

Village of Sherman –Regular Board Meeting

Village Office-111 Mill St

May 7, 2014

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

Others Present: Jay Irwin, Doug Crane, Clerk Gilbert

Guests: Charles & Howard Raven

Mayor Patterson asked for motions for the April 2014 minutes.

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

AYES: 4 Reyda, Gratto, Higginbotham, Weise

NAYES: 0

SEWER

State is requiring additional testing that is not normally done. Jay is getting prices for testing and there are several items on the list. The county can do some of the testing but other test will need to be done by another site.

Advanced Septic contacted Jay asking if we could take sludge from them for disposal. We have approved for Bush Co. to do it. Jay stated that there are limits on what we can handle but he would let them know when we could or could not take their loads. This would be additional revenue.

RESOLUTION #2: On motion made by Trustee Weise and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve accepting sludge from Advanced Septic at a charge to them of .05 cents per gallon, same rate as we charge Bush Co.

AYES: 4 Reyda, Gratto, Higginbotham, Weise

NAYES: 0

Guest:

Mr. Charles and Howard Raven were present regarding the land easement contract for the water on their property. We will contact Mike Bolender to find out what our legal rights are regarding the water usage charge to be administered.

STREETS/WATER

New lines have been put in to the Assembly of God church, the parsonage house, and Maury Alday. Morris St. and Main St. leaks will be addressed starting tomorrow (May 8). The line to Gulczynski's will be addressed as soon as they can schedule with him. Doug stated that none of the old lines froze this past winter and the newer lines that froze were from those installed back in the 1980's.

The hydrant flushing will begin on Saturday, May 10 at midnight and continue each consecutive night at midnight until all are complete. Mayor Patterson requested that the residents be well

informed to avoid calls at all hours about their water. Clerk Gilbert stated that it has been posted at Mack's, Bank, Post Office, and village office but she will check into seeing if it can be done for free on Access Channel 5, SE93 radio, and at the school broadcast and/or digital sign. Trustee Higginbotham questioned the cone at the intersection of Miller St. and Main St. Doug stated this is state responsibility and he has contacted them. They have put some fill in but it still needs to have a permanent solution. Doug stated that the state should receive complaints to help address this problem. Mayor Patterson suggested we all call the state highway department in Mayville with complaints so that they will get it fixed.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Complaints that Jr. Hannold and Christina Johnson residents had garbage accumulated. Robert Burkholder addressed both locations and Mayor Patterson stated that there has been clean ups at both sites. Trustee Weise has offered to talk with Mr. Hannold to see if he can make it more eye appealing from the road. Trustee Higginbotham stated that she spoke with Robert Burkholder, code officer, regarding other places in the village. The board discussed what can be done to keep residents properties cleaned up.

Mayor Patterson requested a motion to approve the May 2014 Voucher #11 in the amount of \$45,875.49 (which includes \$30,000 transfer that was approved in April to the CD).

RESOLUTION #3: On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Gratto to approve May 2014 Voucher #11 in the amount of \$45,875.49 (which includes \$30,000 transfer that was approved in April to the CD).

AYES: 4 Reyda, Gratto, Higginbotham, Weise

NAYES: 0

CLERK

Clerk Gilbert reported CD balance is \$273,290.16 and is requesting approval to transfer \$6,000 from checking to the Water CD, which would bring the total CD to \$273,290.16.

RESOLUTION #4: On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Weise to approve transfer of \$6,000 to the Water CD.

AYES: 4 Reyda, Gratto, Higginbotham, Weise

NAYES: 0

Clerk Gilbert stated that Southern Tier Finger Lakes Water Infrastructure Funding Seminar is being held Wednesday, May 21 in Watkins Glen. This seminar was recommended to us by JC Smith from EFC. Cost of the seminar is \$25 plus mileage.

RESOLUTION #5: On motion made by Trustee Weise and seconded by Trustee Gratto to approve Clerk Gilbert to attend the STFL Water Infrastructure Funding Seminar in Watkins Glen on May 21, 2014.

