

Village of Waldron
102 S. Main St.
Waldron, MI 49288
November 15, 2022

The 2022 November meeting was held on November 15, 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 Shawn Barnhart, Bill Hall, Karen McNett, Bettie Salmon, and Phyllis Worsley and President Russ Platt were present. Darcie Salmon was absent.

Bill Hall made a motion to approve the agenda. Shawn Barnhart supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

Shawn Barnhart made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 11, 2022. Bill Hall supported and it carried by a voice vote.

Karen McNett made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes of October 20, 2022. Bill Hall supported and it carried by a voice vote.

Despite actions taken by a certain trustee at the special meeting of October 31, 2022, Bill Hall refused to acknowledge the meeting took place by stating quorum was not met. No action was taken regarding the special meeting minutes of October 31, 2022.

Public Comment

Emil Gravelle reported what he had found in the documents he received in his FOIA request submitted to the Village and to EGLE. Mark Price noted a water sample had been taken from his house, but he was not notified of those results. Jeff Gier rebutted a few items, including that he had given the results of Mr. Price's test results to the (former) clerk.

April Platt presented for Waldron Community Days regarding their events coming up, the first being the Thanksgiving Community Meal. They are still looking for volunteers. The meal is free and begins at 11:30 a.m. November 24, 2022. December 3, 2022, is the Hometown Holiday Festival beginning at 1 p.m. There will be several activities for everyone. The grant proposal was put in for the park upgrades and we received a confirmation that it was received.

Brent Leininger, County Commissioner, thanked Waldron Community Days for the service they are providing. He provided information to help with the park upgrades. There are two road commission positions opening up the beginning of the year. They are expanding to increase the members needed to make quorum. Currently there are only 3 members, which makes a two member conversation a meeting. They are accepting applications through December 15, 2022, at the County Clerk's office. They will interview and hopefully appoint the new road commissioners January 10, 2023. They look at adding a meeting room to the Courthouse; currently, it is not in the budget, but may require a bond later. The commissioners are meeting with Senator Shirkey and Representative Fink to push for legislative action for appropriations to our county.

Reports to Council

Karen McNett, Fire Board, reported for the Fire Board meeting for October 13, 2022 and November 10, 2022. The calls were as follows:

	Total	Medicals	Fire	Accidents	Transfers	Power lines down
September	33	24	2	3	2	2
October	37	20	8	4	5	0

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At September's meeting they moved to pay the firemen a set wage of \$13/hour. At October's meeting they discussed looking into a second cardiac monitor.

Russ Platt reported for Maintenance. Russ and Randy have been using the new Leaf Vac to pick up the leaves and it is working very well. They are wrapping up leaf pick up and will finish up in a day or so. After that they will get the truck ready for plowing snow.

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.

Phyllis Worsley , Planning and Zoning, reported that the preliminary reports were picked up, but something was amiss. She met with Joel to have him work on them to fix the problem. The printing company said they would not charge to reprint them.

Treasurer's Report

Keri Burress, Treasurer, was absent.

Clerk's Report

Casey Gravelle discussed the following: budget revision requests will start next month, bill pay, CaresAct money marked to be transferred to water but not completed, the transfers that need to be made that haven't been, the amounts being withheld and forfeited due to the delinquent audits, and fiscal year 202-2021 is nearing ready to go to audit.

Shawn Barnhart moved to transfer \$43,100 from Water Receiving to the Water RRI fund. Phyllis Worsley supported and it carried by a voice vote.

Shawn Barnhart moved to transfer \$1,550 from Water Receiving to the Water Bond fund. Phyllis Worsley supported and it carried by a voice vote.

Shawn Barnhart moved to transfer \$40,860 from Sewer Receiving to the Sewer RRI fund. Phyllis Worsley supported and it carried by a voice vote.

President's Report

Russ Platt has been helping Randy.

Bill Hall made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Russ Platt supported the motion and it carried by a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

The street administrator position still has no applicants. Casey will repost with new date.

The water/sewer operator position was discussed. Jeff Gier discussed why he gave his resignation. James from F&V Operations presented their proposal for the position. Russ Platt read an email from Tom Thomson, the Village attorney, sent to Mr. Gier and the Village.

NEW BUSINESS

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President Russ Platt requested permission to post the brush/wood chipper for sale. It hasn't been used in several years. Bill Hall moved to post the brush/wood chipper for sale to have bids by the December meeting. Bettie Salmon supported the motion and it carried by voice vote.

The floor was once again opened for public comment. April Platt voiced her concerns regarding the water/sewer operator position, the financial state of the Village, and accountability of the Council members. Mark Price supported her. Emil Gravelle shared his thoughts regarding the contract between the Village and Mr. Gier. Jeff Gier said he is available for discussion with the new trustees. Mark Price suggested clarifying the duties are for the street administrator position when reposting it.

Shawn Barnhart made a motion to adjourn. Bill Hall supported the motion and it carried by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m. until December 13, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,
Casey Gravelle
Village Clerk

*Edited to add Phyllis Worsley to roll call.

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