

Village of Waldron  
102 S. Main St.  
Waldron, MI 49288

August 8, 2023

The 2023 August meeting was held on August 8, 2023, at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building. President Russ Platt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call was taken. Trustees Ryan Belcher, Allison Harwood, George Kintner, John Newton, Stephen Newton, Mark Price, and President Russ Platt were present.

John Newton made a motion to approve the agenda. George Kintner and Stephen Newton supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

George Kintner made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 11, 2023. Mark Price supported, and it carried by a voice vote.

Mark Price made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes of July 19, 2023. Allison Harwood and John Newton supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

#### Public Comment

Brent Leininger reported for the County Commissioners: there are two properties in the Village up for tax sale September 5, 2023, the construction on the courthouse continues, they are in the preparation stages of working on the 2024 budget, and the county planning commission has an opening for a Village/City Representative.

#### Reports to Council

Stephen Newton reported for the Fire Board for the July meeting: 21 calls were reported, they will be holding a 30-day gun raffle, they are saving \$60 per month by using autopay, and they are talking with April Platt regarding the fireworks for Labor Day.

Shawn Barnhart reported for maintenance. Dennis McNett and Hunter Goodlock spent 2-3 weeks working on the cleanup of the lagoons. They also mowed, completed brush pick-up, meter shut offs, and helped with trash can inventory.

Street Administrator Shawn Barnhart updated council on the projects approved at the May meeting and the Bruce Ct. and Larry Dr. Tile Project, the damage on Lee Road will be repaired by Bailey Excavating and Briskey will be paying for it, he is handing over the sale of the white GMC truck to council. He also presented quotes for a snowplow for the new truck and requested a pole saw and new tires for the Spartan mower. Discussion regarding the snowplow followed.

John Newton made a motion to purchase a pole saw and the tires for the lawn mower. Discussion followed. Mark Price supported the motion. With three votes in favor, three against, and one abstention, motion does not pass for lack of majority.

Stephen Newton made a motion to purchase the 9'6" snowplow quoted by Automotive Service Company. Allison Harwood supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

No report for Code Enforcement.

Phyllis Worsley reported for the Planning & Zoning Commission. She presented the items the Planning & Zoning Commission have been working on for the last few years. She reported on the history of the commission and what can be expected moving forward. Trustee Mark Price gave a verbal resignation

from his position as ex-officio member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. The next meeting for the Planning and Zoning Commission is scheduled for August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Committee Reports

Allison Harwood reported for Region II, Events, and Planning, giving an update on the project for the electrical work to be completed at Rutledge Park.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Sarah Newton presented her report. The tax bills have been sent out. She made 5 deposits the past month.

Clerk’s Report

Casey Gravelle discussed the following: updating her computer as it is out of storage space and is 5 years old, proposed laptop and dock to replace the current computer, Dawna completed the trash can inventory, money movement required from last year’s audit, Shea will present at the next audit, the Worker’s Comp audit is coming due, filed worker’s comp claims for the maintenance crew due to the medical attention required for their poison ivy/sumac, possible office closures for the next 2 months due to personal time for office workers, cameras are up and running, Blink subscription or flash drives for storage of security footage, the cash sweep A.P.R.s increased, the underpayment from LCSA, and the report from the Library is included in each packet.

Ryan Belcher made a motion to purchase the computer and the dock. Discussion followed. Concerns raised included security and expectations of where the clerk completes work. Motion failed due to lack of support.

Ryan Belcher made a motion to pay for the Blink subscription for a year. Allison Harwood supported the motion. It carried with a voice vote.

President’s Report

President Russ Platt reported on what he had worked on in preparation of Labor Day. He reached out to ARS and can get an eight-yard dumpster at a discount since its use is for a Village function. Dropoff, pickup and placement were discussed. He is waiting to hear back from Frye regarding the countertop for the park. Discussion about the porta-potty rental for Labor was discussed.

Stephen Newton motioned to approve the proposed budget modifications for the Water Fund. Allison Harwood and George Kintner supported the motion and it carried by a voice vote.

Account Description	Budget Amount	YTD Actual	Difference	Recom. Increase	Recom. Decrease	Revised Budget	Budget Balance
Contingency	\$24,490	\$0	\$24,490	----- --	\$360	\$29,140	\$29,140
Gas & Oil	\$120	\$176.62	\$(56.62)	\$350	----- -	\$470	\$293.38

Allison Harwood made a motion to pay the bills. John Newton and Stephen Newton supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The meeting for the water and sewer rates was discussed. Clerk Casey Gravelle has attempted to contact Joe Vandomelen, but his voicemail is full.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Sheryl Doxtader, Assistant District Supervisor for EGLE's Remediation and Redevelopment Division, presented her division's request for soil boring at the corner of Main and Center Streets due to an underground storage tank under the post office.

The floor was opened back up for public comment. Mike Stuck requested the Village to notify the owner of 100 N Main regarding the public safety hazard the building is becoming.

Several individuals addressed the board regarding the laptop for the clerk. George Kintner made a motion to purchase the computer and dock that were presented to council. Allison Harwood supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

Mike Stuck asked about what can be done about the abandoned houses in the Village. Discussion about needing a code enforcer and updated ordinances followed. Discussion regarding if certain abandoned houses are being charged for water or sewer. Mowing was discussed, as well as the threshold for the County to take over a property.

Stephen Newton made a motion to adjourn. Ryan Belcher supported the motion, and it carried by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. until September 12, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Casey Gravelle  
Village Clerk

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