

VILLAGE OF WALDRON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 8, 2005

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The Village of Waldron held their council meeting in the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building with three from the public present.

President Harold Douglas opened the meeting by asking everyone to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was called: Present were Roy Hall, President Protome Christopher Crist, William Hall, Jeffery Bernath, Michael Birdsell, John Tanner, President Harold Douglas. All present.

Roy Hall moved to approve the agenda with the addition of purchase of a new copier to be added to new business. Supported by William Hall—Motion carried unanimously

John Tanner moved to accept the minutes of February 8<sup>th</sup> 2005 as written. Supported by Jeffery Bernath—Motion carried unanimously

John Tanner moved to accept the February 10<sup>th</sup> 2005 special meeting on hiring a lagoon operator. Supported by William Hall.— Motion carried unanimously

John Tanner moved to accept the special budget meeting with corrections as stated of March 4, 2005. Supported by Michael Birdsell—Motion carried unanimously

Item to correct:

Water Department: Lower collections to \$85,289.00

Corrected item:

**Sewer** Department: Lower collections to **\$95,289.00**

Roy Hall Moved to accept the treasurer report as presented. Supported by Christopher Crist—Motion carried unanimously

John Tanner moved to advertise in the Bi-County Herald, Hillsdale Daily News, and the Adrian Daily Telegram for a lagoon operator with a L-1, L-2 certification to operate the sanitary lagoons. Resumes are to be in by April 8<sup>th</sup> 2005. Supported by William Hall— Motion carried unanimously

State of Michigan  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
Jackson District Office

JENNIFER M.  
GRANHOLM  
GOVERNOR

February 18, 2005

STEVEN E. CHESTER  
DIRECTOR



Mr. Harold Douglas, President  
Village of Waldron  
P.O. Box 167  
Waldron, MI 49288-0167

Dear Mr. Douglas:

SUBJECT: Designated Name: Waldron Waste WWSL  
NPDES Permit. No. MIG580007

I am writing this letter as a follow-up to the meeting between the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Water Bureau staff and representatives of the Village of Waldron on February 17, 2005. The following is a summary of the issues discussed and decisions made during this meeting.

We discussed the operation of the lagoons by the current certified operator, Mr. David Gier. The lagoons are being operated in series with Cell #3 serving as the primary lagoon. This is how the plant was designed. It was agreed that the overflow pipes used for transfer by the previous operator will no longer be used for that purpose and that no valves would be placed on these pipes.

DEQ staff briefed Mr. Gier of his obligations and responsibilities as laid out in the Administrative Consent Order (AGO), effective October 8, 2004. In addition to his permit required duties, Mr. Gier must submit a monthly laboratory report and Operation and Maintenance Report outlining routine inspections and sampling in compliance with the permit requirements, postmarked by the 10th of each month. This information is to be mailed to the Jackson District Supervisor.

There was a discussion of the December 15, 2004, work plan from the Village of Waldron (Village) to the Jackson District Supervisor. There were four tasks for which the Village requested approval. Items 1 and 2 were requests to add clay to repair eroded areas of the interior dike walls of cell numbers 1 and 2. It was agreed that this would be conducted as soon as possible this spring or summer, depending on when the cells are at their emptiest. The Village and the operator were directed to coordinate their efforts so that these tasks could be accomplished in a timely manner. Mr. Gier was directed to include information on these tasks in the monthly reports. Item 3 was a recommendation not to valve the overflow pipes. The DEQ agrees that these pipes should not be valved. Item 4 included repairing 15 manholes to reduce infiltration and infiltration. Please consider this letter an approval of all four tasks of the work plan.

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Regarding the Village's compliance per the ACO, the Village should make a determination and certify in writing by March 1, 2005, whether the areas of concern denoted in the September 10, 2004, Feller, Finch & Associates letter of the Village have been stabilized. The DEQ will then evaluate this submittal and the conditions of cell numbers 1 and 2 and make a determination if the conditions of paragraph 3.2 of the ACO have been met. .

