

Village of Waldron
102 S. Main St.
Waldron, MI 49288
September 12, 2023

The 2023 September meeting was held on September 12, 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 Allison Harwood, John Newton, Stephen Newton, Mark Price, and President Russ Platt were present. Trustees Ryan Belcher and George Kintner were absent.

Russ Platt requested to add a resolution from Friends of the Library to the agenda. Stephen Newton made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment. John Newton supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

Mark Price made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 8, 2023. Stephen Newton supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

Public Comment

April Platt reported for Waldron Community Days. She expressed concern regarding the dog that was loose during the parade and the need for a code enforcement officer.

Brent Leininger addressed the dog issue. He also reported for the County Commissioners.

Reports to Council

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

Street Administrator Shawn Barnhart reported on maintenance. Dennis McNett and Hunter Goodlock have been mowing, brush pickup, meter shutoffs, cleaning curbs and drains, trimming trees, delivering shutoff notices, hauling dirt for Bruce Court project, backfilling sidewalk edges, and prepping for Labor Day.

Street Administrator Shawn Barnhart updated the council on the projects approved at the May meeting. The Bruce Ct. and Larry Dr. Tile Projects have been completed. The snowplow for the new truck has been ordered and they are waiting on parts to repair the Case tractor.

No report for Code Enforcement.

Phyllis Worsley reported for the Planning & Zoning Commission. Due to Mr. Gravelle having court, the other members of the Planning & Zoning Commission opted not to hold the September meeting.

Committee Reports

Allison Harwood reported for Region II, Events, and Planning. She met with members of the community along with April Platt from Waldron Community Days August 27 to clean up the park and pavilion in preparation for the electrical work to be completed. The electrical work has been completed. There will be a "Ribbon Cutting" October 28th with Waldron Community Days holding their Family Fall Fest there.

John Newton reported for Utilities & Drains. He presented quotes for items needed for water maintenance. Council also discussed options for weed spraying at the lagoons.

John Newton made a motion to approve the quote from USA BlueBook for \$2725. Mark Price supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

John Newton made a motion to approve the quote from Peerless Midwest Inc. to perform annual testing and maintenance on the well house pumps. Mark Price supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sarah Newton presented her report. She made 9 deposits last month.

Clerk's Report

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Casey Gravelle discussed the following: she updated the account numbers in the chart of accounts, Act 51 report has been signed and submitted, Title VI certification has been sent in, pdfs of the Village Ordinances and amendments to the ordinances have been posted online, cost of copies, bulk item pricing for ARS, trick-or-treating for Halloween, and that she needs copies of quotes to keep at the office.

Allison Harwood made a motion to hold trick-or-treating from 5-7 on October 31 this year. Mark Price supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

President's Report

President Russ Platt reported on the verbal quotes he received for pole trimmers and tires for the Spartan mower. Discussion regarding the quotes provided followed. He also reported the generators at the well house and the Church Street lift station have been serviced.

John Newton made a motion to purchase the tires for the mower. Conversation followed. Motion died for lack of support.

John Newton made a motion to purchase the Husqvarna telescoping pole trimmer from the Saw Shop for \$692. Allison Harwood supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

Stephen Newton made a motion to purchase a set of standard tires from M.E. Miller. John Newton supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

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
Office Supplies	\$6,000	\$1110.99	\$4,889.01	-----	\$1000	\$5000	\$3,889.01
Office Supplies – Clerk	\$750	\$1,446.68	\$(696.68)	\$1000	-----	\$1,750	\$303.32
Park Maintenance	\$2,000	\$23.76	\$1,976.24	-----	\$1,500	\$500	\$476.24
Park Improvement	-----	\$11,134.50	\$(11,134.50)	\$1,500	-----	\$1,500	\$(9,634.50)
Contingency	\$30,720	-----	\$30,720	-----	\$9650	\$21,070	\$21,070
Park Improvement	\$1,500	\$11,134.50	\$(9634.50)	\$9,650	-----	\$11,150	\$15.50

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The meeting for the water and sewer rates was discussed. Joe Vandomelen and his co-worker from MRWA performed a sludge judge and gave President Russ Platt the good news that the lagoons will be good for another 20 years. We are waiting for Joe to finish the sewer rate study.

NEW BUSINESS

Brent Shea reported on the audit he performed for the Village for FYE 2023. He stated that the audit for the last year was possibly the easiest audit in the last four to five years. He explained key points in the audit report.

The resolution for the Friends of the Library for their gaming license was briefly discussed. Council members requested more information before proceeding.

The floor was opened back up for public comment.

Phyllis Worsley advised the board to keep things simple and to know answers to simple questions.

Emil Gravelle asked for clarification on the motion made for the pump at the well house. The council clarified that the motion was for annual testing and maintenance on the well pumps for the water tower. The pump approved and purchased earlier in the year was a chlorine pump.

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Brian Bernath requested an update on what was happening with the 1-ton dump truck. Open discussion followed to include whether there would be a reserve set for it, concern for recouping money spent for repairs done earlier in the year, and whether the truck's value is enough to do so.

Bill Hall inquired about whether the Village holds a contract with the water operator. Open discussion followed to include that there is no written contract with the water and wastewater operator, opinions among the board members on the subject varied, and the board voted to hire at a monthly meeting, but details were defined in a committee meeting with the operator.

Connie Strong asked about ordinances regarding smells. She also inquired about drainage ditches and solutions for the excessive water on the north end of town. Open discussion followed to include there is an ordinance against obnoxious odors, the meeting for the Boyd Drain that the Village is waiting to be scheduled, cleaning the ditch out again to help with water flow, whether a ditch or larger tile size will be best.

Stephen Newton made a motion to adjourn. Allison Harwood supported the motion, and it carried by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. until October 10, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,
Casey Gravelle
Village Clerk

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