

Village of Waldron
102 S. Main St.
Waldron, MI 49288
SPECIAL MEETING
October 29, 2024

A special meeting of the Waldron Village Council was called by President Russ Platt on Thursday, October 24, 2024. The meeting was set for Tuesday, October 29, 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

Emil Gravelle commented on the meeting with the OIC he attended the previous week. He stated he does not trust Mr. Laney and, in his opinion, the village shouldn't continue to work with him. He was also surprised to hear about issues at the lagoons that, as far as he knew, hadn't been brought to council.

Phyllis Worsley inquired who was currently testing the water.

Shawn Barnhart asked about current status with the valves at the lagoons. President Platt stated that the gate valve to discharge is difficult to open.

Report from President

President Platt reported there are issues with the gate valves at the lagoons and Mr. Laney said he would stay on for another 30 days.

Report from Clerk

Clerk Gravelle reported that Mr. Vandommelen with MRWA would help the village as the water OIC over the maintenance crew for free for three months and Mr. Holland, also with MRWA, would help the village as the wastewater OIC over the maintenance crew at his rate of \$100/hr.

Empty Water/Wastewater OIC Position(s)

The board discussed the options for temporary help with the water and wastewater systems while they are awaiting bids. Discussion over concerns of schedules of Mr. Laney and the maintenance crew along with the discharging of the pond at the lagoons were included.

Brian Bernath moved to make November 1, 2024, Jason Laney's last day as OIC for water and sewer. Allison Harwood supported. A voice vote was taken with unclear results. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Brian Bernath – yes, Allison Harwood – yes, George Kintner – yes, John Newton – no, President Platt – no, Ryan Belcher – absent, Dakota Potter – absent. President Platt declared the motion carries.

Brian Bernath moved to have Joe Vandommelen run it for three months for the water and get John Holland for sewer. Allison Harwood supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

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Shawn Barnhart asked if John Holland was going to do it on a monthly basis.

John Newton made a motion to adjourn. Allison Harwood supported the motion, and it was carried with a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey Gravelle
Village Clerk

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