

Village of Waldron
102 S. Main St.
Waldron, MI 49288
May 13, 2025

The 2025 May meeting was held on May 13, 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, and President Shawn Barnhart present, and trustees Dakota Potter and Stacie Shamplo absent.

Public Comment

Ryan Aplin commented alleging that the village had called the police to intimidate him.

Emil Gravelle made a motion to approve the agenda. Allison Harwood supported the motion, and it carried with a voice vote.

Emil Gravelle made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 8, 2025, with amendments. Allison Harwood supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

Reports to Council

County Commissioner Brent Leininger reported about the animals at large complaints have been made; notice of intent to allow Lifeways to build additional facilities, no additional millage will be required for this project. He gave a history of the funds for Lifeways and its current facility. The county jail was discussed.

Trustee Stacie Shamplo arrived early during Commissioner Leininger's report.

Trustee Allison Harwood reported for Fire Board. They had a total of 30 calls for the month of April.

Dennis McNett reported for maintenance. They have been working on weekly brush pickup, mowing and weed eating, cleaning drains, fixed holes along street berms, and one water service line repaired.

Street Administrator Shawn Barnhart reported that the stone was delivered as well as topsoil, worked on obtaining bids for the S. Main St. ditch, two bids for tree removal, spoke with Dollar General District Manager regarding the water issue from their parking lot, scheduled a warranty repair for the drain/tile blowout on Bruce Ct., more blowouts needing repair S. Main, shop inventory completed, and road and safety signs and barricades have been ordered.

Dennis McNett presented his water and sewer reports and discussed an issue with the water generator that occurred over the weekend.

Shawn Barnhart went over the tree removal bids that were received. Emil Gravelle moved to accept the bid from Farrell for \$6,000. Brian Bernath supported. It carried with a voice vote.

Angie Lucas reported on utility billing.

Shawn Barnhart wrote out notices of violations to several homes in the absence of a code enforcement officer.

Emil Gravelle reported for the Planning & Zoning Commission. They met May 6 and discussed labeling the maps. Their next meeting is July 1, 2025, at 5 p.m.

There were no committee reports.

Treasurer Bill Hall reported on the accounts.

Clerk Casey Gravelle reported the paperwork for last fiscal year is undergoing audit, replaced the shredder at the office with Shawn's approval, the ARPA report was submitted and all money was expended, provided a written report

regarding the letter received from Amanda Jaqua last month, discussed the possibility of cash pooling the funds, presented 3 quotes for a frame for the large photo in the office, and amending the budget modification for Local Streets from last month due to a clerical error in presentation.

Brian Bernath moved to accept the amended budget modifications for the local street fund. 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	\$15,000.00	-----	\$15,000.00	-----	\$20.00	\$14,980.00	\$14,980.00
Winter maintenance and repairs	\$2,000.00	\$2,018.09	\$(18.09)	\$20.00	-----	\$2,020.00	\$1.91

Emil Gravelle moved to purchase the frame from Hobby Lobby for \$280.25. Allison Harwood supported and it carried with a voice vote with one opposed.

President Shawn Barnhart reported on 402 W Center follow-up, Reggie's Auto follow-up, 5 mowing violations sent out, 1 property cleanup violation sent out, park restroom needs new siding and requesting employee shirts for maintenance. He did not receive any feedback from the person interested in the code enforcement position.

Emil Gravelle moved to accept the budget modifications for the sewer fund. Stacie Shamplo supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

Account Description	Budget Amount	YTD Actual	Difference	Recom. Increase	Recom. Decrease	Revised Budget	Budget Balance
Contingency	\$25,000.00	-----	\$25,000.00	-----	\$125.00	\$24,875.00	\$24,875.00
Rural Development Payment	\$15,000.00	\$15,100.00	\$(100.00)	\$100.00	-----	\$15,100.00	\$0.00
Banking Fees	-----	\$12.50	\$(12.50)	\$25.00	-----	\$25.00	\$12.50

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Stacie Shamplo moved to post for the code enforcement position. Allison Harwood supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

The millage rate for 2025 was discussed. Stacie Shamplo moved to set the millage rate to 10.1379. Allison Harwood supported. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Brian Bernath – yes, Emil Gravelle – yes, Allison Harwood – yes, Stacie Shamplo – yes, President Shawn Barnhart – yes.

Utility assessments were presented. Emil Gravelle moved to send the six properties for assessment on their taxes. Brian Bernath supported. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Brian Bernath – yes, Emil Gravelle – yes, Allison Harwood – yes, Stacie Shamplo – yes, President Shawn Barnhart – yes.

President Shawn Barnhart discussed the complaints received from Ryan Aplin. Each complaint was discussed. Emil Gravelle moved to give a one-dollar credit for 122 S. Main. Brian Bernath supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

The park needs some type of cameras for security. President Barnhart would prefer trail cameras. These should fall under his approval amount but wanted to make the board aware beforehand.

Emil Gravelle presented Ordinance No. 25-01, Amending Ordinance 15-13 to be added to the Waldron Village Code and adding Section 6, Storage of Containers. Stacie Shamplo moved to accept Ordinance 25-01, Amending Ordinance 15-13. Emil Gravelle supported. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Brian Bernath – yes, Emil Gravelle – yes, Allison Harwood – yes, Stacie Shamplo – yes, President Shawn Barnhart – yes.

The meter reading laptop had issues preparing for meter reading last month. Tech support stated we needed a new one. Options were presented. Brian Bernath moved to purchase the Asus Zenbook for \$809.99 plus shipping. Allison Harwood supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

A list of items from the shop, including the 2002 Ford truck, to sell. Discussion followed. Stacie Shamplo moved to post the items for sale, omitting the truck, accepting sealed bids for the items to be received by June 6, 2025. Emil Gravelle supported, and it carried with a voice vote.

The floor was opened back up for public comment.

Sheriff Hodshire gave his annual report. 55 total calls were answered for the last year.

Emil Gravelle made a motion to adjourn. Stacie Shamplo supported the motion, and it carried by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m. until June 10, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,
Casey Gravelle
Village Clerk

**Subject to approval at the June 10, 2025, meeting.