

Village of Waldron  
102 S. Main St.  
Waldron, MI 49288  
June 13, 2023

The 2023 Truth in Taxation Hearing was held on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building.

The 2023 June meeting was held on June 13, 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 made a motion to approve the agenda. Allison Harwood supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

John Newton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 9, 2023. George Kintner supported, and it carried by a voice vote.

#### Public Comment

Melissa Broughman, the Home Based Services Coordinator from Hillsdale County Senior Center, presented the services the center offers. They are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. There is a packet in the Village office for any residents who are interested.

Kurt Sheffer plans to build a garage and was looking for the council's permission. They stated he didn't need their permission and wished him well.

April Platt presented for Waldron Community Days. They have already raised the money to replace the benches at the V for the VFW and are now looking to replace the bricks and foundation. They are planning several events, including Food Truck Thursdays during the summer, a back to school fair, Labor Day events, Halloween festivities, Thanksgiving meal, and Hometown Holiday. They are also looking for sponsors for the Holiday lights for the winter holiday season.

#### Reports to Council

Stephen Newton reported for the Fire Board meeting May 11, 2023 and June 8, 2023. In May, the EMT training ended and everyone passed. In June, they are purchasing 4 pieces of equipment. They also requested a letter from the Village to apply for a grant for the Fire Department.

Street Administrator Shawn Barnhart reported for maintenance. Dennis McNett and Hunter Goodlock have been mowing, picking up brush, cleaning drains, cleaning up stump grindings, backfilling the stump grindings with top dirt, cleaning curbs, performing water meter checks and shutoffs, spraying weeds, cleaning the park, and installing keyless door locks at the office, garage, and well house.

Street Administrator Shawn Barnhart updated council on the projects approved at the past meeting and the Bruce Ct. and Larry Dr. Tile Project. There are some drains that may need major repair. He also discussed the need for replacing the red 1-ton truck and that he and Dennis have been researching. He requested an allowed amount to spend on a new truck and guidance from a councilmember. He also provided a list of tools needed.

The County Road Commission would not be able to pay for half of Carpenter St to be repaved due to the Village receiving Act 51 money. George Kintner moved to cover the additional expense to pave Carpenter St. John Newton supported and it carried by a voice vote.

Council discussed the delay of the tile project. They agreed it would be okay to reach out to other companies to see if another company could complete it sooner.

Council discussed an amount to allow to be spent on a used truck. Trustees verified that the truck would be looked at before purchasing. Stephen Newton moved to purchase a truck with a cap of \$30,000. Allison Harwood supported the motion. It carried with a voice vote.

No report for Code Enforcement.

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Mark Price reported for the Planning & Zoning Commission. Council discussed the need of the Commission. John Newton wants a member of the Zoning Commission to come and report the pros and cons of the Commission. Emil Gravelle and Phyllis Worsley gave explanations for the good the Zoning Commission can do for the Village. Mark Price and Emil Gravelle need to take a class as members of the Zoning Commission and need council's approval for the Village to pay for the classes. Stephen Newton moved to pay for the classes for the Planning and Zoning Commission. Ryan Belcher supported and it carried with a voice vote. President Russ Platt nominated Phyllis Worsley to be placed on the Planning and Zoning Commission. George Kintner supported and it carried with a voice vote.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sarah Newton presented her report. She anticipates receiving the tax bills this month. She made 6 deposits for the Village in the last month.

Clerk's Report

Casey Gravelle discussed the following: a vacuum for the office was purchased for less than \$50, chairs were purchased totaling around \$400, closing the office early June 16, last fiscal year's bookkeeping is still at the auditor, tracking foot traffic at the office for office hours, inquiring about a cash sweep account for Local Streets Fund, and the increase in the insurance premiums.

President's Report

President Russ Platt reported he had nothing to report since the Street Administrator and Maintenance teams were doing everything.

Stephen Newton motioned to approve the proposed budget modification 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	\$35,295	\$0	\$35,295	-----	\$125.00	\$35,170	\$35,170
Tools	\$600.00	\$718.23	\$(118.23)	\$125	-----	\$725.00	\$6.77

Concern over items on the bill from Castleberry & Lucas were discussed. President Russ Platt explained he had requested the research and offered to pay that portion. George Kintner requested that a member of the Legal Committee be notified when the attorney is contacted. Stephen Newton made a motion to pay the bills. John Newton 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 been out on May 17 to check the meter sizes. He had to reschedule his visit to the office due to an emergency and would be back on June 15. Clerk Casey Gravelle will notify President Russ Platt when he is finished to move forward with scheduling a meeting.

George Kintner moved to keep the millage rate at 10.6978. John Newton supported. It was adopted via a voice vote.

Allison Harwood reintroduced the matching grant the Community Foundation awarded the Village in January for updating the electrical at Rutledge Park. Discussion followed. She will reach back out to the contractor to inquire about any changes in cost from the quote given and report back.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Friends of the Library plan to hold a 50/50 raffle Labor Day Weekend and at their car show in September. To do so, they are applying for a gaming license and needed a resolution from the Village regarding it. George Kintner moved to adopt the resolution that "the request from Friends of the Library of Waldron, county of Hillsdale, asking that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming

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licenses, be considered for approval.” Stephen Newton supported. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Ryan Belcher – yes, Allison Harwood – yes, George Kintner – yes, John Newton – yes, Stephen Newton – yes, Mark Price – yes, President Russ Platt – yes.

A new pH testing device for the water system was discussed.

The floor was opened back up for public comment. Shawn Barnhart discussed the weeds at Dollar General that have not been cut down. Someone needs to reach out to their corporate offices to have it addressed before he sends Hunter or Dennis to cut it down.

Stephen Newton made a motion to adjourn. Ryan Belcher and Allison Harwood supported the motion, and it carried by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m. until July 11, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Casey Gravelle  
Village Clerk

\*Subject to approval at the July 11, 2023, meeting.

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