

Village of Waldron
Council Meeting
October 14, 2003

The Village of Waldron held their monthly council meeting in the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building at 7:00 P.M. with twenty-one from the community attending.

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

Roll Call of council was called: Present were President Terry Rossi, Pres. Protem Harold Douglas, John Burress, Christopher Crist, Jefferson Davis, Roy L Hall, William Hall.

Crist moved to approve the agenda and add to old business a tree on Mill St. to be added to the list of damaged trees. Supported by Wm Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

Wm Hall moved to accept the minutes of September 9th 2003 with corrections noted. Supported by Douglas—Motion carried unanimously

Motion to correct:

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Christ moved to pay the bills out of their respective funds unless there was to be a negative amount in any fund. Supported by Burress—Roll Call vote: Burress yes, Crist yes, Davis yes, Douglas yes, R. Hall yes, Wm Hall yes, President Rossi yes:
State Representative Mr. Bruce Caswell was present to address the council and villagers.

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Ray Sanholtz of Feller & Finch Associates was present to update the progress of the sewer project thus far. Mentioning that they were pretty much on schedule with the force main approximately two thirds complete. Storm drains scheduled to be done by thanksgiving.
The earth work on the lagoon is done and hopefully the liner will be installed next week as to weather conditions.

The pump station on Church St. is scheduled to be completed by December of 2003??

President Rossi mentioned that the water meters are almost in, Maint. Thomas E Brown mentioned that there was sixteen meters yet to be put in.

President Rossi also mentioned that we have had it very easy as far as any driving inconveniences thus far. When they start with the force main on Mill St. from Marcus to South East St. it may be a little different. Please be patient and it will be done as soon as feasible.

President Rossi also noted that when the storm drains are being put in, that it will be possible for property owners to have a tap put in at their resident for a cost which has not been determined at this time. It will be correlated thru the Office, not the contractors.

Parks, Trees, & Sidewalks:

Roy Hall mentioned that there were 9 trees at the park that should be cut. Dave Boyd agreed to cut the trees for the wood. The trees that are not good for anything will cost \$200.00 per tree.

Roy Hall suggested that sidewalks could be shaved to level them out, to rent a machine to do this could be rented for \$440 a week or \$110 per day.

Roy Hall presented to the council a sketch from Myrl Meller on upgrading the park outhouse to a Flush Stool facility. Will be discussed at a later date, for spring 2004 construction

Police Report:

Burruss read the police report and requested to purchase Tires for the Crusier.

Burruss moved to replace the tires on the police car and is to be left up to the Officer to determine what type tire is best needed. Supported by Crist—Motion carried unanimously.

There was Quotes from Norms Tire Service of \$351.16 and also from Pells Tire Service of \$310.00 and \$350.00.

Legal & Ordinance Comm.

Mentioned that sidewalks could be repaired 100% by the village if they were deemed dangerous.

Budget & Finance:

Discussed going to a program budget instead of the line item budget presently being used. This would possibly be a less problem in staying within the budget line items.

A concerned resident petitioned the council in writing to the effect that living in parents home at this time and the previous residence has the water turned off, but the sanitary continues on and feels that it can't be afforded as the budget is very tight as being on a fixed income.

The councils sympathizes with the resident, but the ordinances is that the sanitary continues on regardless if the water is off. By allow otherwise, would cause a great deal of a problem over all.

Douglas moved to approve the project bills for the sewer construction. Supported by Crist-Roll Call Vote: J Burruss yes; C Crist yes; J Davis yes; H Douglas yes; R Hall yes; Wm Hall yes; Pres. Rossi yes: Motion carried unanimously

Douglas moved to pull the bill on mileage turned in by President Rossi for his trips to the lagoon construction and areas of construction in the village. Supported by R Hall—Roll call vote: J

Burrress no; C Crist no; J Davis no; H Douglas yes; R Hall yes; Wm Hall yes; Pres. Rossi abstained: Tie vote, Mileage remains in the bills.

Davis moved to pay the bills out of their respective funds. Supported by Crist. Roll call vote: J Burrress yes; C Crist yes; J Davis yes; H Douglas no; R Hall no; Wm Hall no; President Rossi yes: Motion carried with four yes and three no.

R Hall moved to have trees removed on Marcus St. and Mill St. by an outside contractor. Trees so designated in the park, Dave Boyd has agreed to remove for the wood or \$200.00 a tree if not worthy. The cost of the whole project is not to exceed \$1000.00. Supported by Burrress: Roll call vote: J Burrress yes; C Crist yes; J Davis yes; H Douglas Yes; R Hall yes; Wm Hall yes; Pres. Rossi yes: Motion carried unanimously

There was some discussion on sidewalk repair and repair of the more dangerous walks. Stating a large number of sections within the village proper, in need of attention.

Davis moved to fix the dangerous sidewalks that are hazardous to public safety at 100% of total cost. Hartley was the low bidder at \$2.75/ sqft. Supported by Crist: Roll call vote: J Burrress yes; C Crist yes; J Davis yes; H Douglas yes; R Hall no; Wm Hall yes; Pres. Rossi yes: Motion carried with one no vote.

Discussion on a flush toilet at the park, but was set aside until the spring of 2004.

Ten Engineering firms applied for to do the planning for the water system upgrade in the near future. They were chosen on the point system. The top three will be interviewed before a final decision will be made. The top three are Fleis & Vanderbrienk; Feller-Finch & Associates; Jones & Henry.

President Rossi mentioned that there will be a substantial fine imposed by D.E.Q. on the spill over of the lagoon. How much was not stated.

Wm Hall moved to set the trick or treat time from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Friday the 31st of October, 2003, Halloween night. Supported by Douglas—Motion carried unanimously

Crist moved that Pres. Rossi petition the Wright Township Board to dispense with an easement across property from the third lagoon to Center road as it is not needed, the property is adjacent to the present land owned by the village and the third pond is by no means land locked. Supported by Burrress: Motion carried unanimously.

The repair of the White Chevy Dump Truck was set aside, until the November meeting at which time bids for clutch replacement would be considered.

Burrress moved to support the Veteran's Hall of Fame. Supported by Crist: Motion carried unanimously

Motion was moved by Crist to contract with the Pythian Sisters to distribute candy to the youngsters for Christmas of one hundred dollars. Supported by Burrress: Roll call vote: J Burrress yes; C Crist yes; J Davis yes; H Douglas no; R Hall yes; Wm Hall yes; Pres. Rossi yes: Motion carried.

Paul Deweese of Grand Rapids was present to address the council and to announce that he was running for Congressman of this district. He also presented to the council and President Rossi a Plaque and the phrase "In God We Trust" on it with the flag and American bald eagle in the background. It was *appreciated* by all. Thank You.

Wm Hall moved to adjourn the meeting until November 11th 2003 in the Wright Waldron Municipal Building at 7:00 P.M. Supported by Crist—Motion carried unanimously

Petitions are available in the village office for the coming March 8th 2004 annual election of council, consisting of one- one year term and three- two year terms plus President, Clerk, and Treasurer.

Dead line for a Partisan petition is 4:00 P.M. November 28, 2003 and Qualifying Petitions December 5, 2003 at 5:00 P.M.

Village Clerk Richard Andrews