

**Village of Sherman –Regular Board Meeting**  
**Village Office-111 Mill St**  
**January 6, 2016**

Present: Mayor Patterson, Trustees: Higginbotham, Gratto, Reyda, Fisher  
Others present: Clerk Gilbert, Doug Crane, Jay Irwin  
Guests: Lars Johnson, Dave Pernet-Westfield Republican

Mayor Patterson opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and welcomed guests.

**RESOLUTION #1:** On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Fisher to approve the December 2015 regular board meeting minutes.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

**SEWER**

Jay Irwin reported that the DOT fee of \$750 for sludge hauling and he would like to discontinue that and use a dumpster service to dispose of sludge as it will be significantly less expensive and will not need to depend on the town trucks being available.

**RESOLUTION #2:** On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve the use of dumpster use of sludge disposal rather than the DOT fees for using town trucks.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

In 2012 Jay applied for Grant assistance for Sewer Dept. for composting program. He has forwarded the information to the clerk for completion.

Brandon's classes were postponed until end of March early April due to family health issue.

New meter system information is being researched. The meters have no hardware and are sonar run. They read water temps, detect unusual usage, and could eventual enable monthly reading and billing in a more efficient, timely manner. Addition information will be obtained.

New electronic monitoring system is being sought. The current system has been down and the lines are not the best.

There were two quotes for used pumps. There is a 4" 1998 pump that will fit our current system for \$12,000. It was discussed this would be the best option as no additional sizing would be needed. It was also discussed that the price needs to be negotiated. The time frame of necessity was discussed and it was determined that the need for protecting the plant and residents close to the end of the system was extreme and the need far out ways the cost.

**RESOLUTION #3:** On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Fisher to approve purchase of the 1998 4" pump for no more than \$10,000 from Rain for Rent.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

**STREETS/WATER**

Water line replaced at Gina Whitehead's house on Cornish St. The galvanized pipes were replaced and were found to have holes in them at the curb end.

Water meter replacements have started. Read Error meters will have hardware replaced.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Two applicants for the position of Code Enforcement officer, Jeff Messenger and Lane Chase considered. It was discussed having them both with one as a lead and the other as a back-up.

**RESOLUTION #4:** On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve having two code enforcement officers. Jeff Messinger will be assigned the lead officer and Lane Chase as a back-up officer if he chooses to accept.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Fisher

NAYES: 1 Reyda

**RESOLUTION #5:** On motion made by Trustee Fisher and seconded by Trustee Gratto to approve voucher #8 for \$11,006.09.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Fisher, Reyda

NAYES: 0

**CLERK**

CD balance reported at \$229,482.84 requesting transfer from CD for December/January vouchers/payroll of \$30,000 (\$15,000 in December, \$15,000 in January).

**RESOLUTION #6:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Fisher to approve \$30,000 transfer from CD to general checking.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Fisher, Reyda

NAYES: 0

General Checking balance is at \$0

**OLD BUSINESS**

Fire hall deed transfer information was given to Clerk Gilbert by Attorney Bolender and was then given to Chief Oehlbeck to be handled by the Stanley Hose Department. David Brown President of the Stanley Hose Department was handling the filing process on their behalf.

Quotes were received from three representatives for a partial consolidation study. Proposals received as follows: Southern Tier West for \$10,000, CGR for \$13,500, and MRB for \$24,700.

**RESOLUTION #7:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Gratto to approve hiring CGR at their December 8, 2015 proposed rate for Phase 1 at the cost of \$13,500.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Fisher, Reyda

NAYES: 0

Trustee Higginbotham proposed an executive session to discuss employees.

**RESOLUTION #8:** On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to hold executive session for discussion of employees at 8:10 pm.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Fisher, Reyda

NAYES: 0

**RESOLUTION #9:** On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to exit executive session and adjourn regular board meeting at 8:25 pm.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Fisher, Reyda

NAYES: 0

Respectfully submitted,

*Ann M. Gilbert*

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Clerk/Treasurer