuhl noted that the owner of the trailer at 4486 Pike Street has 60 days to comply with Hearing Officer Steve Messing's order to demolish and remove the trailer. If there is no compliance at the end of the 60 days, Chief Kuhl will give the entire package to village attorney John Ferris for advice on how to proceed.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DPW - Chairperson Jeremy Melnik - Discussion on residing the nativity barn, cedar shingles it is felt will fade to gray and will need maintenance. Carl Weber said that vinyl is the better long term choice, and both Carl and Shawn Wright feel that shed steel may be the best option overall. Jeremy agreed since the focal point of the barn is the front and what's inside. Carl added that the sides are usually hid with cut trees. No firm decisions made at this time. Will revisit next month.

Parks & Recreation - Chairperson Shawn Wright - said that we can get county inmates for 2 days to paint the inside of the village office at a cost of \$100.00 per day. He also noted that Huron County EDC coordinator Carl Osentoski may be instrumental in helping secure a grant for new fencing around the tennis courts, all four ball fields, and for playground equipment. He also asked Adam Kain if any teachers from the school were interested in volunteering for the summer recreation programs. Adam said that the notice had only been up a couple days and will check with his dad if he knows of any interested volunteers.

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) A new master plan will cost the village anywhere from \$13,000 to \$30,000 to redo, and the only reason to have it now would be to write for grants, and we have no plans for major grant needs at this time. We will not be updating our master plan at this time.

B) Examples of marble benches for the village were discussed again (with or without back), and our first interested purchaser, Thompson Wasik, doesn't have a preference as to which style. It was mutually agreed to start with the no-back style first.

NEW BUSINESS

President Mark Brown suggested renewing the Hoover Farm lease at the current terms with the current tenant, as the terms are excellent. Jeremy Melnik felt that we should put it up for bids. A motion was made by Shawn Wright and seconded by Jeff Melnik to renew the lease at the current terms with the current tenant. Motion favored by six trustees, opposed by Jeremy Melnik. Motion carried.

Mark Brown said he'd like to see the \$300 gift certificate from the MML used for training for Clerk Alger Lemke. Alger can contact the MML to set up a training date that is convenient for him, but also stressed that all elected officials would be welcome to the training if it fit their schedule.

He also said he signed the facility use agreement with the changes discussed last month, and that the agreement with the school was lowered from 10 years to 5 years.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mark Brown brought up the subject of grant writing workshops and Shawn Wright said that they are way over our heads. No plans were made to enroll any of our elected officials.

He also said that he received a mailing from the MML and the annual conference on April 13 & 14. The mailing said that it is open and free to students and chaperones. Mark said he will be giving the information to the government teacher to forward to interested students.

Lastly, President Brown proposed the millage rate for the year, keeping it the same as last year. The rates are as follows:

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| General Fund | 9.5430 | Mills |
| Streets | 2.2000 | Mills |
| Library | 0.9984 | Mills |
| Lights | 2.4965 | Mills |
| Total | 15.2379 | Mills |

A motion was made by Shawn Wright and seconded by Jeremy Melnik to accept the proposed millage rate for the new fiscal year 2010-2011 at a total of 15.2379 mills. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

County Commissioner David Peruski discussed the issues surrounding the Caseville County Park. Currently there are 72 mobile home sites that have until 2014 to convert to RV sites. So many mobile homes in the park cause problems with tree trimming & cutting, and that many water and sewer lines run under many of the trailers.

He also said the county wind turbine subcommittee is looking at new, taller and quieter wind turbines. There will be fewer required to provide the same amount of energy as the current ones. He also noted that the setback from the village would be increased from 1,000 feet to 1,320 feet.

Commissioner Peruski lastly shared that the new Senior Center in Bad Axe is scheduled to be ready to move in by the end of the week and should be fully operational by April.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Lance Krueger and seconded by Mark Dropiewski. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held at the Bingham/Ubly Government center on Thursday April 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alger Lemke
Clerk
Village of Ubly