AYES: 4 Reyda, Gratto, Higginbotham, Weise

NAYES: 0

OLD BUISNESS

Shave the Mayor campaign had a \$200 contribution.

Shirts, tickets, and donations are still underway. The chamber of commerce will be holding the Fashion Show/Comedy night on Saturday.

Clerk Gilbert reported that the USDA did preapprove our Grant/Loan pre-application for \$10,000 Grant toward a new snow plow truck, and \$20,000 grant toward a new Loader, with interest rate on balances of these two pieces of equipment at no more than 4.5%. The interest rate will be whichever is lower, 4.5% or lower rate that day, when the loan is signed for. Mayor Patterson and Clerk Gilbert explained that we have until July 2014 to submit the grant application. Once the application is submitted we have approximately 1.5 years to make our purchases on these two pieces of equipment. If we do not use the grant or choose not to apply the monies allocated will go to another municipality. Mayor Patterson asked for a motion to get this grant locked in for the snow plow truck and the loader.

RESOLUTION #6: On motion made by Trustee Weise and seconded by Trustee Gratto to approve moving forward with the USDA Grant application for the snow plow truck and the loader.

AYES: 4 Reyda, Higginbotham, Gratto, Weise

NAYES: 0

It was also discussed that a public hearing be set in June for the purchase of snow plow truck and loader with the USDA Grant/loan.

RESOLUTION #7: On motion made by Trustee Weise and seconded by Trustee Gratto to approve public hearing for the purchase of snow plow truck and loader.

AYES: 4 Reyda, Higginbotham, Gratto, Weise

NAYES: 0

RESOLUTION #8: On motion made by Trustee Weise and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve public hearing for the purchase of snow plow truck and loader June 7, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

AYES: 4 Reyda, Higginbotham, Gratto, Weise

NAYES: 0

Trustee Higginbotham asked for clarification regarding the building Jack Dean wanted to donate to the village for display on the corner of Kendrick and Park St.

Mayor Patterson presented the organizational items as listed below for approval. Trustee Higginbotham inquired about looking into finding other attorney representation. Clerk Gilbert will inquire with other municipalities and gather a list of attorneys.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

Deputy Mayor:	Isaac Gratto
Code Enforcement Officer:	Robert Burkholder
Attorney:	Michael Bolender
Clerk/Treasurer/RMO/Tax Collector:	Ann Gilbert
Crossing Guard:	Geraldine Robson
Official Newspaper:	Post Journal
Accept Sales Tax in Cash	
Official Depository:	Community Bank, NA
	Mayor& Clerk co-sign payroll/voucher checks
	Mayor& Clerk co-sign T & A Checks
	Clerk Electronic Transfer of T& A Funds from General Checking

Clerk Electronic Payment of T & A Taxes and Expenditures

Clerk will renew all CD's with no changes

Board will approve all CD Deposits/Withdraws

Advanced approval of Utility Payments & Postage

Mileage Rate: \$0.56/mile

Clerk's Office Hours: Monday 9-5

Tuesday: 9-5

Wednesday: 9-5

Friday: 9-3

Regular Board Meetings: First Wednesday of the Month starting at 7 PM. Except for legal holiday, 2nd Wednesday of month

RESOLUTION #8: On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Gratto to approve public hearing for the purchase of snow plow truck and loader June 7, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

AYES: 4 Reyda, Higginbotham, Gratto, Weise

NAYES: 0

Mayor Patterson moved to go into executive session at 8:15.

RESOLUTION #9: On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Reyda to approve hiring Jessica Sloan for temporary part-time summer help at \$9.25/hr.

AYES: 4 Reyda, Higginbotham, Gratto, Weise

NAYES: 0

RESOLUTION #10: On motion made by Trustee Weise and seconded by Trustee Gratto to approve adjustment of Howard Crump water bill for the first quart of 2014 to an average of water used for consumption.

AYES: 4 Reyda, Higginbotham, Gratto, Weise

NAYES: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Gilbert

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Clerk/Treasurer