

Village of Waldron  
Council Meeting Minutes  
August 12, 2003

Waldron Village council went into regular session at 7:00 pm. There were 13 present from the public.

President Rossi called the meeting to order by asking everyone to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of councilors was taken. Those present were: John Burress, Cris Crist, Jeff Davis, Harold Douglas, Roy Hal, William Hall, and President Rossi.

C. Crist made the motion to accept the agenda. J. Davis seconded the motion. J. Burress no, C. Crist yes, J. Davis yes, H. Douglas yes, R. Hall yes, Wm. Hall yes, T. Rossi yes. Motion passed.

Guest speaker, Steve Wagner, from Qualification Based Selections gave a follow-up presentation to the video which he had previously sent. QBS is a free educational service to the council. The service utilizes a qualification process for the selection of architects, engineers, surveyors and related design professionals to obtain the best value for municipal projects.

Lagoon Operator:

H. Douglas reported that the Water & Sewer committee interviewed two candidates for the position as Lagoon Operator. Agreeable contracts had been agreed upon. J. Burress questioned the language of the contracts. He felt that the contract wording implied that DEQ was the employer.

J. Burress made a motion to amend the Lagoon Operator contract to read that the Village of Waldron as the employer, not DEQ. R. Hall seconded the motion. J. Burress yes, C. Crist no, J. Davis no, H. Douglas, yes, R. Hall yes, Wm. Hall yes, T. Rossi no. Motion passed.

Motion made by H. Douglas to hire Richard Buck as the Lagoon Operator. J. Burress seconded the motion. J. Burress yes, C. Crist no, J. Davis no, H. Douglas yes, R. Hall yes, Wm. Hall yes, T. Rossi no. Motion passed.

Motion made by C. Crist to produce a DEQ operator license, and to maintain the license throughout the contract, at his expense. J. Davis seconded the motion. J. Burress no, C. Crist yes, J. Davis yes, H. Douglas no, R. Hall yes, Wm. Hall no, Rossi yes. Motion passed.

July 8, 2003 Meeting Minutes:

H. Douglas made the motion to accept the July meeting minutes after corrections are made. Wm. Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The corrected

change should read that the July meeting went into regular session at 6:30 pm. At 6:35pm the meeting went into closed session. At 7:00 pm the council went back into regular session.

#### Water Update:

President Rossi stated that at this time, two firms, Feller & Finch and Jefferson Wright have applied for the project. The reason for QBS was here was to help in finding other firms/engineers by next month. This would be based on qualifications first and not the fees first.

C. Crist made a motion to adopt the QBS process for future projects. J. Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Sewer Update:

President Rossi stated that the Sewer project is three days behind. There are concerns with the weather. Meters are about halfway done. Labor cost is on track. Material cost is over budget, with the cost due mainly copper costs and from problems with curb stops. Church Street was a mess.

#### Maintenance Report:

President Rossi read the report. Pump failure at the west lift station. It has been sent out for repair and should be back in service by 8-13-03. There should be consideration to purchase a spare pump. The bug fogger is broken. Buress's suggestion is to try and fix it.

#### Parks, Streets, & Sidewalks:

R. Hall had a concern about the actual footage at Jim Warren's residence. The bill states 71' by 4'. The bill will not be paid until the footage is checked out.

R. Hall stated the park was a mess Sunday. It had been reserved for a family reunion. There was a discussion as to whether or not to charge a deposit to help with issue.

He wanted to know what sidewalks are being done next at the cost of 50/50?

The cleaning of the bathroom has been taken care of.

R. Hall has a grant info packet for the park. He needs to find a grant writer.

H. Douglas stated he has taken pictures of sidewalks in need of repair. He wants to go to the homes which are in need of repairs and let them they know that these can be fixed at a 50/50 cost.

He also stated that with all the tree trimming which had been done resulted in hardly any problems with the last storm, as compared to Hudson.

He also reminded the council that the admittance to the park is free. However, the council should consider making a deposit more attractive by offering items such as volleyballs and horseshoes.

President Rossi stated that there eleven trees in the park which need immediate attention, as they are an endangerment to the public.

