

Village of Waldron
102 S. Main St.
Waldron, MI 49288
May 9, 2023

The 2023 May meeting was held on May 9, 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.

John Newton requested to add the Water and Sewer Report to the agenda. Mark Price made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions. John Newton supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

John Newton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 11, 2023. Allison Harwood supported, and it carried by a voice vote.

Stephen Newton made a motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes of April 25, 2023. Allison Harwood and John Newton supported. It carried with a voice vote.

Public Comment

Chief Deputy Clerk Abe Dane presented the county's tentative plan for implementing the changes Proposition 2 created regarding early voting.

Reports to Council

Stephen Newton reported for the Fire Board meeting April 13, 2023. They had 32 total calls: 21 medical, 4 fire, 1 crash, 1 down power line, 3 transportations.

Street Administrator Shawn Barnhart reported for maintenance. Since Dennis McNett and Hunter Goodlock were hired to fill in until the posting ended, they have been mowing, picking up brush, cleaning drains, cleaning the shop and trucks, and trimming trees.

Street Administrator Shawn Barnhart presented bids for projects and quotes for items. Discussion followed regarding the budgets and where the money would be pulled from if approved.

John Newton moved to approve the quote from Bailey Excavating to repave Lee Road, Carpenter Street, and a portion of Center Street, up to \$52,000. Allison Harwood supported. It carried with a voice vote.

Mark Price moved to approve the quote from Farrell Enterprises for tree removal. George Kintner supported. It carried with a voice vote.

Stephen Newton moved to approve the proposal from Larry Deck for sidewalk replacement on portions of Main Street and Center Street. Ryan Belcher and John Newton supported. It carried with a voice vote.

Stephen Newton moved to approve purchasing three keyless entry door locks to be placed at the village office, water tower, and maintenance garage. Mark Price supported and it carried with a voice vote.

Shawn Barnhart discussed a verbal quote regarding placing a generator for the Center Street lift station. Mark Price moved to approve the purchase of a generator for the lift station on Center Street as long as it can be pulled from the Repair, Replace, and Improve Fund. Allison Harwood supported. It carried with a voice vote.

President Russ Platt asked if there had been any interest in the position of Code Enforcer. John Newton expressed concern regarding who from Legal can contact the attorney. It was explained that the chair of the Legal & Ordinance Committee can contact the attorney. George Kintner was chosen to be chair.

Planning & Zoning Commission has not met yet due to requesting an Ex-Officio member be appointed.

Committee Reports

Utilities and Drains reported on their meeting with Jason Laney. He presented them with a quote for scales and a pump for the well house. John Newton moved to approve the purchase. Mark Price supported, and it carried with a voice vote. George Kintner moved to repost for Code Enforcer. Allison Harwood supported and it carried with a voice vote.

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Roads and Right of Ways reported that the issues in their meeting had already been addressed. Allison Harwood stated she had met with Maintenance Dennis McNett.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sarah Newton presented her report. She had received the letter for the tax bills for this year from the Equalization office. She made 5 deposits for the Village in the last month.

Clerk's Report

Casey Gravelle discussed the following: bank transfer for payroll from last September, Stephanie Leininger's internship is over May 16, audit is scheduled for May 18, water shutoff doorhanger usage, the Water Street property sewage backup, paying the Village credit card online, replacing the office chairs, and purchasing a vacuum for the office. Discussion regarding security cameras was also briefly discussed.

Stephen Newton made a motion to use doorhangers to notify for possible shutoff. Allison Harwood supported, it carried with a voice vote.

George Kintner moved to stop the insurance claim regarding the Water Street property and pay \$250 for the sewage cleanup. Allison Harwood supported and it carried with a voice vote.

Mark Price moved to begin paying the Village credit card online. John Newton supported and it carried with a voice vote.

John Newton moved to allow Casey Gravelle to purchase three office chairs up to \$300 each and a vacuum up to \$100.

George Kintner supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

Mark Price moved to purchase a security system up to \$500. Allison Harwood supported. It carried with a voice vote.

John Newton would like research done on a recording device for the meetings.

President's Report

President Russ Platt requested clarification regarding hourly pay for himself for the work he did with helping with brush cleanup from the ice storm. Discussion followed. Mark Price moved to reimburse him for the hours worked. John Newton supported and requested a roll call vote. More discussion followed and Russ rescinded his request. The roll call vote was taken with the following results: Ryan Belcher- no, Allison Harwood – no, George Kintner – no, John Newton – yes, Stephen Newton – no, Mark Price – yes.

George Kintner 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	\$39,345	\$0	\$39,345	-----	\$4,050.00	\$35,295	\$35,295
Office Supplies - Clerk	\$200	\$592.83	\$(392.83)	\$550	-----	\$750	\$157.17
Equipment Maint- Village Prop	\$3000	\$6,137.36	\$(3,137.36)	\$3,500	-----	\$6,500	\$362.64

George Kintner made a motion to approve the proposed budget modification for the Water Fund. Allison Harwood supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

Account Description	Budget Amount	YTD Actual	Difference	Recom. Increase	Recom. Decrease	Revised Budget	Budget Balance
Contingency	\$29,970	\$0	\$29,970	-----	\$70	\$29,900	\$29,900
Miscellaneous	\$20	\$72.90	\$(52.90)	\$70	-----	\$90	\$17.10

George Kintner made a motion to approve the proposed budget modification for the Sewer Fund. Allison Harwood supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

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Account Description	Budget Amount	YTD Actual	Difference	Recom. Increase	Recom. Decrease	Revised Budget	Budget Balance
Contingency	\$24,975	\$0	\$24,975	-----	\$660	\$24,315	\$24,315
Permit Fees	-----	\$403	\$(403)	\$410	-----	\$410	\$7
Miscellaneous	-----	\$250	\$\$ (250)	\$250	-----	\$250	\$0

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

One application for each maintenance position was received. The applications received were from Dennis McNett and Hunter Goodlock, who have been filling in since April 25.

George Kintner moved to hire Dennis McNett and Hunter Goodlock as the maintenance crew. Ryan Belcher supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

A meeting with Joe Vandomelen to discuss the water and sewer rate study he recently completed was discussed. The special meeting was scheduled for May 17, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Allison Harwood moved to amend the motion approving purchasing gifts for Beth Town and Chris Douglas for their service to the Village to state, "We recompensate Chris Douglas for training Dawna Popejoy in the amount of \$113.97 and Beth Town a one-time pay increase of \$63.97 for helping the Village become current with the yearly audits. George Kintner and Stephen Newton supported. It carried with a voice vote.

The ex-officio position for the Planning & Zoning Commission was discussed. President Russ Platt nominated Mark Price and George Kintner supported the nomination. It carried with a voice vote.

The Headlee rollback was discussed. George Kintner moved to schedule the Truth-in-taxation Hearing for June 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Allison Harwood supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

President Russ Platt provided tools to the Village maintenance garage and requested reimbursement. Allison Harwood discussed her conversation with Dennis McNett and presented photos of the tools in question. Discussion followed. Stephen Newton moved to purchase the cordless grease gun for \$75. Allison Harwood supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

The floor was opened back up for public comment. Brian Bernath inquired if the service had been completed on the generator at the well house. President Platt responded that it is being taken handled by Jason Laney. Cheryl Newton thanked the council for their service. Jean Todd agreed with Cheryl.

Allison Harwood made a motion to adjourn. The remaining councilmembers supported the motion, and it carried by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m. until June 13, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,
Casey Gravelle
Village Clerk

*Subject to approval at the June 13, 2023, meeting.

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST
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