

Village of Ubly  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes  
August 5, 2010

The village of Ubly regular meeting of August 5, 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, Jeremy Melnik, Mark Dropiewski, Adam Kain, Treasurer Laura Kramer, Clerk Alger Lemke, DPW Supervisor Carl Weber, and Police Chief Matt Kuhl. Absent and excused were Trustees Jeff Maikrzek and Lance Krueger. There were 2 citizens in attendance.

Minutes from last month's meeting were read. Clerk Lemke noticed 4 headings that should have been "July" instead of "June" and made the changes. President Brown entertained a motion to accept the minutes with the changes noted. Motion made by Shawn Wright, seconded by Jeremy Melnik. Discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bills to pay - Fremont Insurance and the smaller Richfield bill were forwarded to the Ubly Homecoming committee as they are not the village's responsibility. Motion entertained by Mark Brown to pay the bills less the Fremont and the smaller Richfield bills. Motion made by Mark Dropiewski, seconded by Adam Kain. Discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Alger asked if council would blanket approve a number of bills that come on a regular basis and are often received after the monthly meeting but due before the next one. Council agreed to the list presented as long as they could still see the paid ones at the meetings along with the ones yet to be paid.

Lastly, Clerk Lemke expressed concern for council's decision at last month's meeting to go ahead with the purchase and installation of a lighted graphic sign for the village. He cited it's earlier rejection by council due to it's cost and there being no room in this year's approved fiscal budget. He said that funding from the private donor that has come forth since the project's earlier rejection is not a sure thing and is concerned that the village could end up paying for the entire project. President Brown thanked him for his opinion and said such future concerns should be saved for the public input section of the agenda.

Treasurer Laura Kramer presented her report for the month of July. There being no changes or comments from Council, the report was O.K.'d as presented.

**General Fund Expenditures - August 2010**

Fleet Services	434.08
Independent Bank	4,283.94

Barbara Butch	1,700.73
Carl Weber	2,451.34

State of Michigan	1,643.64
AFLAC	228.84
AT & T	346.15
Bingham Township	253.07
Citgo Petroleum Corp.	570.84
Consumers Energy	33.41
DTE Energy - Street Lights	2,303.88
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Ferris, Schwedler, & Prill	180.00
Huron County Treasurer	468.77
Johnson Portable	130.00
League Employee Benefit Serv.	4,019.12
Minden City Herald	203.00
Minuteman Metal Works	15.00
Peruski Hardware	58.52
Richfield Equities	3,242.40
Thumb Office Supply	31.23
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	94.98
Ubyly Auto Parts	154.42
Ubyly Motor Service	224.19
Ubyly Community Schools	89.76
Wells Fargo	57.00

Joan Particka	613.80
Kayla Vogel	890.65
Kevin Jimkoski	1,899.15
Kevin Butch	211.20
Matthew Kuhl	2,167.52
Matthew Koslowski	318.30
Virgil Briolat	1,634.92
MERS of Michigan	2,880.65
National Retirement Solutions	300.00
Fleet Services	238.56
MML Unemployment Insurance	6.59
Alger Lemke	564.34
Laura Kramer	338.41
Kevin Laming	204.17

**TOTALS** 35,866.00

**Water Fund Expenditures - August 2010**

City of Harbor Beach	48.00
DTE Energy	670.86
Elhorn Engineering	449.25
Kemp Tiling Co.	500.00

Thumb Electric Cooperative	18.68
Municipal Supply	91.40
State of Michigan DEQ	503.00

**TOTALS** 2,281.19

**Sleeper Public Library Expenditures - August 2010**

Abadata Computer Corp	703.43
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DTE Energy	462.00
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Ann Kubacki	1,312.00
AT & T	191.01
Baker & Taylor	554.43
Capital One Credit	175.87
Consumers Energy	361.00

Johnson's Septic Service	150.00
Revive Carpet Cleaning	102.00
Ubly Floor Covering	236.96
Wal-Mart Community	448.14
White Pine Library Coop.	137.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,833.84</b>

**Major Street Expenditures - August 2010**

No Expense Activity	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**Local Street Expenditures - August 2010**

Holz Sand & Gravel	24.04
Municipal Supply	276.50
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>300.54</b>

**DPW**

DPW Supervisor Carl Weber presented his report for August. The sandbox that was O.K.'d last month has not been started yet but is on the list. They plan on taking out an old tree by the old theater. The water main projects are going well and are about 1/3 complete. Otherwise it's been just regular maintenance, cutting grass, and watering flowers.

