

Village Of Waldron  
Special Council Meeting  
June 14,2003

Councilman Harold Douglas, Roy Hall, & William Hall called a special meeting to finish up items that was not taken care of at the June 11<sup>th</sup> 2003 meeting.

President Rossi Called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building with eleven visitors present, and asked everyone to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Councilors was called: Present were John Burress, Christopher Crist, Jeff Davis, Protem Harold Douglas, Roy Hall, William Hall, and President Terry Rossi.

A motion was on the floor and tabled at the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting pertaining to the Police car and was brought back to the table.

Burress moved the motion that the police car shall remain parked in the garage and is not to be used for other than law enforcement. The Legal Committee will continue to check on the legalities of administrative use of the vehicle. Supported by Douglas; Roll call vote: Burress yes; Crist no, Davis no, Douglas yes; R Hall yes; Wm Hall yes; President Rossi no: Motion carried with four yes and two no.

Sealed bids were opened Monday June 10<sup>th</sup> in the presence of President Rossi, Councilman Burress and Clerk Andrews. As to the fact that the results had to be into Rural Development Tuesday of the 11<sup>th</sup>.

The low bid for putting in the meters was Hartley Construction from Hudson MI at the cost of \$62,500 + a time and materials contingency of \$8500 totaling \$71,000. The supplier for meters was Under Ground Pipe & Valve, Inc. from Fort Wayne, IN. for the cost of \$67,650.00 + \$9,550.00 for reading device and training + \$9000.00 for additional cost for special hookups. Total cost \$86,200.00.

Councilman Burress noted that he would be available to inspect the installation of the meters and President Rossi concurred that he would also be available.

Councilman Douglas moves to increase the mileage to 11.4112, which was rolled back by the Hedley Amendment to, 11.2430. Supported by Davis: Motion passed unanimously.

Douglas moved to pay the bills out of their respective Funds and that the police cell phone be awarded to another account as there is not an officer at this time. Also bank charges to be taken from the contingency acct. Supported by Burress; Motion carried unanimously.

Also noted that the village should not pay sales tax to the Waldron Garage or any other entity, as Government entities are tax-free.

Motion by Crist to approve and pay the bills generated by the Engineers and other companies for the sanitary project with approval of Rural Development. Davis Supported -- Motion carried unanimously. Roll call Vote: Burress yes; Crist yes; Davis yes; Douglas yes; R Hall yes; Wm Hall yes; President Rossi yes:

Burress moved to award the construction of water meters to Hartley Construction and the supplier of meters to Underground Pipe & Valve, Inc. from Fort Wayne, IN. Supported by Crist. Roll call vote: Burress yes; Crist yes; Davis yes; Douglas yes; R Hall yes; Wm Hall no; President Rossi yes: Motion carried with six yes and one no vote.

Crist moved to adopt the revision of the sewer ordinance number 31-03 and that it is subject to be amended. Supported by Wm Hall. Roll call vote: Burress yes; Crist yes; Davis yes; Douglas yes; R Hall no; Wm Hall yes; President Rossi yes: Motion carried with six yes and one no vote.

Burress moved that the Clerk and Treasurer sign the checks instead of the Clerk and President. Supported by Wm Hall.

Crist moved to table the motion on signing checks until the next meeting. Failed for lack of support.

Legal Committee will further study the issue. After much discussion, Councilman Burress withdrew his motion on Clerk & Treasurer signing checks.

Douglas questioned as to why Ruth Hotchkiss was hired to enter data into the accounting program, he was under the impression that this was already done. It was explained that it wasn't completed as was thought and was necessary to be done for to comply with acquiring the grant and loan from Rural Development. It is also a program that we have had for sometime and that the clerk has not been able to get this accomplished.

Wm Hall moved to approve of the May 13 Meeting and amend the minutes to read that some healthy trees were cut. Supported by Douglas- Motion carried unanimously

Statement to correct:

John Tanner expressed his concern about trees, which are split or diseased, being cut down and removed from the Rutledge Memorial Park without the consent of the council. Rossi stated he did cut down and remove such trees from the park. Some of the tree cuttings went to the lagoons, some to a youth group, and some went to his residence.

Corrected statement:

John Tanner expressed his concern about trees, which are split or diseased, and some healthy trees were being cut down and removed from the Rutledge Memorial Park without the consent of the council. Rossi stated he did cut down and remove only dead

and diseased trees from the park. Some of the tree cuttings went to the lagoons, some to a youth group, and some went to his residence. There were some healthy trees cut down in error by public works, Rossi said.

It was stated that no one should cut trees in the park without permission from the council.

Roy Hall moved not to purchase 15.15 acres from the Ruckman family that is adjacent to the land that has been purchased to construct a lagoon. Failed for lack of support

After further discussion in which it was stated that the Engineers, Contractors and Christy Cook of Region 2 thought it would be a good thing to purchase the land.

Motion moved by Davis to purchase the land of 15.15 acres for future expansion. Supported by Crist. Roll call vote: Burres no; Crist yes; Davis yes; Douglas no; R Hall no; Wm Hall no; President Rossi yes: Motion failed by four no and three yes:

Douglas moved that trees will not be cut without permission of the council. Supported by Burress—Motion carried unanimously

It was noted by Mike Tinney that the Lighting of the flag for the memorial at the Waldron Cemetery is under advisement of Consumers Energy.

It was noted that Richard Andrews surrendered his lagoon licenses to D.E.Q. and is no longer the operator in which he served for seventeen years. An operator is needed and after President Rossi sent letters out for an operator, receiving no takers, he spoke with Mr. Rick Mahoney plus a couple of other operators, in which Mr. Mahoney agreed to operate for twenty –Five dollars an hour until the first of August 2003 to give council time to put a licensed operator on line. Burress wanted it read into the minutes that he was on the list of licensed operators that Rossi received from D.E.Q.. Rossi confirmed. Rossi read an E-mail from Allison of D.E.Q., copy attached.

President Rossi adjourned meeting until July 8<sup>th</sup> 2003 in the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building.

9:00p.m.

These minutes are subject to council's approval.  
Village Clerk Richard Andrews