

Village of Sherman –Public Hearing

Village Office-111 Mill St

June 4, 2014

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

Others Present: Jay Irwin, Doug Crane, Clerk Gilbert

Guests: Charles & Howard Raven, James Higginbotham

Absent: Mary Reyda

Mayor Patterson opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 pm for the possible purchase of a loader and snow plow truck through USDA Grants and Loans. Jim Higginbotham was in attendance with questions regarding the purchase. He asked about the interest rate, Clerk Gilbert stated that the interest rate guaranteed by the USDA loans would be 4.5% or less depending on the daily interest rate at time of signing. He also asked if the loader would be bought on state contract, which Mayor Patterson said that it would definitely be. Mr. Higginbotham's concerns were on specs of the loader to be sure that it was a best for the village/town. He recommended Bruce Stone from the county to discuss specs on the loader. Mayor Patterson stated that we would reach Mr. Stone to see what his recommendations were and then we would give specs to Mr. Higginbotham to review so that no spec detail was missed.

Questions about the snow truck included the box, if the truck was with or without a box and making sure the right size plow. Mayor Patterson stated that between Doug, Bruce Stone, Mr. Higginbotham, and himself all specs will be reviewed for both the loader and the snow plow truck.

Village of Sherman –Regular Board Meeting

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Mayor Patterson opened the regular board meeting at 7:14 pm.

Guest present were Charles and Howard Raven and they were present to state they feel they should not be charged for a ready to serve fee. After discussion Mayor Patterson suggested that the separate attorney's review the agreement. He suggested that the board review the agreement and review the opinions. We will contact the Mr. Raven's when we have done the reviews. Mayor thanked the Raven's for attending.

Trustee Higginbotham questioned the NYCOM annual dues and what the village gets from this and if it is worth the cost. Board discussed that is should be kept.

STREETS/WATER

Water leak on Morris St. fixed. Excavator is being used by the county but when it is returned the sidewalk on Main and Church St. and on Columbia St. will be repaired. Discussion regarding the drainage on Columbia St. behind the residents that has been an issue since the addition to the

gym at the school has been done. There is a tube that is crushed and needs replaced. The DI needs to be replaced or relocated.

Water meter repairs will be done before July billing. Low water pressure has been reported on Franklin St. at Pandora Murry's. Two separate lines will be put in because there are two services sharing lines.

Doug stated that they have looked at loaders from other municipalities that have been purchased on state contract. The buy-back program through the state contract requirements meet minimum bucket and reach requirements. In this buy-back program it is traded each year for a new loader got \$10/hr. payback. Doug stated he is leaning toward the CAT, for the reason of the trade-in buy-back program, and easy operation. Doug stated he has specs on all three loaders from CAT, CASE, and John Deere.

The plow truck Doug stated is a 350 not a 550.

RESOLUTION #1: On motion made by Trustee Weise and seconded by Trustee Gratto to approve May 2014 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Weise

NAYES: 0

Sewer Department

NYS permit testing is being completed.

Another grant meeting will be held in about a month.

Jay requested the sewer department hours co-inside with the streets and water department for the summer. Change of hours from 6:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

RESOLUTION #2: On motion made by Trustee Weise and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve summer Sewer Department hours of 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Weise

NAYES: 0

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Clerk Gilbert reported for Robert Burkholder that clean up at Hannold's on Park St. and Johnson's on Park St. Trustee Higginbotham stated that she did not see any change. Trustee Weise stated that he spoke with Mr. and Mrs. Hannold and they agreed to put any items in the yard to use as he could. Trustee Higginbotham stated she had copies from the zoning that addresses vehicles, appliances, tires, etc. Discussions were done as to what extent does the village wants to police the village for clean-up. It was stated that it can be done but enforcement is an expensive avenue. Trustee Higginbotham suggested adopting a program similar to Falconer Pride Day, Volunteers to help communities clean up. Clerk Gilbert stated she would contact the Village of Falconer to find out information.

RESOLUTION #3: On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Gratto to approve June 2014 Voucher #1 in the amount of \$9,035.28.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Weise

NAYES: 0

CLERK

Clerk Gilbert reported CD balance \$279,301.55. Tax collections have begun. Checking account balance is \$29,566.22.

Scanning Essentials workshop offered by NYS Archives at Southern Tier West in Salamanca on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is a free workshop.

RESOLUTION #4: On motion made by Trustee Weise and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve Clerk Gilbert to attend the Scanning Essentials Workshop held at STW given by the NYS Archives Department at no charge.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Weise

NAYES: 0

OLD BUISNESS

Update to Sherman Day. Insert went in the Alumni dinner invitations.

A request for vendors to use the yard in front of the Yorker Museum was received from the Sherman Day Committee chairman. Discussions regarding the lawn area maintenance, soft ground, and the disrespect of the monument were among the board discussions.

RESOLUTION #5: On motion made by Trustee Weise and seconded by Trustee Gratto to not allow the Sherman Day Committee to use the yard in front of the Museum with war monument for Sherman Day use.

AYES: 3 Higginbotham, Gratto, Weise

NAYES: 0

Trustee Higginbotham had asked two other municipalities that had changed their election dates for information regarding the procedure. She stated that she would like this to be a referendum for the Spring Election to change the village election day to the Fall with the general elections. Clerk Gilbert will contact the elections board to confirm details.

Trustee Higginbotham also inquired about the sidewalk put in on East Main St. up to Dan Warner's. There are several areas that do not have sidewalks. Clerk Gilbert stated that there are possible grants available for the sidewalk installations.

She also inquired about the status of the AUD. Clerk Gilbert stated that it has been a slow process. Submission for the 2011 AUD is planned for the near future.

Doug stated that there is air in the lines due to the pump that needs to be replaced.

RESOLUTION #6: On motion made by Trustee Weise and seconded by Trustee Gratto to move forward with the regular grant application process for the Loader and the snow plow truck.

AYES: 3 Higginbotham, Gratto, Weise

NAYES: 0

Trustee Weise asked about the process for stump removal in the village. Doug explained this is done by the county when they are in the area and have time to do it as a shared service to the village. Village is not responsible for removing stumps.

Clerk Gilbert stated that quotes from two local attorneys, Joel Seacrist and Thad Wright.

Mayor Patterson adjourned the meeting at 8:29.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Gilbert

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Clerk/Treasurer