The construction of an inside park bathroom needs to go out for bid, the Park committee is to produce plans and specs.

C. Meade stated that in Montpelier, Ohio sidewalks are ground- off to make them level. President Rossi stated that this is something which can be checked into.

Streets, Drains, Water & Sewer:

H. Douglas has a concern that there is a discrepancy in the July and August water/sewer delinquent billings. A concern is are the delinquent billings being put on the list after ninety days.

Library, Planning, Region II, HCIDC & Events:

Wm. Hall reported that the Labor Day fireworks would be inside the village, on the south side of the factory on Water Street.

Sue Hopkins reported that the Labor Day Committee is not involved with the fireworks display. The fireworks are being put on by an individual.

Wm. Hall stated that the fireworks must comply with the Michigan Laws.

Public Safety:

J. Burress gave the law enforcement report. He also stated that Officer Cris Abel is helping him with a police grant. Some Police supplies are needed. The cost of these supplies is \$143.97.

Motion to purchase the police needed items costing \$143.97 by J. Burress. Motion seconded by H. Douglas. Motion passed unanimously.

Officer Cris Abel presented a form to sign which needs to be signed to put the police dept back in force and is also needed for the grant writing

C. Crist made a motion to adopt the Metro Act. Motion seconded by J. Davis. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget & Finance:

Motion made by J. Davis to clean up the budget negatives. Motion seconded by C. Crist. J. Burress no, C. Crist yes, J. Davis yes, H. Douglas no, R. Hall no, Wm. Hall no, T. Rossi yes. Motion failed.

There was a question of village employees charging gas for personal vehicles versus not turning in mileage requests.

H. Douglas made a motion to pay bills out the respective funds, except those that would make it a negative. C. Crist seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

H. Douglas made a motion to transfer \$1500.00 from contingency to truck/tractor. R. Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

J. Burress wants copies of the project bills for his personal folder.

J. Davis made a motion to pay project bills. Motion seconded by C. Crist. J. Burress no, C. Crist yes, J. Davis yes, R. Hall yes, Wm. Hall no, T. Rossi yes. Motion passed.

J. Davis made the motion to have the auditor get the software Our Town in compliance with state requirements. Motion seconded by C. Crist. H. Douglas no, C. Crist yes, J. Davis yes, H. Douglas no, R. Hall no, Wm. Hall no, T. Rossi yes. Motion failed.

C. Crist made a motion to get DSL for the police computer. No second. Motion failed.

Waldron Village is not responsible for paying the storm water mgmt. Gleason is responsible. The Village is still responsible to the DEQ for any violations that may occur.

New Business:

Wm. Hall made a motion to change to ARS trash pickup. Motion seconded by H. Douglas. Motion passed unanimously.

M. Meller is to pay for the services of having a water meter and the tapping into his property..

Water is coming into the basement of the Church of Christ. This stems from a private tile, not a village tile.

H. Douglas made a motion to purchase a spare pump for the lift station. Motion seconded by J. Davis. Motion passed unanimously.

Wm. Hall made a motion to get the porta-potties and dumpster for Labor Day. Motion was seconded by C. Crist. Motion passed unanimously.

H. Douglas made a motion to allow Labor Day activities on the water tower and well properties, provided that they stay away 100 feet from the well house. C. Crist seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Sue Hopkins reported that there would not be a Labor Day street dance activities. There will be a parade on Monday, and the streets need to be blocked off.

J. Davis made a motion to contract with the Labor Day Committee for \$350.00 to conduct a free public service, the Labor Day pedal pull. C. Crist seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

H. Douglas made a motion to increase the village blight mowing service to \$60.00 per lot. C. Crist seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

R. Hall made a motion to extend the meeting time. H. Douglas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Back room is now not being used for committee meeting, and it was commented that the tables in the front need to be cleaner for committee meetings.

R. Hall wants the Legal/Ordinance committee to check into the Treasurer doing the water and sewer collections.

Public Input:

If the bills are in the negatives, then you can not pay them. Bills have not been paid and others can be fixed.

J. Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. R. Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Acting Meeting Recorder

Ruth Hotchkiss  
These minutes are subject to council's approval