

Village of Waldron
102 S. Main St.
Waldron, MI 49288
January 14, 2025

The 2025 January meeting was held on January 14, 2025, at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building. President Shawn Barnhart 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 Aplin, Brian Bernath, Emil Gravelle, Allison Harwood, Stacie Shamplo and President Shawn Barnhart present, and Trustee Dakota Potter absent.

Public Comment

None.

Trustee Ryan Aplin requested to add accountability to the agenda. Ryan Aplin made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Brian Bernath supported the motion and it carried with a voice vote.

Clerical errors in the meeting minutes of December 10, 2024, were discussed. Emil Gravelle made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 10, 2024, with amendments. Ryan Aplin supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

Reports to Council

Fire Board report included total of 35 calls for the month of December and they approved the expense reports.

Dennis McNett reported for maintenance. They have been working on taking down Christmas decorations, snow removal and salting streets, changing oil in the Ford dump truck, replaced the lights in the village office and prepped walls and ceiling to be painted, picked up brush, weeded around pond #2 at the lagoons.

Dennis McNett also reported for both the water and sewer systems giving integral information to track the health of each system. He discharged the lagoons in December and all went well. He ran the generators and they are working. Kennedy will be here January 21 to replace the valves on Church St. lift station. The generators do require annual maintenance and a new quote from Superior Industrial Sales was provided. MRWA is also holding Water Operators School for a week in February and it was recommended for him to attend. Discussion followed.

Brian Bernath moved to approve the quote from Superior Industrial Sales & Service with the \$334 reimbursement from the Wright-Waldron Fire Department for their portion. Emil Gravelle supported and it carried with a voice vote.

Emil Gravelle moved to send Dennis McNett to the MRWA's Water Operator School with a budget of \$2,000, covering room and board his travel expenses. Brian Bernath supported and it carried with a voice vote.

Street Administrator Shawn Barnhart reported that his budget is prepared for the next fiscal year.

Code Enforcer Dakota Potter was absent with no report.

County Commissioner Brent Leininger reported for the county. They offered a candidate the position of County Emergency Management Director, the scaffolding is down from around the courthouse, and they are moving forward on the on the 800 MHz emergency communications system.

Emil Gravelle reported for the Planning & Zoning Commission. They recommended a budget of \$3,000 for the next fiscal year. Their annual report is ready. Their next meeting is February 4, 2025, at 5 p.m.

Clerk Gravelle reported that Budget & Finance had met and requested information from two committees to finalize the proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

Billing Clerk Dawna Popejoy presented her report and answered questions from the board. Late fees, shutoffs, and the shutoff extension fee were discussed.

Treasurer Bill Hall reported on the accounts and the taxes collected to date. He is scheduled for tax settlement on March 3, 2025.

Clerk Casey Gravelle reported on she was working on the budget with Shawn Barnhart and the Budget Committee, researching and preparing to implement ESTA, researching software options, request to shift the payroll period, the village attorney reached out encouraging participation with the Michigan Fire Insurance Withholding Program, and a request from Tim Barber regarding 409 S. Main St.

Ryan Aplin moved to shift the payroll period as requested. Emil Gravelle supported and it carried with a voice vote.

Brian Bernath moved to allow Tim Barber to keep four horses at 409 S. Main St. Allison Harwood supported and it carried with a voice vote.

President Barnhart reported he was going over the budget and getting quotes.

Emil Gravelle moved to accept the budget modification for the Sewer account. Ryan Aplin supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

Account Description	Budget Amount	YTD Actual	Difference	Recom. Increase	Recom. Decrease	Revised Budget	Budget Balance
Contingency	\$21,925.00	-----	\$21,925.00	-----	\$700.00	\$21,225.00	\$21,225.00
Permit Fees	\$410.00	\$809.00	\$(399.00)	\$400.00	-----	\$810.00	\$1.00
Gas & Oil	\$1,050.00	\$1,153.51	\$(103.51)	\$300.00	-----	\$1,350.00	\$196.49

Ryan Aplin moved to accept the budget modification for the Water account. Brian Bernath supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

Account Description	Budget Amount	YTD Actual	Difference	Recom. Increase	Recom. Decrease	Revised Budget	Budget Balance
Contingency	\$17,000.00	-----	\$17,000.00	-----	\$551.00	\$16,449.00	\$16,449.00
Gas & Oil	\$850.00	\$940.34	\$(90.34)	\$350.00	-----	\$1,200.00	\$259.66
Chemicals	\$1,500.00	\$1,611.32	\$(111.32)	\$200.00	-----	\$1,700.00	\$88.68
Interest Expense	\$42,219.00	\$42,219.37	\$(0.37)	\$1.00	-----	\$42,220.00	\$0.63

Stacie Shampo moved to accept the budget modification for the General account. 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	\$18,330.00	-----	\$18,330.00	-----	\$750.00	\$17,580.00	\$17,580.00
Communications	\$750.00	\$790.04	\$(40.04)	\$200.00	-----	\$950.00	\$159.96
Miscellaneous-Village Property	\$180.00	\$344.85	\$(164.85)	\$300.00	-----	\$480.00	\$135.15
Utilities-Park	\$850.00	\$939.63	\$(89.63)	\$250.00	-----	\$1,100.00	\$160.37

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The invoice submitted by Laney Environmental in December was discussed. Mr. Alan Smaka was present for the conversation and explained the amounts the board did not approve to pay him last month.

Stacie Shamplo moved to pay Alan Smaka \$4,375.00. Brian Bernath supported. It carried with a voice vote.

Brian Bernath moved to not pay Laney Environmental for the services charged. Emil Gravelle supported. A roll call vote was held with the following results: Ryan Aplin – abstain, Brian Bernath – yes, Emil Gravelle – yes, Allison Harwood – yes, Stacie Shamplo – yes, President Shawn Barnhart – yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The meeting room chairs are in disrepair. Three options were presented. Discussion followed. Stacie Shamplo moved to purchase ten EMMA + OLIVER high back chairs for \$1,620.00. Emil Gravelle supported. The motion carried with a voice vote.

The snow plow blades for the GMC dump truck need to be replaced. Discussion followed. Ryan Aplin moved to purchase the parts needed with a budget of \$600. Brian Bernath and Emil Gravelle supported. It carried with a voice vote.

Ryan Aplin expressed his concerns regarding the auto dialer at the water tower being turned off. President Barnhart offered to go with Emil Gravelle to meet the village attorney to discuss the situation. Discussion followed.

The floor was opened back up for public comment. None followed.

Allison Harwood made a motion to adjourn. Brian Bernath supported the motion, and it carried by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. until February 11, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,
Casey Gravelle
Village Clerk

****Subject to approval at the February 11, 2025 meeting.**