

**Village of Sherman –Regular Board Meeting**  
**Village Office-111 Mill St**  
**April 8, 2015**

Mayor Patterson opened the regular board meeting/public hearing at 7:00 pm.  
Present: Mayor Patterson, Trustees: Higginbotham, Gratto, Reyda, Fisher  
Others present: Clerk Gilbert, Dave-Westfield Republican, Doug Crane, Jay Irwin

No public present for the public hearing regarding the tax cap override and the 2015-2016 Budget. Mayor Patterson proceeded with the regular board meeting.

Clerk Gilbert swore in the newly elected and re-elected board members, Mayor John R. Patterson, Jr., Trustee Donna L. Higginbotham, and newly elected trustee Timothy Fisher.

**RESOLUTION #1:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Gratto to approve the March 2015 regular board meeting minutes.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher  
NAYES: 0

**SEWER**

Jay Irwin reported that he is planning to attend the NY Rural Water Association Annual Technical Conference in May. Cost of the conference is \$325 for three days. Cost of travel and hotel are not inclusive.

**RESOLUTION #2:** On motion made by Trustee Isaac Gratto and seconded by Trustee Mary Reyda to approve Jay Irwin attending the May 2015 NYRWA Annual conference.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher  
NAYES: 0

Jay is following up with EFC regarding the funding that was announced by Senator Schumer that is available for WWTP.

Jay also reported that he would like to complete the compost building project this summer and would like approval to do this in the 2015-2016 Budget. The project completion is estimated at between \$4,000 and \$6,000 and he stated that this would generate income as the dried product can be sold and also can be used by the streets, water department.

**RESOLUTION #3:** On motion made by Trustee Mary Reyda and seconded by Trustee Isaac Gratto to approve the completion of the drying bed at the Sewer Department this summer in the 2015-2016 budget years.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher  
NAYES: 0

Jay reported that water heaters were installed, two 40 amps on demand water heaters. Estimate to have them completely rewired for efficiency is \$2,000 from Vidal Electric.

**RESOLUTION #4:** On motion made by Trustee Donna Higginbotham and seconded by Isaac Gratto to approve the wiring of the two new on demand heaters by Vidal Electric at an estimate

of \$2,000.

Trustee AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

### **WATER**

Doug will meet with Evan Anderson regarding his complaint about a fence post being destroyed when the village moved snow back this winter.

Doug stated he is waiting on a call regarding the new pump.

He will continue with meter repairs. He will also prepare a schedule for summer water line replacement, repairs.

Village clean-up day is scheduled for Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Clerk Gilbert will post this at post office and around town.

### **CLERK**

**RESOLUTION #5:** On motion made by Trustee Donna Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Timothy Fisher to pay Voucher #11 in the amount of \$12,530.66.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

Clerk Gilbert reported the CD Balance is at \$275,417.74 and would like to transfer \$35,000 from general checking to general CD.

**RESOLUTION #6:** On motion made by Trustee Mary Reyda and seconded by Trustee Isaac Gratto to transfer \$35,000.00 from the general checking account to the general CD account.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

Clerk Gilbert submitted a request to attend the annual local government conference at Houghton College on Wednesday May 6, 2015. The cost is \$40.

**RESOLUTION #7:** On motion made by Trustee Isaac Gratto and seconded by Trustee Timothy Fisher to approve Clerk Gilbert to attend the local government conference at Houghton College on Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

Acceptance letter to participate in a shared service historical grant under management of Town of Harmony needs to be returned if the village plans to participate at no cost. This grant is offered by the NYS Archives Department.

**RESOLUTION #8:** On motion made by Trustee Donna Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Isaac Gratto to approve the village to participate in a shared service grant managed by the Town of Harmony.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

Call was received by the clerk's office today from Shannon Brown at the Community Bank. The T&A account has a zero balance and certain times of the month depending on when payroll is processed there is a negative balance. Clerk Gilbert request that a minimum balance of \$5,000 in

this account to prevent the occasion of overdraft. The information was given to the information programmers to see if there was an error in processing which would cause the deficiency. Clerk Gilbert is still waiting to hear back from them. If there is an issue found in the processing of payroll this would eliminate the need for the minimum balance.

**RESOLUTION #9:** On motion made by Trustee Donna Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Mary Reyda to approve the T&A having a minimum balance of \$5,000.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Patterson, after no attendance from the public, requested a tax cap override once again for the 2015-2016 budget year.

**RESOLUTION #10:** On motion made by Trustee Isaac Gratto and seconded by Trustee Mary Reyda to approve the Tax Cap Override for the 2015-2016 budget year.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

Mayor Patterson asked the board to approve the proposed 2015-2016 Village of Sherman Budget presented at \$588,797.00. This includes a 1.34% tax increase, 1.34% Water and Sewer Rate increase and a 2% increase in employee salaries.

**RESOLUTION #11:** On motion made by Trustee Isaac Gratto and seconded by Trustee Mary Reyda to approve the 2015-2016 Budget as presented at \$588,797.00.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

Mayor Patterson stated he would like to send out a letter of thanks to Jim Weise for his service on the board from the board and all agreed.

Mayor Patterson has scripted a letter that he will hand out to those he encounters with dogs that will remind owners that they have a duty to clean up after their pets. The chamber of commerce has reported a significant problem with dog waste being left behind by pet owners on Main St. in front of the merchants and in the alley. Clerk Gilbert reported that the chamber is in the process of having signs made to be posted regarding the clean-up and the fine that will be enforced, garbage cans placed on Main St., and disposable poop bags available for dog owners.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ann M. Gilbert*

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Clerk/Treasurer