

VILLAGE OF WALDRON
MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
March 18,2003

President Rossi read to the Council his thoughts on the upcoming year. He mentioned that it was time to put our differences aside and work together for the betterment of the community. (These are not his exact words, but the same meaning is there.)

President Rossi asked everyone to join him in reciting the Pledge Of Allegiance and asked to remain standing for a moment of silent prayer on behalf of the Soldiers in Iraq preparing for war.

Roll call of council was called: Present: John Burress, Christopher Crist, Harold Douglas, Roy L Hall, William Hall, President Terry Rossi. Absent: Charles E. Meade.

William Hall moved to accept the agenda. Supported by Crist—Motion carried unanimously

Various committee reports were orally presented at this time.

William Hall moved to accept the Consent agenda's as reported to council. Supported by Crist.—Motion carried unanimously

Motion moved by Douglas to approval of the minutes of January 14th 2003, which was revised by the clerk before the council meeting and minutes of the February 11th 2003 council meeting. Supported by Crist—Motion carried unanimously.

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

It was noted by President Rossi that the bids for the lagoon project and storm drains have been let out to contractors by Feller & Finch Associates of Maumee Ohio and bids will be opened at the Village office April 8th 2003 102 S. Main St. Waldron. The Engineers will then take them back to their Office and go over them thoroughly and then report to the council their recommendations.

Douglas moved to exercise the option we have on the property west of the present lagoons for construction of another pond. 7.58 acres at total purchase price of thirty five thousand dollars, with One thousand already paid for the option to buy. Supported by Crist-Roll call Vote: Burress yes; Crist yes; Douglas yes; R Hall yes; W Hall yes; Meade absent; Pres. Rossi yes: Six yes, one absent—Motion carried

Douglas moved that The Village accept the Franchise from Consumers Energy if the term is changed to ten years instead of 30 years and that the wording be changed to right and duty instead of just right, to trimming trees and replacing wires. Supported by R Hall—

Roll call vote: Burress yes; Crist yes; Douglas yes; R Hall yes; W Hall yes; Meade absent; Pres. Rossi yes: Six yes and one absent—Motion carried

Motion by Burress to accept the proposed budget \$187,705.00 presented by Pres. Rossi, Supported by Crist: Roll call Vote: Burress Yes; Crist yes; Douglas no; R Hall no; W Hall no; Meade absent; Pres. Rossi yes:--Motion failed, Tie vote of three yes and three no, one absent.

Douglas Moved to extend the Police Chief’s contract one month for further study of the budget. Supported by R Hall: Roll call vote: Burress no; Crist no; Douglas yes; R Hall yes; w Hall yes; Meade Absent; Pres. Rossi no: Tie vote of three yes and three no, one absent. Motion failed

Burress moved to accept the Election results of the annual election March 10th 2003. Supported by Crist—Motion carried unanimously
Results as follows:

VILLAGE OF WALDRON, MI

ELECTION 2003

X = Winners or Passed

RECALL OF PRESIDENT TERRY ROSSI

YES	72	-
NO	82	X

4-MIL TAX INCREASE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

YES	22	-
NO	134	X

TRUSTEE SEATS - 3 AVAILABLE / Two-Year Terms

Jefferson Davis	Republican	55	X
Brad Frey	Republican	53	-
John Tanner	Democrat	35	-
Jeffrey Bernath	Independent	52	-
Harold Douglas	Independent	74	X

William Hall	Independent	69	X
Sandra Evans	Independent	38	-
Joe Garrow	Write-In	29	-

8:05 P.M. Recessed:

8:15 P.M. Reconvened:

Called to order by President Rossi.

Village Clerk swore in Incumbent Harold Douglas and William Hall to sit for two years at the council table.

Crist moved to declare one seat open, as the elected candidate Mr. Jefferson Davis was not qualified at the time of election. Supported by Burress: Motion carried unanimously

(The seat was declared vacant as the property taxes for the village was not paid by February 28th following the year levied.) MCL 62.7 Sec. 7, Article (2) Paragraph (a)

After much Discussion on filling the vacant seat, the following motion was moved.

Crist moved to Appoint Jefferson Davis to sit at the council table until the next annual Village election. Supported by Burress—Roll call vote: Burress yes; Crist yes; Douglas yes; R Hall yes; W Hall yes; Meade absent; Pres. Rossi yes: Motion carried with six yes and one absent.

R Hall moved to nominate Harold Douglas as President Protome. Supported by W Hall. Roll call vote: Burress no; Crist no; Douglas yes; R Hall yes; W Hall yes; Davis yes; Pres. Rossi no: Four yes and Three no: Motion carried

W Hall moved to approve of the agenda for the new council. Supported by Crist—Motion carried unanimously

Douglas moved to appoint Charles E Meade as the assessor for another year. Supported by Crist—Motion carried unanimously

Sherry Dicenso and Melvin Schaedler asked the council if they were interested in allowing fire works to be displayed labor day to help celebrate forty years of labor day celebrations in Waldron. The council has no objections as long as a suitable place is found for to have a **Big Bang.** The cost estimated at approximately two to three thousand dollars and will be looking for donations to help cover expenses.

Douglas moved to repeal the Michigan Uniform Traffic Code and readopt it, per recommendation of the (MML) Michigan Municipal League. Supported by Crist—Motion carried unanimously

Douglas moved to adopt a “SNOWMOBILE AND OR ATV OPERATION” Ordinance to become effective as soon as it is published. Supported by Crist—Motion carried unanimously

Crist moved to accept the Budget presented by President Rossi of 187,705.00. Supported by Burress: Roll call vote: Burress yes; Crist yes; Davis yes; Douglas no; R Hall no; W Hall no; President Rossi Yes: Four yes and three no—Motion carried

Douglas moved to extend the police contract one month to the end of April 2003. Supported by W Hall: Roll Call vote: Burress no; Crist no; Davis no; Douglas yes; R Hall yes; W Hall yes; Pres. Rossi no: Three yes and four no—motion failed

W Hall moved to adjourn the meeting until April 8th2003 at 7:00 p.m.in the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building at 110 E Center St.. Supported by Crist—Motion carried unanimously

Village Clerk—Richard Andrews

These minutes are subject to council’s approval.

Accommodations will be made available upon request in advance of meeting.