

Village of Sherman –Regular Board Meeting

**Village Office-111 Mill St
June 6th, 2018**

Members: Mayor Meeder Trustees: Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda and Ayers
Others Present: Doug Crane, Jay Irwin, Gary Emory, Clerk Ramm, David and Deb Prenatt.

Mayor Meeder called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and lead everyone in the pledge of allegiance. She then offered the public an opportunity to address the board. Mr. Emory shared his concerns regarding the number of unlicensed vehicles and poorly maintained properties/yards in the village, and how these things affect property values. He also spoke about parking, especially along Columbia Street which only permits parking on one side. Discussion regarding the Village Ordinances and New York State Laws ensued. A public hearing has already been set to address possible code violations.

RES 2018-06-06.1: Motion to accept the regular board meeting minutes for May 2nd, 2018 and the annual reorganizational meeting minutes for May 30th, 2018.

Moved: Trustee Ayers

Seconded: Trustee Reyda

AYES: 4

NAYES: 0

MAYOR MEEDER:

- **GRANT WORK:** With the sewer study underway we are now focusing on the two new grant applications i.e. the Community Development Block Grant for evaluating the drinking water and storm water systems; and the Climate Smart Community Grant to develop a Village Comprehensive Plan. The comprehensive plan will include sidewalks, parks and Main Street, and will coincide with the water/storm-water study likely begin next year.

WASTEWATER:

- **MANHOLES:** Mr. Irwin stated that all the manholes have been located. The only manhole with an issue was number 26 which was taking in roughly 9-10 thousand gallons of water but has now been sealed up, so the problem is now resolved. Someone has tampered with a manhole on Route 76 which we will eventually need to replace. Mr. Irwin added that as recommended, we plan on raising all our manholes to ground level. We're looking at roughly \$150 per foot to raise the manholes and there are some that need to be raised 3-4 inches.
- **COLLECTION SYSTEM:** The smoke testing is going well and proven very beneficial, and if the weather holds up it should be completed by Friday. As soon as we get some torrential rain we'll begin the wet weather testing.
- **ASSISTANT WASTEWATER OPERATOR:** Mr. Irwin reported that Mr. Watson was away doing the activated sludge portion of his certification. After this he would only have his New York State Exam which would be late August or early September.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

- **STREETS:** Mr. Crane said that they'd prepared the sidewalk to be cut on Main Street and this will be done within the next few weeks. Miller Street is completely patched and sealed. There were two complaints about potholes on Edmund Street, which were temporarily patched. A more permanent fix will happen after we've finished tearing up the street. Trustee Higginbotham asked if the potholes on First Street would then be fixed and Mr. Crane explained that while Edmund Street and the drainage were being addressed, more damage would be sustained on First Street. Once the drainage issues are sorted they'll fix the potholes on First Street.
- **WATER:** Beacon is the new system for our water meters and Mr. Crane informed the trustees that of the ten new meters installed, six water meters were already linked online. Mr. Crane added that he'd installed another meter today and hoped to install a few more over the next few weeks. We are progressing toward the goal of on-line meters. We have two water leaks, one near the pump house and one on Route 430. The copper pipes should last forever, but we've found hot spots in our soil that eat away the copper. We'll have to dig them out to make sure before we replace them, as we did with the old County barn pipes which have not given us problems since we replaced them nine years ago.
- **OTHER:** Since the water grants have been pushed out, we will have to address the sidewalks on Kipp Street. Mr. Crane wanted to wait until the grant money came in but we'll have to do a temporary repair for now.

CLERK:

The clerk explained that the voucher was high this month because our last regular meeting was early and many of the bills from last month were included in this month's voucher. This voucher also includes worker's compensation and a transfer of \$16,000 from the general checking account into the CD account for fire protection.

RES 2018-06-06.2: Motion to approve Voucher 2019 #1 submitted for \$39,831.19 for May 2018.

Moved: Trustee Gratto

Seconded: Trustee Higginbotham

AYES: 4

NAYES: 0

Checking Account (06/06/2018) - \$26,047.34 and Book Balance – \$5,059.49

CD (04/04/2018) - \$120,624.70

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING: The code enforcement officers need more time to report on possible code violations for the public hearing which is scheduled for June 19th, 2018. The suggestion was made to delay the meeting by one week. Once the code violations have been addressed at the public hearing the Board will begin the annual audit review.

RES 2018-06-06.3: Motion to reschedule the public hearing of possible code violations to Tuesday June 26th, 2018 at 6pm in the Village Office at 111 Mill Street.

Moved: Trustee Gratto

Seconded: Trustee Reyda

AYES: 4

NAYES: 0

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: Mayor Meeder revised the previous discussion regarding the amendment of our current comprehensive sewer study. This amendment is pending the memorandum of understanding with Chautauqua County to pursue another leg of the comprehensive sewer project to incorporate Mina. Once the Chautauqua County approves the memorandum, which would be before the next regular board meeting on July 11th, 2018, the mayor would need to sign the memorandum of understanding.

RES 2018-06-06.4: Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Sherman and Chautauqua County for County reimbursement to the Village in the estimated amount of \$9,000 for Amendment 1 of the Comprehensive Sewer Project Study. The Memorandum is to be signed by the Mayor following County Legislative action, June 27th, 2018, and after review by the Village Attorney.

Moved: Trustee Gratto

Seconded: Trustee Ayers

AYES: 4

NAYES: 0

RES 2018-06-06.5: Motion to move into executive session at 6:49pm to discuss some legal issues.

Moved: Trustee Ayers

Seconded: Trustee Reyda

AYES: 4

NAYES: 0

The regular meeting resumed at 7:16pm.

RES 2018-06-06.6: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm.

Moved: Trustee Higginbotham

Seconded: Trustee Gratto

AYES: 4

NAYES: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Ramm

Clerk-Treasurer