

**Village of Ubly  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 6, 2011**

The Village of Ubly regular meeting of October 6, 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, Jeremy Melnik, Nolan Pierson, Jeff Maikrzek, Adam Kain, Lance Kruger & Shawn Wright. Clerk Lori White, Treasurer Laura Brahmer, Police Chief Matt Kuhl, DPW Supervisor Carl Weber. There were 4 citizens in attendance.

- Newly elected officials were sworn in.
- President Mark Brown reads resignation letter from Barb Butch. She cannot hold elected position because of conflict with Library helping with Water bills.
- President Mark Brown checked with Legal Counsel and the Ubly Village Council can fill vacated Trustee seat by either a nomination, an appointment or accepting letters of intent. Discussion followed.
- **Motion** made by Trustee Lance Kruger to nominate Shawn Wright as appointed Trustee, Seconded by Nolan Pierson. 5 Ayes, 1 Nay. Motion carries.
- Shawn Wright is sworn in as Trustee.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **Motion** made by Trustee Jeff Maikrzek, Seconded by Jeremy Melnik to approve minutes of the September 8, 2011 Village of Ubly regular meeting. Discussion followed. Motion Carries.

**MONTHLY BILLS:** **Motion** by Trustee Jeremy Melnik, Seconded by Trustee Shawn Wright to pay October bills as presented. Discussion followed. Motion carries

**TREASURER REPORT:** Treasurer Laura Kramer presents report for month of October

- CD for Major Streets moved to Independent Bank.
  - Will being moving Tax monies into appropriate funds
- Report is accepted as presented.

**DPW REPORT:** Supervisor Carl Weber presents DPW report:

- Would like to get another bid for fencing at park.
  - Did not purchase dump truck at this time. MDOT only has sale couple of times a year. Will be looking into other possibilities.
  - Working well with Barb Butch on the Water Bills.
  - Changed out around 16 water meters. Turn around time to replace old for new can take up to 6 weeks.
  - Hydrant flushing completed.
- Report is accepted as presented.

**POLICE REPORT:** Chief Matt Kuhl presents report:

- **Zoning:** Approved sign for new Business going into Thumb Electric Building. Business is to get with DPW to find placement of water lines.
- ORV ordinances are active and posted.
- Rutkowski house in process of being torn down.
- Going into school to fingerprint kids.
- Received Grant to install e-tickets into cars, will have installed but won't use until newly purchased ticket books are used up.
- Bingham Township turned over \$1200 from state.
- Would like to set Halloween Hours. **Motion** by Trustee Lance Kruger, Seconded by Trustee Jeff Maikrzek to set Halloween Hours for October 31, 2011 from 5:30 til 7:00. Discussion followed. Motion Carries. Barb Butch to possibly post on sign in park through the month of October..

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

DPW - Jeremy Melnik, Chairperson- checked out complaints on sidewalks and thought they were ok.

PARKS & RECREATIONS- Shawn Wright Chairperson-Softball field looks excellent. Would like letters sent to Al Drake, Dan Guza and school thanking them for the good work. **Motion** made and seconded to donate \$75 to Fire Department for Halloween. Motion Carries.

WATER & SERVICES- Nolan Pierson is appointed Chairperson. No report.

POLICE- Lance Kruger Chairperson- No Report.

PERSONNEL- Chairperson Jeff Maikrzek- No report

LIBRARY- Chairperson Adam Kain- No report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Ugly Archway updates. Lance presented a design of Archway. Need to come up with ideas so nobody would be able to climb. Got bids from MKS Fabricating. Discussed where sign would be located. Designs of Arch and explanation of what the plan is to be posted in Library and at Village Hall. Decided to put on hold at this time until can get more feed back from community

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Discussed Bond paybacks. General Obligation bond to be paid down \$150,000.
- Water Bond can't be paid down or paid off for 10 years that being 2017.
- Ballots for election were incorrect because of improper paperwork. Corrected Ballots were wrong as well.
- President, Mark Brown seeks legal counsel as how to proceed with incorrect ballots. He reads letter from Attorney, John Ferris. John recommends getting educated for next election. Not much else can be done at this point.
- Moving forward will set up an election committee.

- President Mark Brown clarifies why Barb Butch cannot hold dual positions. It is because of the Library helping with the water bills. He reads letter he wrote to Barb and a letter from Attorney, John Ferris. Letters to be put into a file.

**PRESIDENT REPORT:** President Mark Brown presents his report:

- Thinking of turning over Election to Township. That would change election from 2013 to 2014. The Township is ok with taking over. Once changed has been made it cannot go back. Discussion followed. No decision made at this time. There is a year to decide.
- Received a few letters:
  - Comcast has new representative.
  - Letter from AT&T not sure what its for. Asks Nolan Pierson to look into it.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

- Jeanine Schmidt from Ubly Band & Choir Boosters Club needs their club to be recognized as a non-profit organization in order to obtain Charitable Gaming License. **Motion** by Trustee Shawn Wright and Seconded by Trustte Jeff Maikrzek to recognize Ubly Band & Choir Boosters as non-profit organization. Motion Carries.
- Kevin Butch inquires if paying bonds off early will save interest. He thinks the village should check into a Return Air System & change streetlights to LED. Inquires whether ORV's can get gas at a gas station. Discussion followed.
- Sleeper Public Librarian, Barb Butch, questions if water bills should be put in envelopes because of HIPPA laws. Verifys that owners of rental properties are responsible for outstanding water bills if their renters do not pay them when they move. She is giving residents a one-time payment plan until the end of November, to catch up on water bills This is because of problems with the billing problems She inquiries whether Library could collect garbage bills when the time comes. Discussion followed.

There being no further business, President Brown entertained motion to adjourn. **Motion** made by Trustee Shawn Wright and Seconded by Jeff Maikrzek. All in favor Motion carries. The meeting is adjourned at 8:42p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on November 3, 2011 at the Bingham/Ubly Government Center at 7:00 p.m.

Lori White- Clerk- Village of Ubly

