

Village of Waldron
102 S. Main St.
Waldron, MI 49288
July 11, 2023

The 2023 July ~~June~~ meeting was held on July 11, 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.

Stephen Newton requested to add purchasing water meter bases to the agenda. John Newton made a motion to approve the agenda. George Kintner supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

Mak Price made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 13, 2023. Allison Harwood supported, and it carried by a voice vote.

Stephen Newton made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes of June 21, 2023. George Kintner supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

Public Comment

Amanda Jaqua brought complaint to the council regarding her property taxes not being correct. Discussion amongst council and the public regarding her concern followed.

Brent Leininger reported for the County Commissioners. They went over the audit of 2022 fiscal year and had an increase of their fund balance. Work is still being conducted on the courthouse. There is an opening for a Village Representative on the County Planning Commission.

Reports to Council

Stephen Newton reported the Fire Board would be meeting July 13.

Dennis McNett reported for maintenance. He and Hunter Goodlock started working on the lagoons. They will be there all week and the rest of the month. The mowers need work. He suggested purchasing a trailer for the truck to pull the mowers to the lagoons and other far areas when they need to be used.

Street Administrator Shawn Barnhart updated council on the projects approved at the May meeting and the Bruce Ct. and Larry Dr. Tile Project, the new truck was purchased and is great, the appraisal was back on the white dump truck, and the frame for the bucket and forks needs repair. In looking for a new contractor bid for the project, he learned that the Drain Commission requires a \$600 application fee to connect to their drain. Discussion followed regarding the application fee.

Stephen Newton moved to pay the fee to connect to the County Drain. Ryan Belcher supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

Council requested Shawn Barnhart to look into an auction house to sell the White GMC Dump Truck.

Mark Price moved to fix the Case Tractor. 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. They would be meeting this month and looking over maps.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Treasurer's Report

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Treasurer Sarah Newton presented her report. She picked up the property tax bills. She made 5 deposits for the Village in the last month. She will be working on mailing the tax bills.

Clerk's Report

Casey Gravelle discussed the following: the audit for the last fiscal year was completed, transfers need to be made to balance the accounts, Katie sent over the paperwork to be signed to set the Local Streets Fund to a Cash Sweep Account, Waldron telephone gave her a quote for increasing the internet speed at the office, and in answer to question at the special meeting held on June 21, 2023, Major and Local Streets accounts can pay the General Account back for the purchase of the new truck.

Stephen Newton moved to move the Local Streets Fund to a Cash Sweep account. Allison Harwood supported and it carried with a voice vote.

George Kintner moved to increase the internet speed at the office. Allison Harwood supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

President's Report

President Russ Platt reported he had nothing to report.

Stephen Newton motioned to approve the proposed budget modifications for the General 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	\$35,295	\$0	\$35,295	-----	\$4,450.00	\$30,845	\$30,845
Professional Fees	\$2,670.00	\$2,696.67	\$(26.67)	\$30	-----	\$2,700.00	\$3.33
Village Publishing-Village Prop	\$300.00	\$323.70	\$(23.70)	\$30	-----	\$330.00	\$6.30
Equipment Maintenance	\$6,500	\$6,980.80	\$(480.80)	\$3,000	-----	\$9,500.00	\$2,519.20
Office Miscellaneous	\$ -----	\$88.68	\$(88.68)	\$90.00	-----	\$90.00	\$1.32
Insurance	\$7,680.00	\$2,685.44	\$4,994.56	\$1,300.00	-----	\$8,980.00	\$6,294.56
Capital Outlay/Equipment	\$55,000.00	\$-----	\$55,000.00	-----	\$52,800.00	\$2,200	\$2,200
Capital Outlay/Truck	\$-----	\$52,799.00	\$(52,799.00)	\$52,800.00	-----	\$52,800.00	\$1.00

George Kintner motioned to approve the budget modifications for the Water Fund. Allison Harwood supported and it carried with a voice vote.

Account Description	Budget Amount	YTD Actual	Difference	Recom. Increase	Recom. Decrease	Revised Budget	Budget Balance
Contingency	\$29,900	\$0	\$29,900	-----	\$410	\$29,490	\$29,490
Property Insurance	\$2,400.00	\$839.20	\$1,560.80	\$410	-----	\$2,810.00	\$1970.80

Stephen Newton motioned to approve the proposed budget modifications for the Sewer Fund. Allison Harwood supported and it carried with a voice vote.

Account Description	Budget Amount	YTD Actual	Difference	Recom. Increase	Recom. Decrease	Revised Budget	Budget Balance
Contingency	\$24,315	\$0	\$24,315	-----	\$330	\$2,3985	\$23,985

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Property Insurance	\$1,920	\$671.36	\$1,248.64	\$330	-----	\$2,250.00	\$1,578.64
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George Kintner motioned to approve the budget modifications for the Local Streets Fund. Ryan Belcher supported and it carried with a voice vote.

Account Description	Budget Amount	YTD Actual	Difference	Recom. Increase	Recom. Decrease	Revised Budget	Budget Balance
Contingency	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000	-----	\$35,000	\$0	\$0
Local Street Restoration	\$-----	\$51,850	\$(51,850)	\$35,000	-----	\$35,000	\$(16,850)
Drains	\$65,000	-----	\$65,000	-----	\$16,850	\$48,150	\$48,150
Local Street Restoration	\$35,000	\$51,850	\$(16,850)	\$16,850	-----	\$51,850	\$0

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The meeting for the water and sewer rates was discussed. Joe Vandomelen had suggested at the end of his June visit to have one of his co-workers on the wastewater side come check the lagoons to estimate when the lagoons would potentially need to be drained. Matt is scheduled to come out in July. Once that is determined, Joe will be able to give the most accurate rate recommendation for the sewer rates.

Allison Harwood presented council with the updated bid for the electrical for the park. It would be scheduled 4-6 weeks out if approved. George Kintner motioned to move forward with the park electrical. John Newton supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

Council further discussed the drainage issue on South Main Street. No action was taken. The weed management at the lagoons was discussed. Shawn Barnhart was asked to look into finding someone who can spray stronger weed killer.

NEW BUSINESS

A new meter body for one of the Village properties is needed. Council discussed the bid given by Core & Main for three new meter bodies. Allison Harwood moved to purchase the three meter bodies. George Kintner supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

One bid was received for the one-ton truck. Council hesitated take action. At the direction of President Russ Platt, George Kintner and John Newton will be reaching out to the Village Attorney for direction.

The floor was opened back up for public comment. Bill Hall inquired about the attorney bill that was paid last month and its connection to the recall. Discussion followed whether it was a Village bill or a personal bill. President Russ Platt stated he would pay it back to the Village.

George Kintner made a motion to adjourn. Ryan Belcher supported the motion, and it carried by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. until August 8, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,
Casey Gravelle
Village Clerk

*Subject to approval at the August 8, 2023, meeting.

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

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