**POLICE**

Chief of Police Matt Kuhl started his report by saying that Homecoming came and went without any major issues. Judy Harrington chose to donate her time as a crossing guard for the Homecoming 5K run/walk event. There were 25 to 30 kids for the Police tent, and he noted there were some resident concerns about parking on main street during the parade and how it blocks the view of the spectators.

Matt also reported that there are some trees along the south corridor landscaping that need to be taken out as they block the view coming off of Morrison/Munford Road. The Thumb Narcotics Unit has been and will be doing fly-bys. Because of the new Medical Marijuana law there will possibly be a revision to the village marijuana ordinance. Mailings and advertisements went out for the lighted display sign variance and the public hearing scheduled for 6:30 p.m. September 2, 2010 before the regular council meeting. The skirting is off the Pike Street trailer, and the new land owner is Eugene Kubacki, problem solved.

Chief Kuhl also said we received 3 free guns from the state...a military 12 gauge, a semi-automatic M-16, and one hand gun, all worth about \$2,500 total. He also met with producers of the movie being shot in our county saying they need 3 armed security officers for the actors and that they'll be spending about a half a day filming in Bingham Township. The car grant is done and sent out, ours is the third application in the county. Lastly, ordinances that are going to be changed from misdemeanors to civil infractions will need 2 readings of their revisions before they can take effect.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

DPW - Chairperson Jeremy Melnik - No report.

Parks & Recreation - Chairperson Shawn Wright - showed a picture of the lighted computerized graphic sign to be erected in the village and that we can borrow money from Chemical Bank against one of our CDs at 2% above the CD rate of return. Construction can begin 4-6 weeks after approval by council and approval of the variance. He suggested that the Library be the programming center for the sign, citing the easy access for residents to buy advertising should they wish to do so. He also mentioned the possibility of the Library keeping advertising proceeds for their time involved with the sign. He asked that ideas for the design of the top banner of the sign be brought to the next month's meeting for discussion.

The possibility of a community garden was mentioned, perhaps on the empty lot next to Jeff Maikrzek's. Elkton does one north of the light in their town. No plans set at this time.

Lastly, Shawn said there was one park/pavilion rental last month, and that the south corridor landscaping was cleaned up (weeded, trimmed, & mulched).

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 mentioned MML classes available at the State Convention on Sept. 22 through 24 and that the village would pay for anyone that would like to attend.

He mentioned an Energy Audit memo from Huron EDC director Carl Osentoski that says there may be dollars available for energy saving upgrades such as windows, insulation, etc. This may be something to pursue for the repairs/upgrades needed for the Police Department building.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - Mark Brown said that Alvin Pollum has been receptive to discussions about a service road for the proposed east water main loop council and DPW has been discussing, and that the water bond debt reduction issue is still in process.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

Shannon Weber, Ubly resident, commented on the village sign saying that perhaps the \$30,000 cost of the sign would be better used to update the pavilion and the playground. She asked council if they would reconsider spending the money elsewhere.

Jim Zulauf, Ubly resident, said he hopes the money for the sign is in this year's budget, as the Library got denied their request for funding because there was no budget allowance for their repairs.

## **ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS - READING 1**

Changes to ordinance numbers 51, 53, 54, 57, 62, 97, 98, and 102 were read. Second reading next month.

There being no further business, President Brown entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Shawn Wright and seconded by Jeremy Melnik. Discussion. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

The public hearing on the variance for the new village sign will be held at the Bingham/Ubly Government Center at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 2, 2010.

The next regular meeting will be held at the Bingham/Ubly Government center on Thursday September 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alger Lemke  
Clerk  
Village of Ubly