

VILLAGE OF WALDRON
Council Minutes
November 9th 2004

The Waldron Council held their monthly meeting in the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building with seven students from the Government class and there was five from the public in attendance.

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

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

Motion by William Hall to accept the agenda as is. Supported by Michael Birdsell—Motion carried unanimously

Motion by William Hall to approve of the minutes Oct 12, 2004 and special meeting of November 3,2004. Supported by Jeffery Bernath—Motion carried unanimously.

A public meeting was held at this time for any discussion on the Water Rate Ordinance NO. 32-04 in which included the present and near future Water Usage & Sanitary Rates as well as a ready to serve (RTS) rate.

President Harold Douglas recognized County Commissioner Maxine Vanlerberg she spoke to the council about county affaires, and asked for questions.

Commissioner Vanlerberg gave a special thanks to Councilman John Tanner for his efforts in bringing the WIC program to the Waldron Area

Public comments were accepted at this time.

The Law Enforcement Committee discussed replacing the radio in the police cruiser for a more up to date one and a cell phone for the Officer.

It was noted that Officer William Roe attended a training class on computers in Lansing.

Jeffery Bernath moved to activate a cell phone for Officer Roe to use while on duty.
Supported by Christopher Crist. Motion carried unanimously

Lagoon Operator Terry Rossi asked that the letter that he presented to the council as a warning to comply with the DEQ mandated Work Plan be entered into the minutes.

Mr. President.

I had requested that the DEQ mandated WORK PLAN be placed on this agenda. You are still ignoring this directive.

The DEQ, through the Consent Order, bas taken control of our system maintenance because the Village has shown a reluctance to do any repairs on their own.

They have not seen one act of good faith from this or previous Councils.

This "Game of Wills" being played with them is strengthening their resolve to manage our affairs, as we are demonstrating that we are unable or unwilling to do it on our own. This game is not in the best interests of Waldron and seems to be someone's personal agenda. It is a dangerous game, being played with stubbornness and ignorance of the DEQ's authority.

You have received several letters telling you what needs to be done. There are sufficient funds to do it. All that has been done so far is work around Cell # 3 , nothing around Cells # 1 & 2 as demanded. The only other thing accomplished was a visit from Feller-Finch telling you and the DEQ that the work is unnecessary. Not you, any Committee, anyone on this Council, nor Feller-Finch, are even qualified to make such an assessment.

The final deadline for this work is completion by March 1, 2005. We have not even considered it yet alone allocated the funds or gone to bid.

You have been repeatedly warned and by this statement I am also warning the Council and our voters that inaction will result in penalties in accordance with the Consent Order.

We have the choice to comply with the ACO and be finished with it by April 2006. Or we can continue to thumb our noses at the DEQ, pay penalties and remain on the ACO forever.

Terry Rossi, certified operator

Christopher Crist moved that the letter requested by Terry Rossi become a part of the minutes. Supported by Jeffery Bernath. 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

Roy Hall moved to revise the budget as suggested by the finance committee. Raise wages \$14,000.00 and lower Supplies by \$ 500.00; Bond & Ins. \$7000.00; Legal & Elections \$1500.00; Water & Sewer \$4000.00; Equipment Purchase \$1000.00; Raise Sidewalks \$100.00 and lower Public Safety \$100.00. Supported by Christopher Crist—Motion carried unanimously

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

Assessors report:

Council set Millage at 11.4112 MILS; Taxable value is \$5,836,523.00; Assessed value is \$7,884,448.00; Village operate is \$66,600.22; Special Assessments \$2,417.72; Administration Fees \$688.74; Total to be collected is \$69,706.68:

William Hall moved to revise the number of water units to businesses that are being charged for two units will be reduced one unit, Mestek Industries will be raised from three units to five units. The school, will still be set at 32 units. Those being lowered will take effect immediately; Mestek Industries will be in effect after the first of the year. Supported by Christopher Crist. Roll Call Vote: Roy Hall yes; Christopher Crist yes; William Hall yes; Jeffery Bernath no; Michael Birdsell yes; John Tanner yes; President Harold Douglas yes: Six yes and One no :-- Motion carried.

Michael Birdsell moved to extend the meeting beyond 9:00 P.M. Supported by Jeffery Bernath—Motion carried unanimously

William Hall moved to approve of the Water and Sewer Ordinance 32-04 as presented with some minor changes and to be effective January 1, 2005. Supported by Michael Birdsell. Roll call vote: Roy Hall yes; Christopher Crist yes; William Hall yes; Jeffery Bernath yes; Michael Birdsell yes; John Tanner no; President Harold Douglas yes: Six yes and one no. Motion carried

William Hall move to set the water & sewer rates that will be applied when the meter readings go into effect after the first of the year 2005. Ready to serve (RTS) Water \$8.50 and \$2.20 per thousand gallons of usage. Sewer (RTS) \$16.00 and \$1.75 per thousand gallons of usage. These rates will be revisited each year. These rate will be effective January 1,2005 or when meters readings are implemented. Supported by Christopher Crist. 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: Seven yes and no no's: Motion carried unanimously

William Hall moved to table the item of setting the Village Election dates until the December 14th 2004 council meeting. Supported by Christopher Crist. Roll call vote: Roy Hall yes; Christopher Crist yes; William Hall yes; Jeffery Bernath no; Michael Birdsell no; John Tanner no; President Harold Douglas yes: Four yes and three no: Motion carried

Motion by Michael Birdsell and supported by Jeffery Bernath to look into a police radio for the cruiser and pay additional cost not covered by Hillsdale County Sheriff grant. Motion carried unanimously.

William Hall moved to table the purchasing of valves for the lagoon overflows until the December 14th 2004 council meeting. Supported by Michael Birdsell. Motion carried unanimously

William Hall moved to adjourn the meeting until December 14th 2004 at 7:00 P.M. in the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building. Supported by Michael Birdsell. Motion carried unanimously

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