

**Village of Sherman –Public Hearing**  
**2014-2015 Village Budget**  
**Village Office-111 Mill St**  
**April 2, 2014**

**Board Members Present:** Mayor Patterson, Trustee's, Reyda, Higginbotham, Gratto,

**Others Present:** Jay Irwin, Doug Crane, Clerk Gilbert

**Guests:** Howard & Charles Raven, Dave- Westfield Republican

Mayor Patterson opened the Public Hearing for 2014-2015 Village Budget

No public comment or discussion received for the budget.

**Village of Sherman –Regular Board Meeting**  
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**Others Present:** Jay Irwin, Doug Crane, Clerk Gilbert

**Guests:** Charles & Howard Raven

Trustee Reyda and Trustee Gratto were sworn in for a new two year trustee term. Mr. James Weise who was voted in for the vacancy seat was not in attendance.

Guests: Charles and Howard Raven were in attendance to discuss the contract regarding the exchange of water for the right of way for the village water reservoir. They stated that there was an agreement for this for 40 years but possibility of 99 years. Mayor Patterson asked them to bring the information they have in for the clerk to copy. Clerk Gilbert stated that she will find the village information regarding the exchange.

Mayor Patterson asked for motions for the February 2014 and March 2014 minutes.

**RESOLUTION #1:** On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Reyda to approve February 2014 board meeting minutes.

AYES: 3 Reyda, Gratto, Higginbotham

NAYES: 0

**RESOLUTION #2:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Reyda to approve March 2014 board meeting minutes.

AYES: 3 Reyda, Gratto, Higginbotham

NAYES: 0

**SEWER**

JC Smith with EFC has four available dates to meet with the board regarding WWTP funding. April 8 at 1:00 pm was decided to be the best date for the board. Jay will also invite Clay from Hill Engineering. Jay also stated that the cost of the engineering report will be adjusted to at or under \$25,000.

**STREETS/WATER**

Doug Crane reported that there was an incident where a school bus fell through the road at the corner of Park St. and Columbia Street due to the pipe failure and black top let loose. No injuries or damage reported. Doug met with county to discuss responsibilities. Doug explained that when the state installs this type of item they are responsible. With the county they could not find where they did the installation of this therefore the village was responsible. Although the county would assist with man power, fill and blacktop for this project.

There is a hole in road at the corner of Main St. and Miller St. This appeared last fall. It was filled in. It was reported to the NYSDOT and Doug has not heard back from them regarding this. There is concrete under the road there so not likely to collapse. Additional holes on Main St. are also state responsibility.

Update on the water leak on corner of Church and Main St. Fairpoint has been contacted to reroute the guide wire, which is where the digging needs to be done. Work to be done in the next two weeks.

Leak on Prospect and Hayes. Valve was shut off. Line needs to be capped.

Water meter repairs are almost complete.

No new information regarding the USDA pre-application for the loader and snow plow truck.

**CLERK**

Clerk Gilbert reported CD balance is \$243,280.70.

Clerk Gilbert stated that property tax revenue was received from the county that was unpaid last October of \$27,038. She requested a deposit to the CD general account of \$30,000.00.

**RESOLUTION #3:** On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve the transfer of \$30,000.00 from general checking account to the CD general account.

AYES: 3 Reyda, Higginbotham, Gratto

NAYES: 0

Letter received from Vel Ottaway. Doug stated that he and I had received calls from her regarding a charge for the last quarter for consumption. She stated that they did not use water in the last quarter of 2014.

Clerk Gilbert read faxed letter from Vel Ottaway. Doug stated that in good faith as in the past when an account is in dispute that we have waived the late charges. Trustee Reyda suggested to wait until the payment is received and to address this matter next month if necessary.

Doug addressed the minimum use charge suggesting the board look at this with the thought of making an adjustment on how consumption is charged.

Clerk Gilbert submitted to the board a copy of the water/sewer charges that will be submitted for re-levy on the 2014-2015 Village Tax bills.

**RESOLUTION #4:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Gratto

to approve the water/sewer re-levy to the 2014-2015 village tax bill as submitted.

AYES: 3 Reyda, Higginbotham, Gratto

NAYES: 0

**OLD BUSINESS**

Shave the Mayor campaign now has t-shirts for sale. Sale is going well. Mayor Patterson will be participating in the chambers Fashion show in May. Mayor Patterson has set a goal for \$5000.00 to be donated to the Roswell Cancer Center.

Mr. Jack Dean has asked the village to approve the move of the stone milk house moved to the property that was donated for this placement by the Agway Feed Mill. Mayor Patterson spoke with a contractor who gave a bid. He stated that the structure when moved is possibly subject to cracks and deterioration of the structure. Estimate of cost for the move of the milk house is well over \$16,400, plus the cost of annual upkeep. The board each were asked if they support this move and each stated they were not in favor or incurring this expense on the village tax payers. Mayor Patterson stated that he wanted to update the issue of the county highway building sharing with the village and the town. With our 20% cost of \$750,000 split three ways, one of which would be the village. Mayor Patterson stated at minimum of \$80,000-\$150,000.00 there is no way we can afford this after having a new building built just a few years ago. With estimated cost today is less than what actual cost will be in 4-5 years when this will actually be built. Funding is in question and we have not heard anything from the county as of yet.

**RESOLUTION #5:** On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve the Voucher #11 for \$12,623.60.

AYES: 3 Reyda, Higginbotham, Gratto

NAYES: 0

Mayor Patterson asked board for approval for the 2014-2015 Budget.

**RESOLUTION #5:** On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Reyda to approve the water/sewer re-levy to the 2014-2015 village tax bill as submitted.

AYES: 3 Reyda, Higginbotham, Gratto

NAYES: 0

Trustee Higginbotham addressed the step in front of the Pharmacy. It was discussed and Doug stated that there cannot be an opening on the ramp since it is a handicapped ramp and the wheel chairs can go off ramp with an opening.

Trustee Higginbotham ask to revisit the option of moving our village election from March to November. Mayor Patterson asked Clerk Gilbert to find out particulars and report to the board regarding this matter.

Mayor Patterson closed meeting at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ann M. Gilbert*

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Clerk/Treasurer