

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

January 8, 2024

The 2024 January meeting was held on January 8, 2024, at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building. President Russ Platt called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call was taken with all members present.

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

Mark Price made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 12, 2023. Ryan Belcher supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

Public Comment

No one commented.

Reports to Council

Stephen Newton reported that there were 35 calls reported at the last meeting and this month's Fire Board meeting had not happened yet.

Street Administrator Shawn Barnhart provided the maintenance and Street Administrator reports. The natural gas line was connected to the new generator at the west lift station, they checked 2 residential water leaks, Church Street curb was swept and cleaned, and the snow equipment is ready to go. The west lift station generator project is complete, the Case tractor is fixed, and he provided a budget proposal for sidewalks, trees, and other maintenance related expenses. A brief discussion regarding the maintenance positions followed.

President Russ Platt discussed he and Trustee George Kintner beginning to hand out citations in the coming weeks.

No report was given for the Planning & Zoning Commission. Since it has been a few months since they last met, President Russ Platt inquired to how many months they had missed. Emil Gravel explained they only have to meet 4 times per year.

Committee Reports

No committee reports were given.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sarah Newton presented her report. She made 4 deposits last month. She has scheduled her meeting with the County Treasurer on March 1, 2024. Residents have until February 29 to pay their village taxes through the village office.

Clerk's Report

Casey Gravelle discussed the following: end of year tax paperwork is being completed, she is preparing the budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal year to give to President Russ Platt and plans to meet with him and the Budget and Finance Committee, the possibility of accepting credit cards payments online, and making a transfer from the Sewer RRI account to the Sewer account.

President's Report

President Russ Platt reported he had hand-delivered the delayed payments to their respective companies.

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Stephen Newton 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	\$11,570.00	-----	\$11,570.00	-----	\$730.00	\$10,840.00	\$10,840
Office Supplies- Clerk	\$1,750.00	\$2,308.64	\$(558.64)	\$650	-----	\$2,400.00	\$91.36
Travel Expenses	\$20.00	\$96.65	\$(76.65)	\$80.00	-----	\$100.00	\$3.35

George Kintner motioned to approve the proposed budget modifications for the Sewer Fund. Stephen Newton 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	\$3,000.00	\$330	-----	12,830.00	\$321.82

John Newton motioned to approve the proposed budget modifications for the Water 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	\$29,020.00	-----	\$29,020.00	-----	\$220.00	\$28,800.00	\$28,800.00
Postage	\$700.00	\$800.13	\$(100.13)	\$220.00	-----	\$920.00	\$119.87

George Kintner motioned to approve the proposed 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

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

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The meeting for the water and sewer rates was discussed. A public meeting at the school is still working on being scheduled.

A representative of Laney Environmental presented their proposal to apply for EGLE's Community Technical, Managerial, and Financial Support for Lead Line Replacement Grant. Discussion followed. George Kintner moved to grant permission to Laney Environmental to apply for the TMF grant and secure the funds. Stephen Newton supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

Clerk Casey Gravelle updated the board regarding EGLE's Remediation and Redevelopment Division's project in the coming spring. They are delayed due to legal needs.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Michelle Ryder with ARS presented the proposed contract for the next two years beginning March 1, 2024. Discussion followed. Stephen Newton moved to continue with the current service option. George Kintner supported and it carried with a voice vote.

The floor was opened back up for public comment.

Casey Gravelle reported for Brent Leininger. He had messaged that the drain commissioner is still working on the Board of Determination for the Boyd Drain petition.

George Kintner made a motion to adjourn. Ryan Belcher supported the motion, and it carried by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m. until February 13, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Casey Gravelle  
Village Clerk

\*Subject to approval at the February 13, 2024, meeting.

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