

Village of Waldron  
Council Meeting  
June 12, 2007

**6:46 P.M.**

The Waldron village council held a Truth and Taxation Hearing with five from the public in attendance and six council members with one absent.

President Douglas explained about the hearing and mentioned that the milage for the village would remain the same as last year of 10.9812 mils in which would generate \$71,238.00 with holding the hearing and without the hearing it would generate \$68,972.00. Due to the Headly Roll Back, without, the hearing the mils would be set at 10.6319. Therefore, we needed the hearing to maintain the operating mils needed to operate the village.

President Harold Douglas asked for questions or comments from the public, hearing very little.

**6:48 P.M.**

Jeff Bernath moved to adjourn the Truth & Taxation Hearing. Supported by Rick Bays—Motion carried unanimously

**7:00 P.M.**

The Waldron Village President called the monthly meeting to order by asking everyone to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Seven from the Public were in attendance.

Roll Call of Trustees was called: Present were President Harold Douglas, President Proteome Richard Buck, Trustees- Roy Hall, Jeffery Bernath, Michael Birdsell, Rick Bays, Brad Frey.

Roy Hall moved to add Freedom of Information Act to and accept the agenda as presented. Supported by Richard Buck. Motion carried unanimously

Richard Buck moved to approve of the May 9<sup>th</sup> 2007 minutes as written. Supported by Rick Bays—Motion carried unanimously

No Public comment from the public.

Rick Bays moved to accept the committee reports as presented. Supported by Richard Buck—Motion carried unanimously

*The deadline for petitions to be in for the September 11<sup>th</sup> 2007 Village Election is June 19<sup>th</sup> 2007 by 4:00 P.M. All positions are to be filled or refilled. These are two year terms. Must be a registered voter and live within the village proper and debt free to the village.*

Richard Buck moved to approve of the bills and to be paid out of their respective funds with exception of the bill from Feller & Finch Engineering that will be held for further study. Supported by Jeff Bernath—Motion carried unanimously

Jeff Bernath moved to terminate the Police contract with the Hillsdale County Sheriff's Department. Supported by Rick Bays. Roll call vote: Roy Hall yes, Jeff Bernath yes,

Michael Birdsell no, Rick Bays yes, Richard Buck yes, Brad Frey yes, President Harold Douglas yes. Motion carried with six yes and one no.

Richard Buck moved to advertise for a code enforcement officer for the Village of Waldron and that qualifications and salary would be discussed after further study. Supported by Rick Bays—Motion carried unanimously

Mike Birdsell moved to accept the bid from Meller Construction to replace the side walk at 107 S. West St. and 113 S. West St. of a total of seventy two running feet by four and one half feet. Total Sq. feet of 324. At the cost of \$4.00/ Sq. Cost to be \$1296.00. Village cost of ½ will be \$648.00. Supported by Richard Buck—Motion carried unanimously

The sidewalk project was put on hold until a later date.

Roy Hall moved that we should hold off on paying Feller, Finch & Associates of \$18,302.50 for further negotiations on the cost. Also that was agreeable with U.S.D.A. Supported by Richard Buck. Motion carried unanimously

Richard Buck moved to set the Millage for the 2007 Property Taxes at 10.9812 mill, in which will generate \$71,238.00 for operating purposes of the Village of Waldron. Supported by Jeff Bernath--Roll call vote: Roy Hall yes; Jeff Bernath yes; Mike Birdsell yes; Rick Bays yes; Richard Buck yes; Brad Frey yes; President Harold Douglas yes. Motion carried with seven yes and no nays.

Richard Buck moved to hire Wolverine Engineers from Mason Michigan to finish the water project already in progress. Supported by Rick Bays—Roll call vote: Roy Hall yes; Jeff Bernath yes; Mike Birdsell yes; Rick Bays yes; Richard Buck yes; Brad Frey yes; President Harold Douglas yes: Motion carried with seven yes and no nays.

Richard Buck moved that we amend the addendum to the water ordinance #32-04 dated 3-14-06 from \$100 to \$200 deposit. Supported by Roy Hall—Roll call vote: Roy Hall yes; Jeff Bernath yes; Mike Birdsell yes; Rick Bays yes; Richard Buck yes; Brad Frey yes; President Harold Douglas: Motion carried with seven yes and no nays.

Richard Buck moved to purchase a Cambridge Play swing set for the park at the total cost of \$1270.94 from Sam's Club. Supported by Mike Birdsell. Roll call vote Roy Hall yes; Jeff Bernath yes; Mike Birdsell yes; Rick Bays yes; Richard Buck yes; Brad Frey yes; President Harold Douglas yes;: Motion carried with seven yes and no nays.

Mike Birdsell moved to approve of the construction of a garage and a porch deck to be constructed at 400 S. Main St. and that all building permits must be acquired as per Hillsdale County Building Inspector. Supported by Richard Buck—Motion carried unanimously with Jeff Bernath abstaining

Richard Buck moved to present to the Labor Day Committee up to \$350.00 for those Labor Day activity bills benefiting the public of Waldron. Supported by Rick Bays—Motion carried unanimously

The discussion came up as to the two applicants that filed for information on the Freedom of Information Act back in 2006 and papers was generated, they were notified that the cost would be \$133.50 for the documents requested when they picked them up, and they have not picked up or paid for the documents. Are they indebted to the village or not? If they are indebted, even though they have filed papers to have their names placed on the

ballot for the village election of June 11<sup>th</sup>2007, their votes cannot be counted. The council took no action and therefore the applicants will be considered to be in debt to the village and will not be able to sit on the council unless the debt has been eradicated before the election date.

Richard Buck moved to adjourn the meeting until July 10<sup>th</sup>2007 at 7:00 P.M. to be held in the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building. Supported by Rick Bays—Motion carried unanimously

Waldron Village Clerk—Richard Andrews

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