

Village of Waldron
102 S. Main St.
Waldron, MI 49288
SPECIAL MEETING
October 21, 2024

A special meeting of the Waldron Village Council was called by President Russ Platt on Friday, October 18, 2024. The meeting was set for Monday, October 21, at 7:00 p.m. to be held 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. Roll Call was taken showing Council members Brian Bernath, Allison Harwood, John Newton, George Kintner, and President Russ Platt, present. Ryan Belcher and Dakota Potter were absent.

John Newton made a motion to approve the agenda. Brian Bernath supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Russ Platt reported that Jason Laney of Laney Environmental gave notice to the Village of Waldron he would no longer be the operator-in-charge of the water and wastewater systems as of November 1, 2024. Discussion regarding the events leading up to his resignation notice followed. John Newton suggested reaching out to Mr. Laney and asking if he would continue on for a month, or two, while the board continues to accept bids for the position. Brian Bernath stated that he is expecting another bid to be sent into the Village soon. President Platt mentioned that one of the ponds is due to be discharged but will have to be done by whoever replaces Mr. Laney. Discussion over the bid presented at the September meeting followed. Debate over the reason for the resignation came next. Further discussion over the bid presented at the September meeting followed again. Some members requested an updated bid that would include the new standards approved at the October meeting. Clerk Casey Gravelle asked for clarification on the timing for the discharge requirement. She also told the board that MRWA may be able to assist with services for a short-term period for free, while they continue to look for a replacement. The board assigned President Platt to reach out to Mr. Laney to ask if he would be open to staying on short-term while the board continued to look for a replacement. They also requested Clerk Gravelle to reach out to Mr. Vandomellen to inquire about their assistance and what they could provide. They discussed setting up a meeting between Mr. Laney and Trustees Harwood and Bernath.

Public Comment

Emil Gravelle asked if the village is paying for any insurance for Laney Environmental. President Russ Platt and Trustee Newton responded that the village was not, but Clerk Casey Gravelle stated that we do pay for worker's compensation insurance. He further inquired about his employment status. Discussion followed.

Bill Hall asked if the board is going to have Mr. Laney discharge the lagoon before he leaves. Discussion followed.

George Kintner made a motion to adjourn. Brian Bernath supported the motion, and it was carried with a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey Gravelle
Village Clerk

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