

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

February 13, 2024

The 2024 February meeting was held on February 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, and Stephen Newton and President Russ Platt present.

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

Stephen Newton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 8, 2024. Allison Harwood and Ryan Belcher supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

Public Comment

Dawna Popejoy reported on a sink hole in her yard and asked who the best would be to help with the situation. Clerk Casey Gravelle read a note from Anji Promo given for public comment. It addressed the following: selling the water department, inviting a casino to the Village, allowing a cannabis dispensary in the Village, and blighted properties need to be fined.

Reports to Council

Stephen Newton reported that there were 38 calls reported at the last meeting and a 2018 Engine was purchased to replace the old one.

Dennis McNett reported for Maintenance. They plowed and salted the roads as needed during last month's storms.

Street Administrator Shawn Barnhart reported one of the county plow trucks damaged Lee Rd. He had been in contact with the people at County Road Commission and they will be repairing Lee Rd in August with chip and seal.

President Russ Platt reported for Code Enforcement. He had reached out to the County Building Inspector regarding condemning the blighted, empty homes in the Village.

Emil Gravelle reported for the Planning & Zoning Commission. The annual report was included in the packets

President's Report

President Russ Platt reported the blower motor at the wellhouse has been replaced.

Committee Reports

No committee reports were given.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sarah Newton presented her report. She made 7 deposits last month. This is the last month village property taxes can be made at the village office.

Clerk's Report

Casey Gravelle discussed the following: Presidential Primary on February 27, tax filings have been completed for 2023, 2024 Forfeiture Report and CVTRS-CLFRF reports submitted, petitions to run for village positions in this

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year's election are available at the office and the deadline is July 23, spring cleanup is May 11, she and Sarah plan to attend the Treasury Chart Chat virtually on February 22, Boyd Drain Board of Determination Hearing on April 10 at 10 a.m., and amending 2 budget modifications from last month.

Stephen Newton motioned to approve the amended budget modifications for the Sewer Fund. Allison Harwood 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	\$20,235.00	-----	\$20,235.00	-----	\$3,000.00	\$17,235.00	\$17,235.00
Wages	\$12,500.00	\$12,508.18	\$(8.18)	\$3000.00	-----	\$15,500.00	\$2,991.82

Stephen Newton motioned to approve the amended budget modifications for the Major Street Fund. Allison Harwood 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	\$30,000.00	-----	\$30,000.00	-----	\$2,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00
Wages	\$6,500.00	\$6,778.90	\$(278.90)	\$2,000.00	-----	\$8,500.00	\$1,721.00

George Kintner motioned to approve the proposed budget modifications for the General Fund. Allison Harwood 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	\$10,840.00	-----	\$10,840.00	-----	\$6,750.00	\$4,090.00	\$4,090.00
Travel Expense- Treasurer	\$435.00	\$366.78	\$68.22	\$70.00	-----	\$505.00	\$138.22
Property Tax Expense	\$0	\$206.87	\$(206.87)	\$210.00	-----	\$210.00	\$3.13
Tools	\$1,425.00	\$1,435.54	\$(10.54)	\$20.00	-----	\$1,445.00	\$9.46
Postage	\$900.00	\$849.50	\$50.50	\$90.00	-----	\$990.00	\$140.50
Garbage Pickup Expense	\$35,050.00	\$35,449.50	\$(399.50)	\$400.00	-----	\$35,450	\$0.50
Village Publishing	\$330.00	\$323.70	\$6.30	\$200.00	-----	\$530.00	\$206.30
Equipment Maintenance – Village Prop.	\$10,000.00	\$12,871.07	\$(2,871.07)	\$3,000	-----	\$13,000.00	\$128.93
Misc Village Prop.	\$0	\$35.00	\$(35)	\$40.00	-----	\$40.00	\$5.00
Gas & Oil	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.65	\$(0.65)	\$400.00	-----	\$3,300.00	\$399.35
Property Insurance – Village Property	\$8,980.00	\$9,694.95	\$(714.95)	\$720.00	-----	\$9,700.00	\$5.05
Utilities – Village Property	\$11,500.00	\$12,141.94	\$(641.94)	\$1,600.00	-----	\$13,100.00	\$958.06

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Stephen Newton motioned to approve the proposed budget modifications for the Water Fund. Ryan Belcher 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	\$28,800.00	-----	\$28,800.00	-----	\$1,110.00	\$27,690.00	\$27,690.00
Property Insurance	\$2,810.00	\$3,029.68	\$(219.68)	\$220.00	-----	\$3,030.00	\$0.32
Gas & Oil	\$500.00	\$514.73	\$(14.73)	\$100.00	-----	\$600.00	\$85.27
Postage	\$920.00	\$800.13	\$119.87	\$130	-----	\$1,050.00	\$249.87
Communications	\$1,100.00	\$1,139.99	\$(39.99)	\$140.00	-----	\$1,240.00	\$100.01
Utilities	\$7,200.00	\$2,311.31	\$(311.31)	\$320.00	-----	\$2,320.00	\$8.69

Stephen Newton motioned to approve the proposed budget modifications for the Sewer Fund. 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	\$17,235.00	-----	\$17,235.00	-----	\$590.00	\$16,645.00	\$16,645.00
Property Insurance	\$2,250.00	\$2,423.75	\$(173.75)	\$180.00	-----	\$2,430.00	\$6.25
Natural Gas	\$1,200.00	\$1,062.41	\$137.59	\$100.00	-----	\$1,300.00	\$237.59
Communications	\$720.00	\$1,300.00	\$53.73	\$10.00	-----	\$730.00	\$63.73
Annual Fees	\$1,000.00	\$1,300.00	\$(300.00)	\$300.00	-----	\$1,300.00	\$0

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The board discussed moving money from the streets accounts to the general fund to help cover cost of the truck purchased last summer. It was discussed to split 75% of the cost between Major Streets and Local Streets. Stephen Newton moved to split the amount between Major and Local. Ryan Belcher supported. It carried with a voice vote.

The meeting for the water and sewer rates was discussed. The board was informed of the school's availability, but are awaiting a response from Joe Vandommelen.

NEW BUSINESS

President Russ Platt announced to the board Mark Price's resignation. John Newton moved to post for the open position. George Kintner supported. It carried with a voice vote.

Clerk Casey Gravelle reported that Laura Loomis had contacted her regarding a noncompliance issue for the last fiscal year. The options to remedy the problem were to either move the overage back to the major streets account or submit a Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP) to the state. Said plan was presented to the board. George Kintner moved to upload the TAMP to the state authorities. Allison Harwood supported and it carried with a voice vote.

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The 2024-2025 budget was discussed. The date for the public hearing is set for February 28 at 7 p.m. at the library. Stephen Newton moved to post the proposed budget as written. George Kintner supported and it carried with a voice vote.

The floor was opened back up for public comment.

Dennis McNett inquired about on call pay.

Shawn Barnhart discussed needing a contingency plan for when things happen in the village outside the scope of the maintenance crew.

Mike Stuck inquired about the safety of the building on the northwest corner of Main and Center.

George Kintner made a motion to adjourn. Ryan Belcher supported the motion, and it carried by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. until March 12, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,
Casey Gravelle
Village Clerk

*Subject to approval at the March 12, 2024, meeting.

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST
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