

Village of Ubly
Public Hearing / Regular Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2010

PUBLIC HEARING

A Village of Ubly public hearing was called to order at 6:30 p.m. regarding variance approval for a digital communication sign to be located in Veteran's Memorial Park between the park driveway and the Memorial Wall. Council members present were President Mark Brown, trustees Mark Dropiewski, Adam Kain, Lance Krueger, Jeff Maikrzek, Jeremy Melnik, Clerk Alger Lemke, Treasurer Laura Kramer, and Chief of Police Matt Kuhl. Absent and excused was Trustee Shawn Wright. There were 2 citizens in attendance.

Mark Brown explained that he has discussed this issue with other municipalities and found that Caro had the best rules and guidelines.

A letter from village residents John and Arlene Smigielski was presented and discussed. In summary, the letter let it be known that the Smigielskis, as residents and business owners in the village, oppose the application for use of a variance for any kind of digital sign in the village park. The letter posed a number of questions such as cost, guidelines, location, safety, and information control, and suggested a number of other uses for the funds donated toward the sign. Discussion between council and Mr. Smigielski centered on the questions and suggestions within the presented letter.

Jim Zulauf, village resident, asked if he could see the site plan for the variance, and Mark Brown said we do not have one as the public hearing notice described the park as the site for the sign. Mr. Zulauf explained that the zoning variance procedure states that a variance cannot be approved without a site plan. Zoning Administrator Matt Kuhl explained that he has done 2 other variances, both were different, and that neither could have a site plan due to the type of variance requested.

Mark Brown said he thought council was well within their jurisdiction to proceed. Clerk Alger Lemke asked Mr. Zulauf if a "site plan" is defined in the zoning procedure, and he replied that he believes there is an actual drawing as an example in the zoning book.

President Brown explained that the meeting can proceed with approval of the variance in lieu of an approved site plan. He added that he wants to do it the right way (procedurally). Trustee Jeremy Melnik also added that we must make sure we are doing it right.

Mark Brown entertained a motion to allow the variance for placement of a lighted computerized graphic sign within the Veteran's Memorial Park per the park's legal description (read by Mark Brown). Motion made by Lance Krueger and seconded by Jeff Maikrzek, discussion, 4 in favor, 2 opposed, motion carried.

With no further business to discuss in the subject matter for the public hearing, President Mark Brown pronounced the end of the hearing at 7:19 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

The village of Ubly regular meeting of September 2, 2010 was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Mark Brown. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: President Mark Brown, Trustees Jeremy Melnik, Mark Dropiewski, Adam Kain, Jeff Maikrzek, Lance Krueger, Treasurer Laura Kramer, Clerk Alger Lemke, DPW Supervisor Carl Weber, and Police Chief Matt Kuhl. Absent and excused was trustee Shawn Wright. There were 2 citizens in attendance.

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 Mark Dropiewski, seconded by Jeremy Melnik, discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Clerk Alger Lemke commented on a quote from Berthiaume and Company. They have done our financial audit for the past 3 years he asked for council's opinion on the quote. It was agreed to give it some thought and revisit it next month.

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

Treasurer Laura Kramer presented her report for the month of July. Laura was asked how the road monies received were split, and she replied about 33% went to Local Streets, and 67% went to Major Streets. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

General Fund Expenditures - August 2010

Independent Bank	4,580.92	Staples Credit Plan	204.91
Barbara Butch	1,666.92	Tri-County Equipment	179.69
Carl Weber	2,491.04	Ubyly Auto Parts	355.12
Joan Particka	555.84	Wells Fargo	94.33
Kayla Vogel	860.73	Wright Choice Electric	202.50
Kevin Jimkoski	1,899.15	AFLAC	152.56
Kevin Butch	193.59	MERS of Michigan	2,577.90
Matthew Kuhl	2,442.50	Alger Lemke	564.35
Matthew Koslowski	879.01	Christina Osantowski	146.78
Virgil Briolat	2,134.93	Judy Harrington	139.46
AT&T	322.17	Laura Kramer	338.41
Citgo Petroleum Corp.	582.78	MI-Unemployment Insurance	5.76
Consumers Energy	30.74	National Retirement Solutions	300.00
Crop Production Services	96.95	State of Michigan	806.94
DTE Energy (Street Lights)	2,349.96	League Employee Benefit Services	4,019.12
DTE Energy (Electricity)	238.83	Minden City Herald	231.00
Ferris, Schwedler, & Prill P.C.	360.00	Nye Uniform	489.99
Johnson Portable	195.00	Peruski Hardware	33.84
K-Mart Store 9745	13.99	Richfield Equities	3,242.40
		TOTALS	35,980.11

Water Fund Expenditures - August 2010

City of Harbor Beach	96.00	Thumb Electric Cooperative	19.50
DTE Energy	745.96	Keyes Trenching, LLC	400.00
Holben Professional Services	150.00	Stiverson & Associates	2,000.00
Michigan Pipe & Valve	16,558.00	Postmaster	156.00
The Bank of New York Mellon	19,427.19		
		TOTALS	39,552.65

Abadata Computer Corp.	193.00	Consumers Energy	361.00
AT&T	185.08	DTE Energy	482.48
Baker & Taylor	751.18	Mortimer Lumber	340.57
Barbara Butch	120.00	Sanilac County Treasurer	7.29
Brady's Business Systems	646.60	Wal-Mart Community	148.71
Capital One Credit Card	530.46		
		TOTALS	3,766.37

Major Street Expenditures - August 2010

Local Street Expenditures - August 2010

		Bell Equipment Company	241.88
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TOTALS		TOTALS	702.59

DPW

DPW Supervisor Carl Weber presented his report for September. The water mains are in on Weaver and Harrison Streets, they were tested yesterday and the test was O.K. One more test must pass tomorrow. The requirement is 2 bactii tests within 24 hours of each other must be O.K. It will be about 2 weeks until all customers are hooked up to the new main. Water meter readings are scheduled for September 13.

POLICE

Chief of Police Matt Kuhl started his report by saying there is no word on the grant for the new car, but he is not yet too concerned. The medical marijuana ordinance from Sebewaing was copied for review. Our village attorney drafted Sebewaing's and Matt said he likes it and recommends the same for Ubly.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DPW - Chairperson Jeremy Melnik - No report.

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

Planning and Zoning - Chairperson Adam Kain - no report

OLD BUSINESS - no old business to report on.

NEW BUSINESS - President Brown said that he will take Gemini Plastics' quit claim deed to the courthouse to verify the property description. This is property the old wells were located on.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Nothing to report this month.

PUBLIC INPUT

David Peruski, Huron County District 2 Commissioner, said the V.A. clinic renovation is done and that a request was sent to the V.A. for final inspection/approval. Thinks approval will come next week. Attention now turns to drawings from the architect for additions to house the county Health Dept. and the MSU Extension offices, with the goal of completion by December 31.

In November we'll be seeing ballots for the wind overlay districts (for windmills), and the Veteran's Memorial on the courthouse lawn is getting finishing touches, dedication later this month.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS - READING 2

Changes to ordinance numbers 51, 53, 54, 57, 62, 97, 98, and 102 were read. Now Clerk Lemke will publish them and they will take effect 20 days after publication.

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 8:10p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Alger Lemke, Clerk – Village of Ubly