

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

September 10, 2024

The 2024 September meeting was held on September 10, 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, Brian Bernath, Allison Harwood, John Newton, and President Russ Platt present, and Trustees George Kintner and Dakota Potter absent.

Brian Bernath made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Water and Sewer bids. Allison Harwood supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

John Newton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 13, 2024. Ryan Belcher supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

John Newton made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes of August 27, 2024. Brian Bernath supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

Public Comment

Brent Leininger updated the board on the Boyd Drain project and reported for the county commissioners. They are working on the 2025 budget, working through the process for the 800 MHz radio system, and work is progressing on the courthouse.

Ryan Aplin spoke to the board regarding the increased water rates and how the new rates are negatively impacting residents on a fixed income. Discussion followed.

Reports to Council

Allison Harwood reported that the Fire Board meeting will be held September 12, 2024.

Street Administrator Shawn Barnhart reported for maintenance: they have been mowing, weed eating, delivering shut off notices, backfilling new sidewalks, spraying weeds, cleaning curbs, and painting the frame and dump box on the new truck.

Street Administrator Shawn Barnhart reported he has received complaints about faded signs and the signs are too high or blocked by trees. To remedy the situation, he requested to purchase new signs and signposts, and a letter needs to be sent to a resident, notifying them that a tree will be cut down that is in the right of way.

Ryan Belcher moved to approve \$2,500 to purchase signs, hardware, and posts. Brian Bernath supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

No report for code enforcement.

Emil Gravelle reported for the Planning & Zoning Commission. They did not meet in September and will be meeting in October.

Committee Reports

Allison Harwood reported that the signs have all arrived and will be put up once maintenance can do so.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Hall reported on the accounts and the taxes collected to date. He will be in the office from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on September 16 for tax collection.

Clerk's Report

Clerk Casey Gravelle discussed the following: the Act 51 deposit was not included in the reports due to a delay from the state's report for allocations, inadvertent delay in posting the special meeting minutes on the website, renewed the SAM membership herself to save the village money, the owner of 110 N Main is looking to donate his property to the village, and needing direction regarding a logo for XpressPay to set up our account. Discussion followed. The board members present preferred the logo on the new banners.

President's Report

President Platt reported that a resident had come in the previous Friday and harassed Dawna about the new rates. Discussion regarding safety measures followed.

John Newton moved to accept the budget modification for the General account. Ryan Belcher and 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	\$22,570.00	-----	\$22,570.00	-----	\$150.00	\$22,420.00	\$22,420.00
Supplies-Village Prop	\$850.00	\$868.80	\$(18.80)	\$150.00	-----	\$1,000.00	\$131.20

John Newton moved to pay the bills. Allison Harwood supported the motion, and it carried with a voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion followed regarding trick-or-treating. Allison Harwood moved to hold trick-or-treating on Thursday, October 31 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Brian Bernath supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

The current water and sewer base rates were discussed.

Brian Bernath presented a bid for water and sewer operations of the village. A brief discussion followed. John Newton moved to table the bid until we publicize for everybody interested to place a bid. Ryan Belcher supported and it carried with a voice vote.

Brian Bernath moved to receive bids for the water and sewer operations. John Newton supported. It carried with a voice vote.

The floor was opened back up for public comment.

Emil Gravelle suggested using complaint forms and telling residents who fill one out when and where the monthly meetings are held.

Jeannie Todd commented that people would better understand the water and sewer rate increase if they attended the monthly meetings.

Jason Laney, current water and sewer operator, requested a time frame for bids.

Levi McNett suggested that while receiving bids for the water and sewer operators they should include emergency plans.

John Newton made a motion to adjourn. Ryan Belcher supported the motion, and it carried by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m. until October 8, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,
Casey Gravelle
Village Clerk

**Subject to approval at the October 8, 2024, meeting.