

Village of Sherman –Regular Board Meeting
Village Office-111 Mill St
August 3, 2016

Present: Mayor Patterson, Trustees: Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

Others present: Doug Crane, Jay Irwin, Rose Crane

Absent: Trustee Gratto, Meeder

Guests: Vicky Rater and Debbie Sanders from the Chamber of Commerce

Mayor Patterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

RESOLUTION #1: On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Fisher to accept July 6, 2016 Board meeting minutes as submitted.

AYES: All

NAYES: 0

Due to the Chamber of Commerce members being present Mayor Patterson started the meeting with old business so their business would be covered first.

OLD BUSINESS

CHAMBER OF COMMERSE BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST:

1. Mrs. Rater stated that the Chamber couldn't penalize villagers for not participating so they decided to encourage participation by offering a \$500.00 prize to the best contestant. They had 16 enrollments although only 12 actually participated. It could have been better but they started too late (giving participants only 1 month), didn't have enough time to invite participation from the Town's residents, and they feel that the prize was inadequate. Some before and after pictures of participating houses and the winner were viewed. To avoid bias the winner was chosen by a group of 8 people from Jamestown. The Chamber members believe that they'll have a better response next year if they give people more time and offer a better prize. They plan to start earlier next year. They've already approached various businesses for donations for next year and intend on asking many more. They want to do more advertising and get better sponsorship from companies like "Better homes and gardens" and HGTV, for example. The Chamber of Commerce asked if the Village would be able to put a donation amount in their budget for next year's contest. If not a monetary donation, they would appreciate any donation of equipment or volunteers, etc.
2. A house on Park Street signed up for the contest but didn't do anything probably because of the huge tree lying in their front yard. Would the Village be able to help remove the tree? Trustee Crane responded that the tree was put there at the residents' request, but if they want it to be removed we would certainly do that. They just need to call Mr. Crane. Mrs. Rater said the Park Street resident didn't request it, but she was hoping to mention that if they'd like it removed we can do that for them.
3. Another idea was to contact the Arbor Day Foundation and see if they'd partner with the Chamber to plant trees around the village. Mr. Crane mentioned that a while ago we put flyers in with the water bill and people could choose from 7 different trees. The village collected the trees from the nursery and planted them, but the people were responsible for paying for the trees and looking after them. It worked out very well. The Chamber would

like to work together with the Village on this project. A flyer would need to go out with the next water bill to see how much interest there is from the residents.

4. What does the Chamber of Commerce do? They try to improve the village. They put the lights, flags and trash cans on Main Street and built the tables for the pavilion at the creek, along with many other things. They meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month, at 9:00am at the Village Office. They have plans for a garden tour next year and they're hosting a talk in September, in the Fire Hall, called "The Hosta Takeover" with a master gardener guest speaker. The American Hosta Society will donate 100's of plants if the Chamber will dig them up, which they plan to do.

JAY

- Brandon will be able to his test probably in the next two weeks, it takes 10 days before he can schedule it, but he'll get in a day or two shortly after that.
- Still waiting to hear back from the USDA.
- Still waiting to hear back about the composting grant.
- The 50 new meters are in, Scott is coming tomorrow to show us how to activate them and then they'll come do the training with us as soon as they can fit us in.

DOUG

- **STREETS** – the paving is complete for now. We had to pay the bill upfront and get the cancelled check before we can register for the CHIPS. As soon as Mr. Crane gets the check back (roughly \$33,000) we can turn it into the State to register for the \$25,000. There's also a new one, Pave New York, which is for \$1500. Mayor Patterson gave exact figures \$23,377.88 and \$1584.91 (Pave New York). Mr. Crane was surprised the amount was less than \$25,000 so he said he'd call and make sure that figure is correct.
- **WATER** – we have to rearrange our plans because a service line in the bank was leaking. We now have to service all the lines in the alley. That's what we're going to start working on from Monday. Once all the alley service lines are sorted we'll shut off the valve in front of the bank and we'll dig up on Miller Street so that we don't have to tear up the sidewalk in front of the bank.
- **METER REPAIRS** – we just got the new meters so when Jay and Brandon have some time they can start installing them.
- **WATER REPORTS** – the annual water quality report just came out.
- **WATER LINES** – the County isn't going to start building until the next construction season, although they may begin site work. Then we can back engineer (which will probably take about 7 days). The County will begin as their crews start slowing down.
- **OTHER** – Mr. Crane has an issue with the State because they're still using antiquated technology to ensure the integrity of the streets. Directional drilling is faster to install, less expensive and stronger than the steel piping. He'll let us know what the outcome is.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mayor Patterson stated that he hadn't heard anything from Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Messenger or Lane Chase at this time. A permit for a house trailer was brought up but will be addressed at the next meeting, after the permit has been turned in.

RESOLUTION #2: On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Fisher to approve Voucher #3 submitted for \$46,873.21.

AYES: Unanimous
 NAYES: 0

CLERK

CD Balance-\$174,509.22
 Checking Account – \$74,199.30

LEGAL REPRESENTATION: Mayor Patterson read a letter of interest to represent us from Ted Wright, an attorney at Wright, Wright and Hampton. His hourly rate is \$250/hr. It was suggested to try Joel Seachrist in Westfield and Dennis Jones in Findley Lake. More choices are needed before making a decision.

OLD BUSINESS

The public meeting regarding the Dissolution Study is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, at the Firehall at 7:00pm. Mayor Patterson mentioned that it was advertised in the newsletter, in the post office and on flyers. People had also collected flyers from the office and he was hoping both Village and Town residents would attend. He asked that all the Board members attend.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chamber of Commerce asked if the Village could help with the costs of the contest. Mayor Patterson stated that they were looking for \$250.00, but it was up to the Board. He did commend the Chamber for all the good work they do and thought it would be good to support them. A board member asked if this would reflect poorly on the Board using tax payer's money.

RESOLUTION #3: On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve issuing \$250 to the Chamber of Commerce Beautification Program.

AYES: 3
 NAYES: 0

Mayor Patterson asked the clerk if she could draft a letter to the Chamber suggesting moving the meeting to an evening because other people had shown an interest in attending, but couldn't attend during office hours.

TIME CARDS

Mayor Patterson stated that there were questions about time cards and the records of hours our Village workers worked. He mentioned that Mr. Crane has all the time cards filed in his office. Trustee Higginbotham said that the State stipulates that in order for your records to be complete the time card should be attached to the spreadsheet.

RESOLUTION #4 On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Fisher to adjourn meeting at 8:41 pm.

AYES: 4 Fisher, Higginbotham
 NAYES: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Ramm
 Clerk/Treasurer