

Village of Sherman –Regular Board Meeting
Village Office-111 Mill St
February 4, 2015

Mayor Patterson opened the regular board meeting at 7:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Patterson, Trustees: Higginbotham, Gratto

Others present: Clerk Gilbert, Dave-Westfield Republican, Doug Crane

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

AYES: 3 Patterson, Higginbotham, Gratto

NAYES: 0

RESOLUTION #2: On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve voucher #9 for \$9,113.24.

AYES: 3 Patterson, Higginbotham, Gratto

NAYES: 0

CLERK

Clerk Gilbert reported the CD Balance is at \$275,398.24.

Annette Watson had contacted the office regarding the readings on her bill being estimated. Doug determined in December that the reader for her meter was not working and therefore needed replaced.

Ms. Watson is requesting that the penalty charges for the 3rd quarter billing be deducted as determination of her estimate was not made until after penalties were applied. The amount of penalties total \$12.17.

RESOLUTION #3: On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Gratto to deduct the penalty charges for Annette Watson for the 3rd quarter billing in 2014 for a total of \$12.17.

AYES: 3 Patterson, Higginbotham, Gratto

NAYES: 0

Clerk Gilbert announced that KVS software systems would be holding their conference in Amherst NY on July 20-22, 2015 at a cost of \$525 (3 day conference) and requested approval to attend.

RESOLUTION #4: On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Gratto to approve Clerk Gilbert attending the July 20-22, 2015 KVS Software System in Amherst.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Patterson

NAYES: 0

Clerk Gilbert stated that the bond counsel had not returned approved notice for equipment bonds in time for publication, therefore another public hearing/special meeting needs to be held and suggested the earliest date of Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Clerk Gilbert reported a saving on electric supply charges of average 50% with the change to Direct Energy.

STREETS/WATER

Doug gave a snow removal report. Reviewed with the board his time keeping log and stated it is available for review at any time.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Bolender sent information to the clerk's office for a resolution that can be passed subject to permissive referendum to be voted on by the board. If there is no opposition to the resolution it will not need to go to public vote in March.

RESOLUTION #5: On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham WHEREAS, section 15-104 of the Village Law of the State of New York empowers the Board of Trustees to "adopt a resolution subject to a permissive referendum as provided in article nine of the Village Law providing that village elections shall be conducted by the Board of Elections" and that "Village elections shall occur on the day of the general election," and WHEREAS, it appears to the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sherman that taxpayer dollars could be saved and voter participation in the political process increased if such a resolution were adopted. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sherman, in regular session duly convened as follows:

1. Commencing in the year 2016, the annual election in the Village of Sherman, New York for the election of all elective Village Officers shall be held and conducted by the Chautauqua County board of Elections coincident with the general election to be held in accordance with and provided by the federal Election Laws and the Election Law of the State of New York. Primary elections for the nomination of all elective Village officers of the Village of Sherman shall be held and conducted by the Chautauqua County Board of Elections coincident with the general primaries held in accordance and provided by the Election Law of the State of New York.
2. This Resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum as provided by Village Law section 15-104
(1) (c).

This Resolution was introduced by Trustee Gratto, seconded by Trustee Higginbotham and the vote was as follows:

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Patterson

NAYES: 0

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Higginbotham stated that the statement in the W/S newsletter by Mayor Patterson was questioned to her to be "campaigning". Mayor Patterson stated that he was getting a point across to the residents the importance of voting. It was discussed and Mayor Patterson stated that if that is what is taken from the information that he will pay for the postage costs that went into this past mailing of the water sewer bills/newsletters. He directed Clerk Gilbert to prepare an invoice for the cost.

RESOLUTION #6: On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Gratto to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Patterson

NAYES: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Gilbert

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Clerk/Treasurer