

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

May 14, 2024

The 2024 May meeting was held on May 14, 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, Stephen Newton, and Dakota Potter and President Russ Platt present.

Allison Harwood requested to add signs for the park to the agenda. John Newton made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Dakota Potter supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

Stephen Newton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 9, 2024. Ryan Belcher supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

Stephen Newton made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes of May 1, 2024. John Newton supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

#### Public Comment

Brent Leininger reported for the Board of Commissioners. They voted on the millages to be put to the voters in August. The 800 MHz for emergency services is really needed. More discussion regarding that millage followed.

#### Reports to Council

Stephen Newton reported the fire and EMS had a total of 37 calls in February. The sale of the fire engine fell through and they voted to repost it.

Dennis McNett reported for Maintenance. They have been picking up brush, mowing and weed eating, delivering water shut off notices, removing the concrete at the lagoons, spraying weeds, cleaning curbs, and maintaining equipment. He expressed concern about safety hand-delivering shut-off notices. Discussion followed. He also briefly discussed the mower situation. He also asked for permission to purchase rust inhibitor for the vehicles.

Street Administrator Shawn Barnhart discussed the upcoming tree removal, the work needing to be done on the S. Main ditch, the drain repair on N. East St. was completed, and sidewalk replacement will start in June. Discussion followed. They also discussed purchasing a trailer for the truck.

Stephen Newton moved to send water shutoff notices by certified return receipt. Allison Harwood supported the motion. It carried with a voice vote.

Allison Harwood moved for Shawn to take care of what needs to be done on the S Main catch basin that is blocked. John Newton supported and it carried with a voice vote.

John Newton moved to increase the budget for the trailer \$2,000 to make it \$6,000. Dakota Potter supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

Allison Harwood moved to give Dennis McNett permission to purchase the rust inhibitor for the vehicles. Dakota Potter supported and it carried with a voice vote.

Code Enforcer Dakota Potter reported for Code Enforcement. He requested that legal look at reducing the grass and weed height in the ordinance from ten inches to six inches. Discussion followed.

Emil Gravelle reported for the Planning & Zoning Commission. They met the previous week. They discussed the master plan. Their next meeting is July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5 pm.

Committee Reports

No committee reports were given.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Sarah Newton presented her report. She made 7 deposits last month.

Clerk’s Report

Clerk Casey Gravelle discussed the following: Miss Dig membership, audit scheduled for June 17, reminder that nominating petitions are available in the Village office from noon to five, and requested time off in late June.

Stephen Newton moved to become members of Miss Dig. Allison Harwood supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

President’s Report

Matt Word had contacted him to notify him that a company would be out to obtain video of the county drains in Waldron. He suggested that the Village may want to hire the same company to do the same with our storm drains while they are in town. Discussion followed.

George Kintner moved to accept the budget modification for the Sewer account. 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	\$25,000.00	-----	\$25,000.00	-----	\$25.00	\$24,975.00	\$24,975.00
Publishing-Sewer	-----	\$24.49	\$(24.49)	\$25.00	-----	\$25.00	\$0.51

Allison Harwood moved to pay the bills and up to \$3,100 to Laney Environmental. Stephen Newton supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Headlee Rollback was discussed along with the options for the millage for 2024.

Allison Harwood moved to propose to increase the property taxes in the Village of Waldron by 0.5145 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2024 to be heard on June 11, 2024. Dakota Potter supported. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Allison Harwood – yes, Dakota Potter – yes, Stephen Newton – yes, George Kintner – yes, John Newton – yes, Ryan Belcher – yes, Russ Platt – yes.

The possibility of obtaining video of the storm drains was discussed.

The owner of 355 Water Street had requested his meter to be changed to a smaller meter. Discussion followed.

Allison Harwood discussed ordering the signs needed at the park.

The floor was opened back up for public comment.

Shawn Barnhart asked who was performing the hydrant flushing and reminded the board of the contract with fire department. The water operator will be performing the hydrant flushing this year and will notify when it will be done. John Newton commented that the weeds at the lagoons need to be addressed. Russ Platt said he would discuss it with the operator. Allison Harwood complimented Brandon Covell on the work he did on the sidewalks at the four corners. Bill Hall inquired whether those receiving shutoffs are paying balance in full and the off/on fee. Dawna Popejoy answered that they are. He clarified that he meant down to a zero-balance due. She said they are.

George Kintner made a motion to adjourn. Ryan Belcher supported the motion, and it carried by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m. until June 11, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Casey Gravelle  
Village Clerk

\*\*Subject to approval at the June 11, 2024, meeting.

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