

**Village of Ubly
Regular/Public Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2011**

The Village of Ubly Public and Regular Meeting was held December 1, 2011, at the Bingham/Ubly Government Center.

ATTENDANCE: President Mark Brown, Trustees, Nolan Pierson, Adam Kain, Lance Kruger, Jeremy Melnik & Shawn Wright. Clerk Lori White, Treasurer Laura Brahmer, Police Chief Matt Kuhl, DPW Supervisor Carl Weber, Library Director, Barb Butch were all present. Trustee Jeff Maikrzek arrived late. There were 12 citizens in attendance.

PUBLIC MEETING: Re-zoning of Florence Schrader property North of Village from Agricultural to Light Industrial was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mark Brown.

Gemini group interested in purchasing property from Florence Schrader but need it to be re-zoned from Agricultural to Light Industrial. **Curt Watchowski** speaks on behalf of Gemini Group. They plan to do all they can to accommodate Village and Residents. They have no plans to build at this time. Discussion Followed.

PUBLIC INPUT:

President Mark Brown: Reads letter from Henry & Shirley Piontkowski stating they have no problem with the re-zoning as long as a burm is built. They would like to see Ubly grow.

Matt Kuhl: Received phone call from owner of one of the vacant lots on Riverview, Jeff Smithers, he is opposed to the idea.

Alger Lemke: He also lives on Riverview. He is not opposed to idea but would like to preserve privacy in the neighborhood. Definitely would like to see a buffer zone possibly trees and a burm.

Roger Hunt: Feels the same way as Alger but thinks the 50ft setback is not enough.

Jim Zulaf: Is it possible to put conditions on zoning approvals?

Ellen Moorman: Would it help if Gemini Group wrote a letter of intent?

Sue Schrader: Gemini Group is very concerned for residents. They will do what they have to accommodate all involved.

Florence Schrader: Has always worked well with Gemini Group. She is comfortable with their offer.

Discussion Followed.

President Mark Brown: Would like to see it re-zoned and then all work together to make it work. Maybe can tweak Zoning Ordinance book if necessary.

Shawn Wright: Trusts Gemini Group. Thinks it would be a positive move for Ubly.

Lance Kruger: Gemini Group is very fair also believes it would be a positive move for Ubly.

Discussion Followed.

President Mark Brown entertains a motion. **Motion** made by Trustee, Shawn Wright to re-zone property from Agricultural to Light Industrial. Seconded by Trustee, Lance Kruger. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Public Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER ROB STIVERSON: From Stiverson and Associates gives a presentation on Pollum Subdivision.

- Has been working with Carl on project.
- Would build water main in phases.
- Did estimate as a whole. Did not break down as to who would pay what. Mr. Pollum would be responsible for majority of project.
- Is not looking for action at this time. Just giving estimate to look over.

Discussion Followed.

VILLAGE OF UBLY REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT MARK BROWN.

The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** made by Trustee Shawn Wright, Seconded by Trustee, Jeff Maikrzek to approve minutes of the November 3, 2011 Village of Ubly regular meeting with the following changes:

- Trustee, Adam Kain attended Township Budget meeting.
- Ellen Moorman is not for Ubly Archway and she thinks Main corners would make a good place for a Beautification project.

Discussion Followed. Motion Carries.

MONTHLY BILLS: **Motion** made by Trustee Shawn Wright, Seconded by Trustee Jeff Maikrzek to pay November bills with changes as follows: Pulling bill to Green Acre Landscaping for \$472.50 because Community Club agreed to pay. Also pulled for now bill to Laura Brahmer for \$620.00. Discussion followed. Motion carries

General Fund \$16,621.96
Water Fund \$809.70
Major Streets \$150.00

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Laura Brahmer presents report:

- Presents Month-end balances for all Funds

Report is accepted as presented.

