

Village of Sherman –Regular Board Meeting
Village Office-111 Mill St
January 3rd, 2018

Members: Mayor Meeder Trustees: Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda and Ayers
 Others Present: Doug Crane, Jay Irwin, Dennis Watson, Greg Rater, Clerk Ramm, David and Deb Prenatt.

Mayor Meeder called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and lead everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

RES 2018-01-03.1: Motion to accept the December 6th, 2017 regular board meeting minutes.

Moved: Trustee Gratto Seconded: Trustee Higginbotham

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Ayers

NAYES: 0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Greg Rater introduced himself and explained in detail a personal grievance he was trying to resolve. He hoped the Board could mediate or recommend a course of action since he had received no support from any of the county and state officials he had approached. Although the Board empathized with the unfairness of the situation, they felt they could not in good conscious get involved.

MAYOR MEEDER:

- **EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:** Mayor Meeder stated that she'd been working on the handbook, but wanted to meet with the department heads to go over it in detail before presenting it to the Trustees for approval.
- **ACCOLADES:** Mayor Meeder read a letter from the president of Rails to Trails, James Fincher, thanking Doug Crane for his assistance on various projects along the trail. Mr. Crane in turn thanked the other staff members for their contribution which allows him to be available in this way. Clerk Ramm added that Carol Chase had called to commend the Village staff for doing such an excellent job plowing the roads and driveways. There'd been excessive snowfall and Mr. Crane had cleared more than just the road making residents feel safer and she just wanted to let us all know what a good job they were doing and how much it is appreciated.
- **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** Mayor Meeder shared that she'd attended her first Sherman Chamber of Commerce meeting. She reported that the Chamber were very pleased with all the activity over the Christmas weekend and they planned to build on the "Christmas in Whoville" theme over the next few years. It was also wonderful to see all the different Sherman organizations getting involved and working together to make the weekend a success.
- **CDBG GRANT:** The Village was awarded the \$50,000 Community Development Block Grant to do the comprehensive engineering study for the wastewater treatment plant.

RES 2018-01-03.8: Motion to have a special meeting on February 15th, 2018 at 6:00pm.

Motion: Trustee Gratto

Seconded: Trustee Reyda

AYES: 4 Gratto, Ayers, Reyda, Higginbotham

NAYES: 0

RES 2018-01-03.9: Motion to authorize the Clerk to open a non-interest-bearing account, strictly for New York State Funds, with an opening balance of \$2,500.00.

Motion: Trustee Ayers

Seconded: Trustee Gratto

AYES: 4 Ayers Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda

NAYES: 0

RES 2018-01-03.10: Motion made by Trustee Ayers and seconded by Trustee Reyda to move into executive session at 7:24 PM.

Motion: Trustee Ayers

Seconded: Trustee Reyda

AYES: 4 Ayers, Reyda, Higginbotham, Gratto

NAYES: 0

RES 2018-01-03.11: Motion to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM.

Motion: Trustee Ayers

Seconded: Trustee Higginbotham

AYES: 4 Ayers, Higginbotham, Gratto, Reyda

NAYES: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Ramm

Clerk/Treasurer