

Village of Sherman –Regular Board Meeting

**Village Office-111 Mill St
April 4th, 2018**

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

Mayor Meeder called the meeting to order at 6:05pm and lead everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

BUDGET HEARING:

Mayor Meeder reviewed and clarified each line of the 2018-2019 budget. She further explained that any future adjustments would be presented to the Board, before the vouchers at monthly meetings, for Board approval.

RES 2018-04-04.1: Motion to accept the regular board meeting minutes for March 7th, 2018 and special board meeting minutes for March 20th, 2018.

Moved: Trustee Ayers

Seconded: Trustee Gratto

AYES: 4

NAYES: 0

MAYOR MEEDER:

- **CLIMATE SMART INITIATIVE:** Mayor Meeder introduced the idea of the Village Board taking the climate smart pledge. This would strengthen the goals of clean and efficient energy we've already started working toward. More details and requirements for certification would be covered at a future meeting.
- **GRANTS:** We will be applying for more grants in order to continue upgrading the water meters and lines. Mr. Zarbo counselled that this will require a financial commitment from us and advised that we may not be awarded any grants on the first application. It may require reapplying a few times. It is a long-term goal.
- **LEGAL MATTERS:** Having a fire company, as opposed to a fire district or department, is unique. Both our lawyer and the Stanley Hose Fire Co.'s lawyer reviewed the contracts between the various municipalities and the Fire Company, and both found everything to be in order.

WASTEWATER:

- **ACCOLADES:** Mr. Irwin was congratulated on being nominated as the 2018 Wastewater Operation Specialist of the Year Award. The award acknowledges Mr. Irwin's commitment to protecting the environment, his demonstration of leadership, and his dedication to the community. The New York Rural Water Association will present him with his award at their annual awards ceremony on May 22nd, 2018.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

- **SPRING CLEAN UP:** It was decided that the spring clean-up would be set for Monday, April 23rd, 2018 and would be posted around the village and noted in the newsletter.
- **STREETS:** Potholes are on the list, but the freezing weather does make these repairs redundant, so repairs will wait until after this next freezing cold spell.
- **WATER:** Mr. Crane said that he was almost finished reading the meters, but billing would have to wait until the new software system is installed. There are four water meters which need to be replaced immediately, and then he would begin to compile a replacement list.

RES 2018-04-04.2: Motion to approve Voucher #11 submitted for \$24,490.26 for March 2018.

Moved: Trustee Higginbotham

Seconded: Trustee Gratto

AYES: 4

NAYES: 0

CLERK

Checking Account (04/04/2018) - \$19,573.90 and Book Balance – \$6,672.72

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

The clerk presented the list of water and sewer accounts with an outstanding balance of more than one quarter to be relieved to the County.

RES 2018-04-04.3: Motion to approve the relevy of all accounts with an outstanding balance that exceeds one quarter.

Moved: Trustee Higginbotham

Seconded: Trustee Reyda

AYES: 4

NAYES: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

- **NEWSLETTER:** The new format of the W&S bills is highlighted in the newsletter, along with other news and important dates. The newsletter will go out ahead of the bills.
- **BUDGET:** Mayor Meeder readdressed the budget and asked if the Board wanted to make any changes or needed more time before accepting it.

RES 2018-04-04.4: Motion to approve the 2018-2019 Village Budget, with a tax levy increase of 1.84%, as presented.

Moved: Trustee Gratto

Seconded: Trustee Ayers

AYES: 4

NAYES: 0

OLD BUSINESS:

- **WATERWORKS:** Installation of the new software will begin on Monday, April 9th, 2018 after which water and sewer readings will be inputted and bills mailed out. Mayor Meeder mentioned that after speaking to the auditor it was noted how low our fees for water and sewer

services are. She added how our sewer reserve charge has remained the same since the charge was initiated. Discussion moved to the upcoming multi-million-dollar investment for the renewal of the WWTP.

- **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:** Mayor Meeder explained the proposed changes to the policies. The Trustees would have another month to look over these before accepting them.
- **EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:** Compensatory time, holiday hours, overtime, sick leave and other benefits were examined in detail.

RES 2018-04-04.5: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51pm.

Moved: Trustee Higginbotham

Seconded: Trustee Gratto

AYES: 4

NAYES: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Ramm

Clerk-Treasurer