DPW REPORT: Supervisor Carl Weber presents DPW report:

- Working with Rob Stiverson on Pollum Subdivision. Wanted to give idea of cost for project.
- Looking at changing leaf pick up system. Went to Port Austin to check their system out. It was a lot like ours. Sees no reason to make changes other than maybe a new street sweeper at some point.
- Went to MDOT meeting. They are making changes with light on M-19 and Main Street. They are putting in new crosswalks with ADA approved approaches to match existing ones. They are taking school signal from St Johns and moving closer to Union Street. Looking to start in October 2012 to spring 2013.
- Lit brush pile at new location South of town.
- Put Christmas Decorations up. Has gotten a lot of positive comments on them.
- Will be working on water shutoff.
- 4th quarter water meter reading is coming up. They are working on getting into true quarter readings.
- House removal has started on M-19.
- Used new snowplow and it works great.
- Will get with Shawn, Clerk & Treasurer regarding budget. Will make sure money is coming and going where it should be.

Discussion Followed. Report is accepted as presented.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Matt Kuhl presents report:

- Waterline into garage is in place
- Kolar house on Washington Street should be down before New Year.
- Kevin Jimkoski is back to work
- Resident on Washington Street is concerned by noise made by Jake Brakes. Matt doesn't think there is much that can be done about it.
- Has received complaints about semi's blocking driveways when parking along street to run in store for coffee. County to make "No Parking" sign for area.

Discussion Followed.

Report accepted as presented.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

DPW - Jeremy Melnik, Chairperson- Huron County Child Abuse to Hang Banner.

PARKS & RECREATIONS- Shawn Wright Chairperson

- Met with Womens Life Group to discuss raising money for Park equipment.

- Talked with ACT51 representative as to what money can be spent on. There is no time limit on what is left of Truck money as long as it is used for snow removal.
- Did Jeff Maikrzek check into equipment sharing?

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

POLICE- Lance Kruger Chairperson- No Report.

PERSONNEL- Chairperson Jeff Maikrzek-

- Council needs to decide about Health Insurance before Jan 1, 2012. They have option to opt out for 1 year.
- **Motion** made by Trustee, Jeff Maikrzek exempting from Public Act 152 for 2012. Trustee, Shawn Wright seconds Motion. Discussion Followed. Motion Carries. Jeff Maikrzek to write up resolution.

LIBRARY- Chairperson Adam Kain- No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Water shut off has been updated. Discussion Followed.
- Wood Bid from Jim Czewski. There were no other bids. He had bid in by deadline of Oct 15, 2011. Discussion Followed. Adam Kain Makes motion to accept Jim Czewski's bid for Wood Removal from Hoover farm for one year. Nolan Pierson seconds motion. Discussion Followed. Motion Carries 5 ayes to 2 nays. Clerk to write up Contract.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Reminder to get submittal of Budget requests together. Might have to set up a Special Meeting in January strictly for Budget. Discussion Followed.

PRESIDENT REPORT: President Mark Brown presents his report:

- Doesn't have anything at this time. All items have been discussed already.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Florence Schrader-Thanks Council for approving re-zoning of her property. She hopes it will be positive for Ubly.

Ellen Moorman-Some Village residents have come up with other alternatives than Ubly Archway. She hands out list of ideas. The goal is to have more people come to Ubly. Would Council like her to get name of owner of Masonic Temple. Discussion Followed.

Curt Watchowski-Thanks Council for approving Re-zoning . Gives alternatives for the leaf disposal. Port Austin has compost piles. Discussion Followed. We already do compost piles. Just the brush is burned.

Jim Zulaf- Commends Ellen Moorman on her efforts. It is time for Council to do more than just set money aside for parks. They need to get a plan together. They can start with the appearance of park. Small improvements can make a big difference. Can't buy into Ubly Archway with all the other improvements needed. Discussion followed.

Sue Schrader-Need to put sign up East of town to alert for on coming Emergency vehicles. Why do curbs only go one way instead of all 4 ways? Agrees with Park issues. There may be good used park equipment at George Greene Elementary since they've closed. Discussion followed.

Barb Butch-Water ordinances should be more readily available for all to read. Village web site should be updated with council members.

Shawn Wright- Would like to see Sue Weber added to Employee Gift Certificate List. Discussion Followed.

There being no further business, President Mark Brown entertained motion to adjourn. **Motion** made by Trustee Jeff Maikrzek and Seconded by Lance Kruger. All in favor Motion carries. The meeting is adjourned at 9:04p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on January 5, 2011 at the Bingham/Ubly Government Center at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully

Lori White- Clerk- Village of Ubly