

Village of Waldron  
102 S. Main St.  
Waldron, MI 49288  
October 10, 2023

The 2023 October meeting was held on October 10, 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, Stephen Newton, Mark Price, and President Russ Platt were present. Trustee John Newton was absent.

Stephen Newton made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment. Mark Price supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

Allison Harwood made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 12, 2023, with the correction of the word parade. Stephen Newton supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

#### Public Comment

April Platt reported for Waldron Community Days. They are looking for volunteers for Trunk or Treat, donations for the Community Thanksgiving meal, and sponsors for the light pole holiday decorations. She reported to council that she is stepping down after the December events and they are seeking a replacement.

Casey Gravelle passed along Brent Leininger's report. He spoke with the new owner of 131 Marcus St. The property is being cleaned up and should be closed up by the end of the year. The county commissioners lowered the tax rate for the Medicare Facility Bond Debt from 0.35 mil to 0.3 mil.

#### Reports to Council

Stephen Newton reported that the Fire Board for the October meeting had not happened yet.

Dennis McNett reported on maintenance and the Street Administrator. Shawn Barnhart was absent due to harvest. Dennis McNett and Hunter Goodlock have been mowing, brush pickup, maintaining equipment, cutting limbs and brush back around the east lift station, preparing for fall leaf pick up, and taking an inventory of stop signs and street signs to see what is needed.

Dennis McNett updated the council on the projects approved at the May meeting. The sidewalks and retaining wall removal and repairs have been completed, the generator for the west lift station has been shipped and we're awaiting installation, back fill for Larry Dr. and Bruce Ct. will be completed in the spring to allow for trenches to settle, the snowplow for the new truck is being installed and the bedliner should be applied while it is gone, the arm for the tractor has been fixed, the S. Main St ditch is being cleaned up, the same will be done for the corner of S. Main and South.

President Russ Platt discussed he could give out citations as President, while we do not have a code enforcer.

No report was given for the Planning & Zoning Commission.

#### Committee Reports

George Kintner reported for the Legal and Ordinance Committee. They have met and looked over the ordinances. Most are good, but some could use tweaking. They plan to meet with the Village Attorney.

Allison Harwood reported for Region II, Events, and Planning. The electric at Rutledge Park is done and she and other members of the community have been working on other improvements to the park.

Mark Price reported for Utilities & Drains. More chlorine is needed and the operator is looking for the Operator Manual for the water plant.

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Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sarah Newton presented her report. She made 5 deposits last month. She will be mailing reminder letters to those who have not paid their Village taxes to date.

Clerk's Report

Casey Gravelle discussed the following: cost of copies, the real estate agent for the Rutledges stopped in and discussed the office space next to the Village Office, committees meeting for budget requests, the results of the worker's comp audit, the rewards balance of the Village credit card, sponsoring spring sports for the school, and Public Surplus.

President's Report

President Russ Platt reported he had purchased the pole saw for Maintenance, he has been around town and likes what Dennis and Hunter have been doing, and Allison is doing a good job with the park.

Stephen Newton motioned to approve the proposed budget modifications 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	\$21,070	-----	\$21,070	-----	\$8,500	\$12,570	\$12,570
Tools	\$725.00	\$1,411.18	\$(686.18)	\$700	-----	\$1,425.00	\$13.82
Memberships-Village	\$500	\$549	\$(49)	\$50	-----	\$550	\$1
Capital Outlay-Equipment	\$2,200	\$9,938	\$(7,738)	\$50	-----	\$9,950	\$12

Stephen Newton motioned to approve the proposed budget modifications for the Water 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	\$29,140	-----	\$29,140	-----	\$90	\$29,050	\$29,050
Postage	\$610	\$662.73	\$(52.73)	\$90	-----	\$700	\$37.27

Stephen Newton motioned to approve the proposed budget modifications for the Sewer 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	\$24,315	-----	\$24,315	-----	\$250	\$24,065	\$24,065
Gas & Oil	\$550	\$760.72	\$(210.72)	\$250	-----	\$800	\$39.28

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The meeting for the water and sewer rates was discussed. The Rate Study is complete. Joe Vandomellen needs to meet with the Utilities & Drains committee and then he can present it to the board.

Russ Platt explained the Resolution the Friends of the Library was requesting was for the 50/50 raffle they did over Labor Day weekend.

Allison Harwood moved that the request from the Friends of the Waldron District 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 licenses, be considered for approval. Stephen Newton supported. A roll call vote was taken

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with the following results: Ryan Belcher – yes, Allison Harwood – yes, George Kintner – yes, Stephen Newton – yes, John Newton – absent, Mark Price – yes, President Russ Platt – yes.

Weed control at the lagoons was discussed further. Chance Kanyo from Clearbrooke Technologies and Jay Williams each submitted bids. Discussion followed. Stephen Newton moved to pay for the licensing and materials for Jay Williams to prepare for treatments in the spring. Allison Harwood supported and it carried with a voice vote.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Allison Harwood discussed the need for trash service out at Rutledge Park. ARS gave two options: one cart for free, or a 1-2 yard dumpster for \$51/month. Discussion followed. Allison Harwood moved to have the one trash cart used at Rutledge Park used. Stephen Newton supported and it carried with a voice vote.

The floor was opened back up for public comment.

Dennis McNett added he had Clerk Casey Gravelle order a blower motor for the white dump truck. He will also have a list of tools that need to be purchased.

Casey Gravelle added she had cleaned out a filing cabinet to be moved to the maintenance garage because the one over there was rotted and maintenance needed a new one.

George Kintner 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 8:04 p.m. until November 14, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Casey Gravelle  
Village Clerk

\*Subject to approval at the November 14, 2023, meeting.

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