

**Village of Sherman –Regular Board Meeting**  
**Village Office-111 Mill St**  
**September 7, 2016**

Present: Mayor Patterson, Trustees: Gratto, Reyda, Higginbotham  
 Others: Doug Crane, Jay Irwin, Clerk Ramm, Howard Raven, Jim Higginbotham and David Prenatt

Mayor Patterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**RESOLUTION #1:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Reyda to accept August 3, 2016 Board meeting minutes as submitted.

AYES: All

NAYES: 0

**JAY**

- Brandon passed his Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Grade 2A examination so he's a certified operator now. The board had previously approved an hourly raise of \$2/hr. Clerk will sort pay increase out.
- Still waiting to hear back from the USDA and the composting grant.
- Have all the new meters and will start installing them.

**DOUG**

- **STREETS** – didn't have much.
- **WATER** – waterlines are completed in the alley.
- **METERS** – we're waiting for the adaptors for the meters to come in. They're on back order. We have four so tomorrow we'll sort out the bank, the Salvage Shop and two others.
- **ACCOUNTS** – there are a few accounts that need adjustments

**RESOLUTION #2:** On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Reyda to approve adjusting the bill to the minimum and removing all penalties for Robert Cettell, renting from James Mayshark, bill (3535) because the meter wasn't working properly.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Reyda, Higginbotham

NAYES: 0

**RESOLUTION #3:** On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve adjusting the bill (3310) to the minimum and forgiving all penalties for The Salvage Store because it's the same building with the same meter issues.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda

NAYES: 0

**RESOLUTION #4:** On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Gratto to approve forgiving the penalty of \$7.55 on Janet Loomis' bill (2525) due to a misread.

AYES: 3 Reyda, Gratto, Higginbotham

NAYES: 0

**RESOLUTION #5:** On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve reducing Ruth Williams's bill (2515) to the minimum as per the norm with her because her meter isn't working.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda

NAYES: 0

**RESOLUTION #6:** On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve forgiving the late penalties on the Chautauqua County Highway Dept. bill (2859) because they received their bill after the due date.

AYES: 3 Reyda, Higginbotham, Gratto

NAYES: 0

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Mayor Patterson stated that he hadn't heard from Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Messenger or Lane Chase at this time.

**VOUCHERS:**

Trustee Reyda queried the Sunmaster Voucher for \$600. Jay Irwin said that Mayor Patterson had approved the purchase of one solar streetlight complete with pole, plates, brackets and LED lamps for a trial run to see how effective it would be in this area. It's roughly \$800 per streetlight which is better than the \$5000 per solar streetlights from Florida. We are also waiting for a quote from National Grid to convert to LED lights. We are investigating the benefits of both solar and LED.

**RESOLUTION #7:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Reyda to approve Voucher #4 submitted for \$27,719.54.

AYES: 3 Higginbotham, Reyda, Gratto

NAYES: 0

**CLERK**

CD Balance - \$174,516.01

Checking Account - \$79,078.59

Late fees and penalties on overdue accounts were discussed.

**RESOLUTION #8:** On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Gratto to approve paying utility bills as they are due and not wait for the next board meeting to avoid unnecessary late fees.

AYES: Unanimous

NAYES: 0

**LEGAL REPRESENTATION:** Mayor Patterson informed the board that out of all the Lawyers contacted only three were interested in representing the village. Tad Wright at \$250/hour, Dana Lundberg at \$170/hour and Todd Thomas at \$150/hour.

**RESOLUTION #9:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Gratto to approve appointing Todd Thomas as the village's legal representative.

AYES: 3 Higginbotham, Gratto, Reyda

NAYES: 0

Clerk will inform Mr. Thomas and get a letter of commitment.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**RAVEN AGREEMENT** - Mayor Patterson presented copies of the original agreement between the Village of Sherman and George Raven which is signed and binding. Howard Raven was given a copy to look over and if he and his brother are satisfied with everything then both sons of George Raven, along with Mayor Patterson, would need to sign the addendum.

**RESOLUTION #10:** On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Reyda to approve clearing the charges on the Raven bill (2677) because according to the agreement they are only liable for the \$35 quarterly charge.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Reyda, Higginbotham

NAYES: 0

**DISSOLUTION:**

According to the rules of board-initiated reorganization the following options are available:

- a) The Governing Body (Village Board) can amend the proposed agreement.
- b) The Governing Body (Village Board) can decide not to proceed further.

Mayor Patterson said that as the Mayor he didn't want to go any further with the dissolution. If the people want to initiate a petition they'll need 10% of the voters. He suggested that the number of voters was 456, Mr. Higginbotham said it was roughly 436 and Trustee Higginbotham said her count was 457. Trustee Reyda asked if we decide not to go ahead do we still have the referendum. Mr. Higginbotham said no, either we call for a vote or we're done with it. But then he'll get the petition to have the vote.

**RESOLUTION #11:** On motion made by Mayor Patterson and seconded by Trustee Gratto to approve not to continue with the dissolution.

AYES: 3 Patterson, Gratto, Reyda

NAYES: 1 Higginbotham

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Patterson read an invitation for the sesquicentennial celebration of the Sherman Community Church. The event is open to all and is being held on Sunday, September 25, 2016 at noon.

**RESOLUTION #12** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Gratto to move into executive session.

AYES: 3

NAYES: 0

**RESOLUTION #13** On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Gratto to exit executive session and adjourn regular board meeting at 7:49 pm.

AYES: 3

NAYES: 0

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanette Ramm  
Clerk/Treasurer