

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

March 11, 2025

The 2025 March meeting was held on March 11, 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 Brian Bernath, Emil Gravelle, Allison Harwood, Dakota Potter and President Shawn Barnhart present, and trustee Stacie Shamplo absent.

Public Comment

None.

Trustee Brian Bernath requested to add office cameras to the agenda. Brian Bernath made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Allison Harwood supported the motion, and it carried with a voice vote.

Emil Gravelle made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 11, 2025. Allison Harwood supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

Brian Bernath moved to approve the budget hearing and special meeting minutes of February 24, 2025. Allison Harwood supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

Emil Gravelle moved to approve the special meeting minutes of March 4, 2025. Brian Bernath supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

Reports to Council

Trustee Allison Harwood reported for Fire Board. They had a total of 32 calls for the month of January.

Dennis McNett reported for maintenance. They have been working on snow removal/salting of streets, replacing stop signs, manually reading some water meters, washing both trucks, replacing the cutting edges on the snowplows, and Hunter has been scanning documents for Casey at the office.

Street Administrator Shawn Barnhart reported that he directed maintenance on daily work, the sewer manhole on Emerson Street will need to be fixed and adjusted, requested a few trustees help with the old non-used items at the shop, will work on getting bids for tree removal and the water issue in the right of way at Dollar General, and presented quotes for tires for the GMC dump truck.

Brian Bernath moved to approve the purchase through Best One up to \$2,200, Firestones for the front and Ironheads for the back. Allison Harwood supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

Dennis McNett reported for both the water and sewer systems giving integral information to track the health of each system, presented an easy solution for backflow prevention through town, and the classes he needs to take before testing in May, along with a quote for membership with MRWA.

Emil Gravelle moved to approve membership with MRWA. Dakota Potter supported the motion. It carried with a voice vote.

Emil Gravelle moved to pay for the classes, mileage to and from the classes, \$30 per diem for food, and the hotel stays needed. Dakota Potter supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

The written utility billing report was provided.

Code Enforcer Dakota Potter reported he had been unable to perform his duties the last couple of months. He will move forward after the 25<sup>th</sup>. President Barnhart asked him to look into a complaint he had received before then, which Mr. Potter agreed to do.

Emil Gravelle reported for the Planning & Zoning Commission. They did not meet in March due to extenuating circumstances. Their next meeting is April 1, 2025, at 5 p.m.

There were no committee meetings, but Trustee Allison Harwood stated she would order the new trash cans and flowerpots soon.

Treasurer Bill Hall reported on the accounts and the taxes collected through the end of February and the 2024 delinquent taxes. He settled with the County Treasurer on March 3, 2025.

Clerk Casey Gravelle reported 940 reporting for the IRS, gWorks contract, invoicing and timeline for onboarding, spring cleanup, the hydrant insurance claim was complete, the application for the fire insurance withholding program was approved, the credit for the sales tax charged to Water Street's electric bill, Center Street's natural gas bill name correction and request for correction for tax exemption on that account, and provided three quotes for pdf software. Discussion regarding the pdf software followed.

Allison Harwood moved to approve the purchase of Power PDF. Dakota Potter supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

President Barnhart provided a bid to replace the siding for the municipal building; it was the only one who responded to the request. A brief discussion followed.

Dakota Potter moved to approve the bid from Tillman Construction. Brian Bernath supported. It carried with a voice vote.

Brent Leininger reported for the county commissioners. He expressed his thanks to the EMS members of the Fire Department and Chief McNett. The county ambulance contract is up at the end of the year, and they are looking into possible changes. They are also looking at the county parks and their funding. The Drain Commissioner is waiting on specs from the engineer before he can get quotes for the work on the Boyd Drain but hopes to still complete the project this year.

President Barnhart asked Dennis McNett to briefly discuss the TMF grant work to be done this year. 50 of the homes with unknown service lines need to be physically inspected for copper.

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

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Barb Price presented her early plans for Labor Day. She is requesting certain streets to be closed and the assistance of the fire department.

There were no letters received for the open trustee position. Emil Gravelle moved to repost for one more month with letters due April 3 at 3 p.m. Brian Bernath and Dakota Potter supported. It carried with a voice vote.

A brief discussion of the training and pay of the new billing clerk was held.

Revisions to the Water Promissory Note were presented. Allison Harwood moved to approve the updated water promissory note. Brian Bernath supported. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Brian Bernath-yes, Emil Gravelle-yes, Allison Harwood-yes, Dakota Potter-yes, President Shawn Barnhart-yes. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the office cameras was held. Emil Gravelle moved to put the camera back up on the back wall. Motion died for lack of support.

The floor was opened back up for public comment. Brent Leininger introduced School Superintendent Shawn Ellison, who was in attendance, to the board.

Allison Harwood made a motion to adjourn. Brian Bernath supported the motion, and it carried by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. until April 8, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Casey Gravelle  
Village Clerk

\*\*Subject to approval at the April 8, 2025, meeting.