

Village of Waldron
102 S. Main St.
Waldron, MI 49288
December 13, 2022

The 2022 December meeting was held on December 13, 2022, at the Waldron Library. 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 George Kintner, John Newton, Stephen Newton, Mark Price, and Phyllis Worsley and President Russ Platt were present. Allison Harwood was absent.

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

John Newton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 15, 2022, with the addition of Phyllis Worsley present. George Kintner supported, and it carried by a voice vote.

George Kintner made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes of November 29, 2022. John Newton supported, and it carried by a voice vote.

Public Comment

April Platt presented for Waldron Community Days regarding their events that occurred recently. They served 81 meals at the Thanksgiving Community Meals. They gave away over 80 kiddie bags and the Tavern gave away approximately 120 cups of hot cocoa at the Hometown Holiday Festival. She has left wooden angel tree ornaments to be picked up at the office by residents who would like to write a loved one's name who has passed to decorate the other Christmas tree to be placed in the Village office. 102.5 is reading the Santa Letters that were written at the festival over the air from 11:40 to noon on Saturdays. Waldron Community Days is working with the school running bingo events to raise money.

April also mentioned that ordinances regarding landlords should be considered.

Brent Leininger, County Commissioner, reported that the county commissioners approved the 2023 budget. The funding they were hoping for the county parks is not likely for the year. He made suggestions for the Village to look into for funding for the electrical upgrade at the park should the Village not receive the grant from Hillsdale County Community Foundation.

Reports to Council

Stephen Newton, Fire Board, reported for the Fire Board meeting for December 8, 2022. The calls were as follows:

	Total	Medicals	Fire	Accidents	Transfers	Power lines down
December	38	24	9	1	1	3

They had several budget modifications, most due to inflation.

Russ Platt reported for Maintenance. The truck is ready to plow snow when it is needed. Russ and Randy have been building shelves in the back room of the office to store the Village records. Most materials were already owned by the Village.

Russ Platt reported that we have had no letters of interest for the position of Street Administrator.

There was no report from Code Enforcement. Brian Bernath was absent. Brian has reached out to Casey Gravelle that he will be resigning and will get a letter into her soon.

Phyllis Worsley, Planning and Zoning, reported there was no meeting in December due to her being ill. They need bodies for the commission.

Treasurer's Report

Sarah Newton reported the current bank balances. She explained that she will work towards improving her reports in the future.

Clerk's Report

Casey Gravelle discussed the following: Stephanie Leininger working as unpaid intern, clarification on shut-off extension application fee, Act 51 money being withheld, grant status, training she and Sarah participated in, asset management champion program, reorganizing the office, conversation with Tom Thompson, general fund budget is very tight, the office still needs certain supplies, and the fiscal year 2020-2021 audit has been delivered to Shea.

Stephen Newton moved to have Stephanie Leininger as an unpaid intern in the office for the next school semester. Mark Price supported the motion, and it carried with a voice vote.

Stephen Newton made a motion to subscribe to Microsoft 365 for software for the office computers. George Kintner supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

Mark Price moved to subscribe to HP InstantInk for ink for the office printers. Russ Platt supported the motion, and it carried with a voice vote.

President's Report

Russ Platt has been helping Randy.

Casey Gravelle presented the budget modifications needed to be paid.

Stephen Newton motioned to approve the budget modifications for the general fund as presented. Russ Platt supported, and it carried by a voice vote.

George Kintner motioned to approve the budget modifications for the water fund as presented. John Newton supported the motion, and it carried by a voice vote.

John Newton motioned to approve the budget modifications for the sewer fund as presented. Stephen Newton supported, and it carried by a voice vote.

George Kintner moved to approve the budget modifications for the major street fund as presented. Mark Price supported the motion, and it carried with a voice vote.

John Newton made a motion to approve the budget modifications for the local street fund as presented. George Kintner supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

The committee assignments were discussed.

John Newton moved to rescind Resolution 10-8-19 due to the complications it creates with the Open Meetings Act.

Mark Price supported the motion, and a roll call vote was taken with the following result:

Allison Harwood-absent, George Kintner-yes, John Newton-yes, Stephen Newton-yes, Mark Price-yes, Phyllis Worsley-yes, Russ Platt-yes. Motion to rescind is passed.

Russ Platt presented a proposal for structuring the committees and who he would like to place on each committee. John Newton motioned to approve the committee proposal and George Kintner seconded. It carried with a voice vote.

Committees are as follows:

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Budget and Finance Committee: John Newton and Mark Price

Legal and Ordinance: George Kintner, John Newton, and Phyllis Worsley

Region II, Events, and Planning: Allison Harwood, George Kintner, and Phyllis Worsley

Roads and Right of Ways: Allison Harwood, George Kintner, Stephen Newton

Utilities and Drains: John Newton, Stephen Newton, Mark Price

Joe Vandomelen presented the water and sewer rate study to the new council members. He expressed concerns regarding the numbers provide to him and suggested repeating the rate studies next year. John Newton requested for Joe to meet with the budget and finance committee.

Jason Laney expressed his interest in becoming the new Water and Sewer Operator for the Village. He needs a little more information to give a proper proposal.

Other concerns were expressed, which lead John Newton to make a motion to schedule a special meeting with Fred Lucas. George Kintner supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

Russ Platt handed Emil Gravelle's letter of interest to join the Planning Commission to Phyllis Worsley.

Two sealed bids were received for the woodchipper. The highest bid was from Mark's Services for \$1565. No bids were received for the salt spreader.

Council has asked Casey Gravelle to post on govdeals for the street administrator position.

In lieu of concerns regarding the October 31,2022, Special Meeting, John Newton made a motion to approve the previous purchase of the leafvac. George Kintner and Stephen Newton supported and it carried with a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Katie Mattison and Lisa Mains with Premier Bank and Elavon respectively presented services the bank has for the Village. Katie explained the ICS accounts the bank has and how it serves the Village because we can keep all funds at one bank. Lisa discussed keeping a credit card terminal in the Village office. A follow-up meeting with Darren Trainer will be needed to move forward.

Dennis McNett requested the Village's permission to place a 12x16 shed for storage for the Wright-Waldron Fire Department on Village property near the Maintenance garage. The Village will not be responsible for upkeep or insurance. In exchange, the fire department will perform on hydrant flushing per year free of charge.

John Newton motioned to agree to the terms presented. Stephen Newton seconded, and it carried with a voice vote.

The floor was once again opened for public comment. Emil Gravelle expressed his concerns regarding the water/sewer operator.

Stephen Newton made a motion to have Casey Gravelle reach out to Tom Thompson regarding the contract with the current Water/Sewer Operator.

George Kintner made a motion to adjourn. John Newton supported the motion, and it carried by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 p.m. until January 10, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,
Casey Gravelle
Village Clerk

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