

Village of Waldron
102 S. Main St.
Waldron, MI 49288
July 9, 2024

The 2024 July meeting was held on July 9, 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, George Kintner, John Newton, Stephen Newton, and President Russ Platt present. Trustees Allison Harwood and Dakota Potter were absent.

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

Stephen Newton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 11, 2024. Ryan Belcher and George Kintner supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

Public Comment

Bobbi Norris, Bev Sharp, and Janice Roberts from Adams Township came to show their support for Abe Dane, Scott Hodshire, Brent Leininger, and Jennifer Wortz who are all running for political offices this year. They especially appreciate all of the help they received from Abe Dane in the past.

Colleen Roberts asked who the residents are contact if they have any questions regarding the water and sewer bills. President Russ Platt responded. Discussion followed stating to direct water and sewer bill questions to the billing clerk and then to him if they are not satisfied. Dawna Popejoy explained the steps she had taken to answer her questions. Shawn Barnhart explained the steps he was taking to address her concerns as well.

Brent Leininger strongly thanked Dennis McNett for pushing for the 800 MHz system. The lack of said system complicated the incident with Deputy Butler. He also reported for the Board of Commissioners. The county audit is done and the work on the courthouse is nearing its end, hopefully finished in November/December of this year.

Stephen Newton followed up with Colleen Roberts regarding her concerns.

Reports to Council

Stephen Newton reported for the Fire Board. There had been 26 runs total for the month of May.

Street Administrator Shawn Barnhart reported for maintenance: they have been mowing, spraying weeds, painting, and have removed all the concrete at the lagoons. A policy needs to be made moving forward regarding dumping concrete there.

Street Administrator Shawn Barnhart delivered a verbal report. He requested new traffic signs for the four corners, a speed bump that was previously approved for Larry Drive, and mosquito bags. He expressed his frustration that no one on council reached out to him regarding the purchase of the mower. There are other items that needed to be purchased with higher priority. He further discussed the requirement of a locator for the water department. He asked when the hydrant flushing was going to be done. He informed them that Jay Williams sprayed the driveway and around the pond at the lagoons.

Stephen Newton moved to budget \$7,000 for a water locator. George Kintner supported and it carried with a voice vote.

George Kintner moved to purchase a case of mosquito bags. Stephen Newton supported and it carried with a voice vote.

Stephen Newton moved to allocate the money for the signs for the four corners with Ryan Belcher supporting. It carried with a voice vote.

Stephen Newton moved to allocate the funds for the speed bump for Larry Drive. George Kintner supported. It carried with a voice vote.

No report for Code Enforcement.

Emil Gravelle reported for the Planning & Zoning Commission. Kathleen Worsley is scheduled to take the class the county is offering. Emil Gravelle drove around town to verify current uses. Their next meeting is August 6th at 5 p.m.

Committee Reports

No committee reports were given.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sarah Newton presented her report. She made 5 deposits last month, picked up the property tax roll for 2024, and mailed the property tax rolls. Payments are due September 16.

Clerk's Report

Clerk Casey Gravelle discussed the following: USGS/EGLE's project and use of water in June, requesting permission to put credit card button on website, reminder of nominating petitions and due date, Civil Rights Compliance Review for USDA, working the polls for the primary on August 6th, and revisiting water shutoff notification. Dawna Popejoy reported on the shutoffs going out through certified mail. Clerk Gravelle discussed pole banners for Main Street that Trustee Harwood had wanted to discuss at the meeting but was unable due to illness.

Stephen Newton moved to go back to standard mailing for shutoff notifications. Ryan Belcher supported. It carried with a voice vote.

President's Report

President Platt reported that he will be assisting the wastewater operator with the weeds at the lagoons and he cut the grass and weeds at 206 S. Main Street. John Newton asked about the buildings on Main Street needing restoration or demolition.

Stephen Newton moved to accept the budget modification for the General account. 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	\$23,470.00	-----	\$23,470.00	-----	\$210.00	\$23,260.00	\$23,260.00
Miscellaneous-Village Prop	\$30.00	\$38.31	\$(8.31)	\$10.00	-----	\$40.00	\$1.69
Supplies-Village Prop	\$600.00	\$612.64	\$(12.64)	\$200.00	-----	\$800.00	\$187.36

George Kintner moved to accept the budget modification for the Sewer account. Stephen 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	\$24,975.00	-----	\$24,975.00	-----	\$2,400.00	\$22,575.00	\$22,575.00
Capital Outlay-Equipment	\$0	\$2,373.82	\$(2,373.82)	\$2,400.00	-----	\$2,400.00	\$26.18

George Kintner moved to accept the budget modification for the Water account. 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
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Contingency	\$25,000.00	-----	\$25,000.00	-----	\$1,650.00	\$23,350.00	\$23,350.00
Capital Outlay- Equipment	\$0	\$1,637.12	\$(1,637.12)	\$1,650.00	-----	\$1,650.00	\$12.88

Stephen Newton moved to pay the bills and up to \$3,100 to our water operator. George Kintner supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Casey Gravelle explained the Equalization Office was working on updating the GIS with all of the Resolutions of Abandonment the Village of Waldron had recorded with the county. One resolution had been recorded with the directions switched. She spoke with one of the attorneys to draft the needed resolution.

George Kintner moved to amend and correct the resolution of abandonment on October 8, 2002, to change the directional description and now state “the alley lying adjacent to and directly west of Lots 39 through Lot 57 inclusive, and directly east of Lots 21 through 38 inclusive, all being in Wilcox and Boyd’s Addition to the Village of Waldron, Hillsdale County, Michigan.” Stephen Newton supported, and a roll call vote was taken with the following result: Ryan Belcher – yes, Stephen Newton – yes, George Kintner – yes, John Newton – yes, Russ Platt – yes. Motion adopted.

The floor was opened back up for public comment.

Dawna Popejoy inquired about the EGLE Grant and what it pays for. She had found that it only covers the study of the service lines and not replacement. She also expressed her concern regarding the water quality report and feels that it is lacking compared to other places in the area.

Ryan Belcher made a motion to adjourn. George Kintner supported the motion, and it carried by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. until August 13, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,
Casey Gravelle
Village Clerk

**Subject to approval at the August 13, 2024, meeting.