

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

October 8, 2024

The 2024 October meeting was held on October 8, 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, George Kintner, John Newton, Dakota Potter and President Russ Platt present, and Trustee Allison Harwood absent.

John Newton made a motion to approve the agenda. Ryan Belcher supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

Brian Bernath made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 10, 2024. John Newton supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

Public Comment

Kathleen Worsley expressed concern about open burning. There has been repetitive burning that includes material that shouldn't be burned, in the evening, and is being left unattended. Brian Bernath advised her to call 911 when it is happening, and the fire department will take care of it. More discussion followed. She also notified them that a neighbor is not securing their dogs, allowing them to run at large. Discussion followed.

Brent Leininger commented that Ms. Worsley can call 911 when the dogs are running at large. The county does have an animal control officer that works 20-30 hours a week. He reported there is a bill pending in the state legislature regarding updating master plans for governments with planning and zoning. He updated the board on the status of the Boyd Drain project, the work on the courthouse, and the county budget for next fiscal year.

Reports to Council

There was no report for the Fire Board.

There was no report for maintenance.

There was no report for street administrator.

Code Enforcer Dakota Potter said he had nothing to report.

Emil Gravelle reported for the Planning & Zoning Commission. They are getting closer to the Master Plan being finished. Their next meeting is December 3, 2024, and they hope to have the Master Plan ready to present to the Village Council early next year.

Committee Reports

None.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Hall reported on the accounts and the taxes collected to date.

Clerk's Report

Clerk Casey Gravelle discussed the following: office will be closed October 17 in the afternoon due to jury duty, she and Russ met with Alan Smaka regarding the TMF grant, write-in candidate forms are

available in the village office from noon – five Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, Mr. Aplin discussed the errors in the minutes with her and she will make copies of those budget modifications for the public by request, working on new official website is almost complete, as is the setup for online bill payment.

President's Report

President Platt reported that he had received interest regarding the property that is possibly being donated to the Village of Waldron.

John Newton moved to accept the budget modification for the Water account. Dakota Potter supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

| Account Description | Budget Amount | YTD Actual | Difference | Recom. Increase | Recom. Decrease | Revised Budget | Budget Balance |
|---------------------|---------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Contingency | \$17,800.00 | ----- | \$17,800.00 | ----- | \$150.00 | \$17,650.00 | \$17,650.00 |
| Gas & Oil | \$600.00 | \$677.56 | \$(77.56) | \$150.00 | ----- | \$750.00 | \$72.54 |

Ryan Belcher moved to accept the budget modification for the Sewer account. John Newton supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

| Account Description | Budget Amount | YTD Actual | Difference | Recom. Increase | Recom. Decrease | Revised Budget | Budget Balance |
|---------------------|---------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Contingency | \$22,575.00 | ----- | \$22,575.00 | ----- | \$400.00 | \$22,175.00 | \$22,175.00 |
| Gas & Oil | \$800.00 | \$890.72 | \$(90.72) | \$150.00 | ----- | \$950.00 | \$59.28 |
| Postage | \$550.00 | \$662.72 | \$(112.72) | \$250.00 | ----- | \$800.00 | \$137.28 |

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Dakota Potter discussed the meeting Utilities & Drains held on October 5, 2024. They discussed the standards and responsibilities of the water and wastewater operator in charge. Trustee Potter presented the board with the following list they came up with:

- Must coordinate and maintain yearly inspections of all systems and efficiency of all. Reports must be given as well.
- ALL EGLE standards should also be followed exactly.
- To mow from the drives to the water's edge of the lagoons should be on the water/sewer operator.
- Hydrant flushing should be coordinated and scheduled with the fire department. They should be flushed for 10 minutes per hydrant. Also, the village should receive hydrant reports.

Brian Bernath suggested hydrant flushings need to be done twice a year, which was added to the standards. George Kintner moved to accept the proposal as written with the additions. Brian Bernath supported and it carried with a voice vote.

The floor was opened back up for public comment.

Mike Stuck asked about the status of 100 N. Main and its broken-out windows and the blighted houses on the corner of South Main and Mill. Discussion followed.

Ryan Belcher made a motion to adjourn. George Kintner supported the motion, and it carried by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. until November 12, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,
Casey Gravelle
Village Clerk

**Subject to approval at the November 12, 2024, meeting.