Finally, DEQ staff has provided best professional judgment in discussions with respect to the ACO. However, the Village is reminded of paragraph 4.8 of the ACO. No informal advice, guidance, suggestions, or comments made by DEQ staff will be construed as relieving the Village of its obligation to obtain written approval as directed by the ACO.

If you or anyone from the Village of Waldron has any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Surfus".

Jeff Surfus  
Environmental Quality Analyst  
Field Operations Division Water  
Bureau  
517-780-7921

Councilman Roy Hall asked that the letter from Department of Environmental Quality be inserted into the minutes as of February 18, 2005.

Michael Birdsell moved to purchase thirty trees from Glie's to plant within the village proper. Suggested ten Chanticlear Pears @ \$50.00 each, ten Crimson Maple @ \$50.00 each, Five Profusion Crab @ \$25.00 each, and Five Prairiefire Crab @ \$25.00 each, Totaling \$1,250.00. Supported by Christopher Crist—Motion carried unanimously  
William Hall moved to accept the committee reports as presented. Supported by Roy Hall—Motion carried unanimously

William Hall moved to pay the bills out of their respective funds. Supported by Christopher Crist—Motion carried unanimously

Michael Birdsell moved to raise the Treasurers pay to \$700.00 up from \$350.00 per year. Supported by William Hall: Roll call vote: Roy Hall yes, Christopher Crist yes, William Hall yes, Jeffery Bernath no, Michael Birdsell yes, John Tanner yes, President Harold Douglas abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion cared with five yes and one no, one abstained.

John Tanner moved to approve the Water Budget of \$88,029.07. Supported by Roy Hall. Roll call vote: Roy Hall yes; Christopher Crist yes; William Hall yes; Jeffery Bernath yes; Michael Birdsell yes; John Tanner yes; President Harold Douglas yes: Motion carried unanimously

John Tanner moved to approve the Sewer Budget of \$259,428.19. Supported by Michael Birdsell. Roll Call Vote: Roy Hall yes, Christopher Crist yes, William Hall yes, Jeffery Bernath yes, Michael Birdsell yes, John Tanner yes, President Harold Douglas yes.

Motion carried unanimously

John Tanner moved to approve the Local Street Budget of \$59,470.27. Supported by Christopher Crist. Roll call vote. Roy Hall yes Christopher Crist yes, William Hall, Jeffery Bernath yes, Michael Birdsell yes, John Tanner yes, President Harold Douglas.

Motion carried unanimously

Jeffery Bernath moved to approve the Major St. Budget of \$176,932.91, Supported by John Tanner. Roll call vote: Roy Hall yes, Christopher Crist yes, William Hall yes, Jeffery Bernath yes, Michael Birdsell yes, John Tanner yes, President Harold Douglas yes, Motion carried unanimously

Christopher Crist move to approve the General Budget of \$173,600.00. Supported by Michael Birdsell—Roll call vote: Roy Hall yes, Christopher yes, William Hall yes, Jeffery Bernath yes, Michael Birdsell yes, John Tanner yes, President Harold Douglas yes: Motion carried unanimously

John Tanner moved to set the annual spring clean up for May 14, 2005 with A.R.S. Refuse Service of Archbold OH. providing the packer trucks as last year. \$800.00 per ton, dumpster free. Auto tires \$3.00 off the rim, truck tires off the rim \$6.00. Supported by Roy Hall—Motion carried unanimously

Christopher Crist moved to purchase an HP all in one copier, fax, and scanner for Office use at the cost of \$499.99 from Staples. Supported by Michael Birdsell—Motion carried unanimously

William Hall Moved to adjourn the meeting until April 12<sup>th</sup> 2005 in the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building at 7:00 P.M. Supported by Christopher Crist. Motion carried unanimously

Village Clerk Richard Andrews  
Minutes are subject to council approval