

Village of Ubly
Regular Meeting
Minutes Jan. 6, 2011

The village of Ubly regular meeting of January 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 Mark Dropiewski, Adam Kain, Jeff Maikrzek, Lance Krueger, Shawn Wright, Jeremy Melnik, Clerk Alger Lemke, Treasurer Laura Kramer, DPW Supervisor Carl Weber, and Police Chief Matthew Kuhl. There was 1 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 Jeremy Melnik, seconded by Jeff Maikrzek, discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills to pay - The list of bills was reviewed and 3 more were added. Mark Brown entertained a motion to pay the bills as presented plus the additional. Motion made by Shawn Wright, seconded by Mark Dropiewski, discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Laura Kramer presented her report for the month of November. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented. She also said that she would be printing out the W-2's and W-3's within the next few days.

General Fund Expenditures - January 2011

MERS of Michigan	4,024.99	Carl Weber	2,895.66
Independent Bank	4,360.84	Christina Osantowski	210.16
AFLAC	245.34	Joan Particka	352.23
State of Michigan	1,871.80	Judy Harrington	180.65
MI - Unemployment Insurance	3.78	Kay Particka	15.01
Autowares, Inc.	16.24	Kevin Butch	144.00
Bell Equipment Co.	198.17	Kevin Laming	208.80
Blue Cross / Blue Shield	4,019.12	Matthew Kuhl	2,283.03
Chapin's Midtown Market	25.00	Matthew Koslowski	531.42
Consumer's Energy	293.45	Ryan Swartz	248.24
DTE Energy - Electric	474.18	Virgil Briolat	3,050.73
Hill's & Dales Gen. Hosp.	89.50	Kevin Jimkoski	1,903.11
Laura Kramer	12.25	AT&T	330.01
Medler Electric	74.24	Citgo Petroleum	998.74
MML Worker's Comp	163.00	Fleet Services	213.33
Osentoski Farm Equipment	133.09	Alger Lemke	545.54
Richfield Equities, Inc.	3,242.40	Carl Weber	1,500.00
Staples Credit Plan	103.96	Laura Kramer	346.16
Thumb Office Supply	116.46	National Retirement Solutions	300.00
Ubly Motor Service	46.69		
Wells Fargo	57.00		
Sign Image	5,000.00		
Barbara Butch	1,591.42		
TOTALS			42,419.74

Water Fund Expenditures - January 2011

City of Harbor Beach	48.00	Peruski Hardware	36.49
DTE Energy	643.52	Holben Professional Services	150.00
Layne Christensen	2,400.84	Thumb Electric Cooperative	19.92
TOTALS			3,298.77

Sleeper Public Library Expenditures - January 2011

Abadata Computer Corp	547.50	DTE Energy	462.00
AT&T	187.61	Village of Ubly	258.10
Baker & Taylor	366.70	Wal-Mart Community	147.80
Consumers Energy	361.00		
TOTALS			2,330.71

Major Street Expenditures - January 2011

Local Street December - January 2011

No Expense Activity		Huron County Road Commission	56.39
TOTALS		0.00	TOTALS 56.39

DPW

DPW Supervisor Carl Weber presented his report for December. Christmas decorations will be coming down this week and next. There was a salty water incident at Lyon's apartments, sample sent to the health department revealed that the apartment's water softener was making the salty taste. Budget stuff and street salting is continuing. Miss Dig...just need to fill out the forms and sent them in so we are in their system. Jeff Hansen and paying down the DWRF loan...said it should be easy to find the answer whether we can actually pay down the loan or not. Shawn Wright said the backboards in the park are taken down so they can be painted over the winter.

POLICE

Chief of Police Matt Kuhl stated that our village attorney has presented us with a garbage ordinance for it's first reading tonight. He asked for and received approval for a \$10.00 gift card for crossing guard sub Kay Particka for helping out for an hour the other day. A new Chevy Tahoe should be ordered this week through Thompson Chevrolet, had to cut through some red tape to have Thompson order it, it will be a black vehicle. Need to put the old car up for bids as soon as the new one is ready to roll. The bid on our last car sold was only \$500, and he said Sebewaing gets \$3,000 for their used police cruisers. We need to find out where they sell them. Complaints are down quite a bit from last year (by over 200). As for budget, the only major change from last year are the repairs to the P.D. building. The lowest dress quote for the new police car is \$3200 - \$3500.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DPW - Chairperson Jeremy Melnik - No report.

Parks & Recreation - Chairperson Shawn Wright - is investigating playground options for the park, something different than the school has. He has 3 dates booked for the pavilion in the park so far for 2011. Homecoming is scheduled for the weekend of July 7 through 10, 2011. Softball field rental went up \$10.00 and said that pavilion rental will be the same as last year.

Water & Services - Chairperson Mark Dropiewski - Miss Dig...there is a one time data processing fee of \$290.00, we need to fill out the member agreement and pay \$16.30 per month for the one underground service we have - namely water (water and sewer are considered one service). Clerk Lemke will request a copy of the loan from the DWRF authority.

Police - Chairperson Lance Krueger - checking on wages from other communities for our upcoming budget.

Personnel - Chairperson Jeff Maikrzek - No report

Planning and Zoning - Chairperson Adam Kain - no report

OLD BUSINESS - Sign Progress...a little working back and forth on the final price. \$22,500 does not include brick and electrical hookup. The private donor to the sign said all is a go for \$10,000 in increments over time. Since the private donor funding is not 100% for sure, we need to put the sign cost in the new year's budget.

NEW BUSINESS - Discussed the water billing system. Matt should be in the car doing police stuff, Alger should be doing clerk stuff. Help is needed and something has got to change. Thinking 20 to 40 hours per quarter for water and a little bit of time during tax season for collecting taxes. Shawn Wright said once or twice a week for a couple hours at a time would be desirable. Need to think about this for the upcoming budget.

A special budget meeting is set for January 18, 2011 at 6 p.m. in the village office. It is a special budget meeting to discuss budget items only.

Shawn Wright asked if water money gets transferred to General fund. The answer is yes, \$42,000 last year. Shawn also said that up to 50% of Major Street funds can be put into the Local Street fund without having a plan of use to satisfy the state.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mark Brown said we will put about \$20,000 in the new budget for the sign in the park. The MLCC is allowing Sunday liquor sales, and council consensus is that will be O.K. for our village. There was some brief contact with Joe Particka last month, but no further movement on the property swap that was talked about at previous meetings.

PUBLIC INPUT

Jeff Maikrzek and Barbara Butch presented what they learned at the broadband meeting they attended. Over 500 miles of fiber optic are going in in our county, it costs \$1500/year to sign up plus monthly fees. It will take 3 years to get going, and it may benefit an organization like a school that already pays high fees for their internet service, but likely won't benefit us as a village.

Clerk Alger Lemke talked about water bill payments. They can be mailed to the village at P.O. Box 216, Ubly, MI 48475, they can be placed in the secure mail slot in the village office door, or arrangements can be made to pay in person if they call 989-658-2141 and leave a message.

Lastly, the village charter is nowhere to be found. Alger inquired of former clerk Judy Messing, and she said she's never seen it, or if she has it was briefly 13 years ago when she first started.

The first reading of Ubly's garbage ordinance, Ordinance number 115-2011 was read in it's entirety. The second reading will be next month, then the ordinance will be published in a paper of general circulation within the village and will take effect 20 days after publication.

There being no further business, President Brown entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Shawn Wright and seconded by Lance Krueger. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Alger Lemke
Clerk,
Village of Ubly