

**Village of Sherman –Regular Board Meeting**  
**Village Office-111 Mill St**  
**February 5, 2014**

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

**Others Present:** Doug Crane

**Guests:**

Mayor Patterson opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

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

AYES: 3 Reyda, Higginbotham, Gratto

NAYES: 0

**SEWER**

Mayor Patterson filled in the board for Jay Irwin who was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Clerk Gilbert stated that Jay had submitted his request for NYRW training to be held in April. This training is required for annual licensing which is attended each year by the Sewer Dept. Operator's License. Trustee Reyda questioned why everything is paid for lodging, training, mileage. Mayor Patterson stated that this type of training event is necessary for him to maintain his position and is budgeted each year.

**RESOLUTION #2:** On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve for James Irwin to attend the NYSRW training in Verona New York in April 14-17 2014 with cost of training, lodging, mileage to be covered.

AYES: 3 Reyda, Higginbotham, Gratto

NAYES: 0

Mayor Patterson received a positive call from JC Smith who was scheduled to meet with him and Jay regarding the Sewer dept. upgrades stating that he needed to reschedule but stated that the village looks to be in a good position to receive funding. Meeting will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

**STREETS/WATER**

The Mayor stated that we met with Thomas Becker regarding USDA Grant for a new Loader/Snow Truck. Pre application process has been initiated to this grant. The loader is being evaluated to find out what can be done to repair it. Loader definitely needs to be replaced. USDA is offering \$10,000 for a project up to \$100,000, and \$20,000 for over \$100,000. Doing the loader and truck together brings the project to over \$100,000 which allows for a possible \$20,000 grant.

The pre-application grants for the alley behind the south side of Main St. is also being worked on to get submitted. Business owners have been asked to submit a letter regarding how this would

positively impact their business. Clerk Gilbert referred to an email from Thomas Becker asking for a resolution to allow the Mayor and clerk to submit the application for the loader/snow truck.

**RESOLUTION #3:** On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Reyda to approve application of USDA grant for Loader/snow truck allowing Mayor Patterson and Clerk Gilbert to submit any forms, signatures needed for the grant application.

AYES: 3 Reyda, Higginbotham, Gratto

NAYES: 0

Doug described issues with the loader stating that there was antifreeze in the oil and the brakes need to be replaced. Pins, bushings on buckets, prices have been received for grant application process. The plow truck is having electrical issues. Plow will need to be replaced even if there is no replacement of the truck. Eight seasons of use for the plow and has been rebuilt.

Mayor Patterson stated that it seems everything has been hitting at once and we will be waiting for all the application results before we decide what will or can be done.

### **BUILDING CODE**

Robert's daughter has been diagnosed with leukemia. He has been spending as much time in Pittsburg at the hospital as possible. Donations are being accepted to give to Robert regarding his travel expenses.

**RESOLUTION #4:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Reyda to approve the Voucher #9 for \$12, 568.68.

AYES: 3 Reyda, Higginbotham, Gratto

NAYES: 0

### **CLERK**

Clerk Gilbert reported CD balance is \$243,258.88.

General Checking: \$5,238.21

Public hearing is required to override the 2% tax cap prior to passing of the village budget.

**RESOLUTION #5:** On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Reyda to approve the public hearing for the 2% tax cap for Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

AYES: 3 Reyda, Higginbotham, Gratto

NAYES: 0

\$100.00 scholarship was received from Chautauqua County Clerk's association for the Grant workshop in March at Southern Tier West. \$100.00 grant from Southern Tier West.

Clerk Gilbert read a note from Trish Murphy. She stated that she received her water bill late through the USPS. She stated she wasn't going to pay the late fee. Board discussed this issue.

**RESOLUTION #6:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Reyda to forgive the penalty for Trish Murphy's final billing dated December 2013.

AYES: 3 Reyda, Higginbotham, Gratto

NAYES: 0

**OLD BUISNESS**

Shave the mayor campaign was updated by Mayor Patterson stating that he is contemplating having T-shirts made to sell for this campaign.

Grand Marshal for Sherman Day Parade has been selected, Bonnie Meabon.

Mayor Patterson has asked the board to consider something that the Community Foundation can help out with in the Village. Mayor Patterson has a list of suggestions such as flowering trees on Main/Park St., digital board weather station, and a fence around museum is in need of repair.

Trustee Higginbotham suggested a veteran's monument at the common area at the Yorker Museum. Mayor Patterson added that to the list.

Mrs. Patterson wants to possibly donate an on demand hot water heater to the sewer department.

Public Hearing needed to be set for Water/Sewer Manual for March 5, 2014.

Dave Lipsey was in to remind the board about stripping crosswalks and that we should keep reminding NYSDOT that they need this done on Main St. Rt. 430 and Rt. 76 also.

Mayor Patterson closed meeting at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ann M. Gilbert*

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Clerk/Treasurer