

Village of Waldron  
102 S. Main St.  
Waldron, MI 49288  
August 13, 2024

The 2024 August meeting was held on August 13, 2024, at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building. President Russ Platt called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call was taken with Trustees Ryan Belcher, Allison Harwood, Geroge Kintner, John Newton, Dakota Potter and President Russ Platt present.

John Newton made a motion to approve the agenda. Ryan Belcher supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

John Newton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 9, 2024. Allison Harwood supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

#### Public Comment

Clerk Casey Gravelle relayed a message for Brent Leininger in his absence. He wished to thank everyone for their support in the primaries and the support of the millages.

#### Reports to Council

Emil Gravelle and Shawn Barnhart reported for the Fire Board. There were 28 calls the previous month. They plan to take the old fire engine apart and sell the parts. Also, there is a pancake breakfast from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. on August 31, 2024.

Street Administrator Shawn Barnhart reported for maintenance: they have been mowing, spraying weeds, sidewalk removal and backfilling new sidewalks, cleaning curbs, and maintaining equipment.

Street Administrator Shawn Barnhart expressed the need for water meter risers, concern over the quality of the new mower, and needing to delay the project of the ditch on South Main St. Discussion regarding the mower followed. Connie Strong inquired about the Boyd Drain work. Discussion followed.

Code Enforcer Dakota Potter reported that he acquired an iPad to be able to document and move forward with issuing citations. He is not looking for reimbursement. Discussion regarding properties in violation followed.

Emil Gravelle reported for the Planning & Zoning Commission. They worked on the maps some more. They also voted to have Kathleen Worsley reimbursed for the money she spent on the class she took the previous month.

Dakota Potter moved to reimburse Kathleen Worsley \$25 for the class. Allison Harwood and John Newton supported. It carried with a voice vote.

#### Committee Reports

Allison Harwood reported that the signs had been ordered, most had been delivered, but one was on backorder.

#### Treasurer's Report

President Russ Platt reported that he was currently running the deposits during the vacancy.

#### Clerk's Report

Clerk Casey Gravelle discussed the following: having a student shadow her for the upcoming school semester, USDA Civil Rights Compliance Review was turned in before the due date, worker's comp audit paperwork has been turned in, Brent Shea had completed last fiscal year's audit, the monetary donation for the pole banners on Main Street, and placing a link to the billing website along with allowing customers to pay their water bills from the village website. Discussion followed.

John Newton moved to allow the new payment method. Dakota Potter supported. It carried with a voice vote.

John Newton moved to put the link to the billing website on the village website. Allison Harwood supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

Ryan Belcher moved to allow Aubrey Jackson to shadow Clerk Casey Gravelle. Allison Harwood supported and it carried with a voice vote.

#### President's Report

President Platt reported that he hired Grover Ledyard to mow the lagoon banks for \$250. They will then apply more weed killer.

John Newton moved to accept the budget modification for the General account. Dakota Potter supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

Account Description	Budget Amount	YTD Actual	Difference	Recom. Increase	Recom. Decrease	Revised Budget	Budget Balance
Contingency	\$23,260.00	-----	\$23,260.00	-----	\$690.00	\$22,570.00	\$22,570.00
Miscellaneous-Village Prop	\$40.00	\$174.31	\$(134.31)	\$140.00	-----	\$180.00	\$5.69
Supplies-Village Prop	\$800.00	\$847.32	\$(47.32)	\$50.00	-----	\$850.00	\$2.68
Chemicals	\$500.00	\$998.00	\$(498.00)	\$500.00	-----	\$1,000.00	\$2.00

Ryan Belcher moved to accept the budget modification for the Sewer account. Allison Harwood and John Newton supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

Account Description	Budget Amount	YTD Actual	Difference	Recom. Increase	Recom. Decrease	Revised Budget	Budget Balance
Contingency	\$23,350.00	-----	\$23,350.00	-----	\$5,550.00	\$17,800.00	\$17,800.00
Professional Fees	\$2,500.00	\$2,626.40	\$(126.40)	\$130.00	-----	\$2,630.00	\$3.60
Capital Outlay-Equipment	\$1,650.00	\$7,069.57	\$(5,419.57)	\$5,420.00	-----	\$7,070.00	\$0.43

Allison Harwood moved to pay the bills and up to \$3,100 to Laney Environmental. Discussion regarding the charges Laney Environmental has been adding each month, the services being provided, and the possibility of a contract followed. Ryan Belcher supported the motion, and it carried with a voice vote.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

#### NEW BUSINESS

One letter of interest was received for the open treasurer's seat. The letter was received from Bill Hall. John Newton moved to accept Bill Hall as the treasurer. Dakota Potter supported. A voice vote was taken with unclear results. A roll call vote followed with Trustees Ryan Belcher, Allison Harwood, John Newton, and Dakota Potter voting yea and Trustee George Kintner and President Russ Platt voting no. Motion passed.

One letter of interest was received for the open trustee's seat. The letter was received from Brian Bernath. Allison Harwood moved to appoint Brian Bernath as the trustee. Dakota Potter supported. A roll call vote was taken with Trustees Ryan Belcher, Allison Harwood, John Newton, and Dakota Potter voting yea and Trustee George Kintner and President Russ Platt voting no. Motion passed.

The board briefly discussed the best trustee to appoint to the Fire Board. John Newton moved to appoint Allison Harwood as ex-officio to the fire board. Ryan Belcher supported. A roll call vote was taken with Trustees Ryan Belcher, George Kintner, John Newton, Dakota Potter, and President Russ Platt voted yes. Trustee Harwood abstained. Motion passed.

The floor was opened back up for public comment.

Brian Bernath asked for a hydrant flushing report from the water operator. Discussion followed.

Shawn Barnhart asked if Russ Platt is being reimbursed by Laney Environmental for all the work he has been doing at the lagoons. President Russ Platt said he is not.

Connie Strong asked about who is responsible for the bleachers at the tractor pull track. Discussion followed.

Allison Harwood made a motion to adjourn. Ryan Belcher supported the motion, and it carried by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m. until September 10, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Casey Gravelle  
Village Clerk

\*\*Subject to approval at the September 10, 2024, meeting.

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