

Village of Sherman –Regular Board Meeting
Village Office-111 Mill St
July 2, 2014

Mayor Patterson opened the regular board meeting at 7:01 pm.
Absent: Doug Crane, Trustee Reyda, Trustee Weise

Guests present were Tom Robson, Howard and Charles Raven.

Tom Robson presented to the board that he would like to inquire about leasing the cold storage building that the village owns for his auction business. He stated that he is looking for a place to hold auctions and store items for future auctions. He stated that the auctions would be held once or twice a month depending on the amount of items available. Mayor Patterson stated a few concerns such as there being no electric and the concern of liability. Mr. Robson asked if he would be able to use a generator for lighting. Mayor Patterson stated that because there were two board members not present he would like to get the information to them for discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. Ravens were present in regards the easement to the water reservoir. Mayor Patterson and Clerk Gilbert stated that in the contract it states that there is to be a \$30 ready to serve fee paid for the sewer usage. That had not been paid in the past but should be paid here on out. The Ravens agreed to this and will return with an agreement.

Clerk Gilbert had received a request from Sandy Kochanowski regarding a liquor license for the building at 101 Hart St. Mrs. Kochanowski was not present at the meeting but Clerk Gilbert did have a copy of the waiver that she was looking to have approved for the board. It first off is notice to the board that she is applying for the liquor license and second, that she would like a waiver for the 30 day waiting period.

RESOLUTION #1: On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve the 30 day waiver for a liquor license for Sandy Kochanowski at 101 Hart St.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Patterson

NAYES: 0

RESOLUTION #2: On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Gratto to approve the June 7, 2014 meeting minutes.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Patterson

NAYES: 0

Sewer Department

Jay Irwin reported that approximately \$1,000.00 was received for scrap metal from the sewer department. He suggested that this be used toward a couple of proposed projects. First being the completion of the block work for the drying bed and second to replace the flag pole/flag. He

estimated the completion of the block work to be at \$2,000.00, stating that Michael Beatman from the town offered to help with that as he is a mason (shared service). Jay stated that the roof could wait until next year but the foundation that is started needs to be finished to keep it from moving. He has priced an aluminum flag pole/flag to be approximately \$100.00.

RESOLUTION #3: On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve the block work for drying bed to be completed for up to \$2,500.00

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Patterson

NAYES: 0

RESOLUTION #4: On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Gratto to approve the purchase of an aluminum flag pole and flag for the WWTP.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Patterson

NAYES: 0

Jay also reported that the required testing for the state has been done.

STREETS/WATER

Mayor Patterson reported for Doug Crane who was not present. Mayor stated that there continued to be lack of water pressure at Pandora Murray's residence and that Doug has that on his priority list for next week. Also it was reported to the clerk's office that the hydrant on West Main St. was still connected to Mark Gulczynski's house from this past winter and the insulation was still covering hydrant. Mayor Patterson stated this will be addressed next week due to the holiday this week.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Clerk Gilbert reported for Robert Burkholder that letters were being prepared to send to the property owners on the North Side of Main St. along the alley. There are several violations in the back that need to be addressed.

CLERK

Clerk Gilbert reported CD balance \$279,312.41.

Checking account balance is \$126,134.67

Voucher # 2-\$107,468.07

RESOLUTION #5: On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve Voucher #2 in the amount of \$107,468.07.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Patterson

NAYES: 0

Clerk Gilbert presented the board with an opportunity to purchase a website through the Southern Tier West. They do all the set up and maintain the site on a daily or as needed basis. The site can be a simple page to more elaborate with pictures and video. It can also be a shared site with the Town with shared cost. Clerk Gilbert did contact Clerk Weise at the Town to give her the information that she can take to their board. The initial cost is \$250 for the setup and \$150 yearly maintenance fee. A total of cost \$400, divided with the town if they agree to have a

combined website and \$150 yearly maintenance fee thereafter.

RESOLUTION #6: On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Gratto to approve the website through the Southern Tier West if the Town of Sherman agrees to do a combined site with each paying half the cost.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Patterson

NAYES: 0

Clerk Gilbert had received a request from Ron Olson to have his sewer portion of his next water bill adjusted to reflect 5,744.4 gallons of water to fill his pool. Also a request from Holly Mason to have her sewer portion of the water bill adjusted to reflect 1761 gallons of water used to fill their pool.

RESOLUTION #7: On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve 5,744.4 gallons of water use deducted from the sewer portion for Ron Olson of the July 2014 water bill.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Patterson

NAYES: 0

RESOLUTION #8: On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve 1761 gallons of water use deducted from the sewer portion for Holly Mason of the July 2014 water bill.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Patterson

NAYES: 0

Trustee Gratto also asked Clerk Gilbert to add 15000 gallons of water to his water bill for filling of his pool by the Stanley Hose Co.

Clerk Gilbert gave the board information regarding the meeting with Tom Becker from USDA for the grant/loan on the Loader and the snow plow truck. Both met on Monday, June 30 to finalize paperwork for this application. The only remaining item was bond council.

Recommended bond council from Mike Bolender was Phillip Lytle which is not to exceed \$3,000 per item of equipment. Clerk Gilbert requested approval from the board to retain Phillips Lytle for bond council.

RESOLUTION #9: On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Gratto to approve using Phillip Lytle for bond council not to exceed \$3,000 per item, loader and snow plow truck.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Patterson

NAYES: 0

Doug Crane had requested through the clerk's office to be able to put the current loader, 550 snow plow truck, 150 Pick-up Truck, and utility trailer out to bid with the right to refuse all bids. The board discussed not accepting bids below trade in value since a trade in is more beneficial.

RESOLUTION #10: On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee

Higginbotham to approve putting the current village owned loader, 550 snow plow truck, 150 pick-up truck, and utility trailer out to bid, not to accept bids that are below trade in value.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Patterson

NAYES: 0

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Higginbotham stated that there is still a hole in sidewalk in front of the Kent property on East Main St. with a cone still there. Mayor Patterson added this to his list for Doug.

Trustee Higginbotham suggested doing a veterans memorial monument and applying for grant funding through the Community Foundation. Mayor Patterson also suggested the fencing at the Yorker Museum which needs replaced. Both projects could be applied for separately. Clerk Gilbert will contact the Community Foundation to find out about deadlines and contact information for grant applications.

Trustee Gratto stated that he assessed the drainage at Christine Deering's residence at her request. She has experienced flooding due to the breakdown of the drain that was fixed by Doug Crane. Mayor Patterson added this to his list for Doug.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Higginbotham stated that there is no street sign on 1st Street. She had a repair man not able to find her home because the sign was not in place. Mayor Patterson will see that Doug addresses the sign.

Mr. Raven stated that the right of way at the reservoir is washed out and needs some maintenance.

Mayor Patterson adjourned the meeting at 8:29.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Gilbert

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Clerk/Treasurer