

**Village of Sherman –Regular Board Meeting**  
**Village Office-111 Mill St**  
**August 7, 2014**

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

Present: Mayor Patterson, Trustees: Weise, Higginbotham, Reyda, Gratto

Absent: Doug Crane

Guests: Jim Higginbotham

Jim Higginbotham stated that he and his wife trustee Donna Higginbotham had met with Lori Cornell and Kyle Wilber, NYS Department of State Municipal Management in Mayville. He stated that the state is offering programs to assist with dissolution of governments. 15% of tax base is paid to the Town annually. Mr. Higginbotham asked to see if the village board would consider putting this on the ballot for public vote. Board can vote to put the idea up for vote to see if the majority of the residents would be in favor of a consolidation. 10% of village residents, according to Mr. Higginbotham would need to vote for the consolidation for this to be passed. Discussion on this topic was considered and Trustee Weise suggested that we invite Mr. Wilber to discuss the information with the board.

Trustee Higginbotham called for a correction in the July 2014 minutes, Phyllips Lytell should be spelled Phillips Lytle.

**RESOLUTION #1:** On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Weise to approve 2014 Minutes with correction of Phillips Lytle spelling.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Weise

NAYES: 0

**Sewer Department**

Jay Irwin reported that the lawn mower had broken down and dealer was contacted and in turn it was due to a manufacturer's error so the warranty covered the cost even though it was two months past the warranty day.

**STREETS/WATER**

Mayor Patterson reported for Doug Crane who was not present. Pandora Murray water line finished, there is an 8:00 am appointment on Monday morning to disconnect the line from fire hydrant at Mark Gulczynski's, pouring concrete for sidewalk at the school tomorrow morning, corner of W. Main/Church St. and Columbia St. asphalt will be done next week. Water lines will be started soon, meter repairs are being worked on, and the sidewalk on E. Main St. will be put off until this fall. Some street signs were painted by Jessica Sloan, other signs that are missing have been ordered. Sidewalk in front of Kent's on E. Main will be done in early fall. Positive comments were given from the board regarding the village and its appearance for Sherman Day.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Clerk Gilbert reported for Robert Burkholder stating that at least 8 building permits for the summer. Letters were sent to owners of the north side of Main St. for back alley repairs.

**CLERK**

Clerk Gilbert reported CD balance \$279,312.41 and would like to add \$40,000.00 to the General CD.

**RESOLUTION #2:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Reyda to approve transfer of \$40,000.00 from General Checking to General CD.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Weise

NAYES: 0

Voucher # 3-\$32,198.29

Checking account balance is \$158,000.00

Clerk Gilbert reported on a meeting she had with Tom Becker, USDA regarding the signing of more paperwork to proceed with the loans and grants for the loader and snow plow truck. The next step is to get the bond resolutions passed by the board. They were not prepared in time to publish a public hearing for tonight so Clerk Gilbert suggested that a public hearing try to be scheduled for Wednesday, July 20, 2014 at 7 pm.

Clerk Gilbert was asked by Danny Fowler to report to the board that his water tank was changed and would like a 50 gallon adjustment off his sewer bill.

**RESOLUTION #3:** On motion made by Mayor Patterson and seconded by Trustee Weise to **not** approve any change in billing for Danny Fowler's sewer billing due to a change in his water tank.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Weise

NAYES: 0

Danny Fowler also stated that water consumption at the Assembly of God church was higher than normal due to the water line work done there by Doug Crane. Doug was not present at tonight's meeting therefore the board tabled this matter until the details can be sorted out.

Clerk Gilbert stated that there have been three requests for pool water adjustment charges. First from Wendy Aldrich requested a sewer adjustment for 474.65 cu. Ft. (\$33.70) for pool water.

**RESOLUTION #4:** On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Weise to approve adjustment of the sewer consumption charges of \$33.70 for Wendy Aldrich's pool water.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Weise

NAYES: 0

Judy Card requested a sewer adjustment for 259.39 cu. Ft., (\$18.42) for pool water.

**RESOLUTION #5:** On motion made by Trustee Weise and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve adjustment of the sewer consumption charges of \$18.42 for Judy Card's pool water.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Weise

NAYES: 0

Brandy Sweeney requested a sewer adjustment for 120 cu. Ft. (\$8.52) for pool water.

**RESOLUTION #6:** On motion made by Trustee Weise and seconded by Trustee Gratto to approve adjustment of the sewer consumption charges of \$8.52 for Brandy Sweeney's pool water.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Weise

NAYES: 0

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Patterson stated that Tom Robson contacted him in regards to the use of the cold storage building. Mayor Patterson stated that the village will not be allowing this building to be rented out due to expenses to do so.

Mayor Patterson reported about the success of Sherman Day and the Shave the Mayor Campaign. He thanked everyone for their donations, including Lynn Hays and her husband for matching funds to bring total collected to \$7500.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

He reported that the state has mandated once again. When municipalities are under the 2% tax cap the residents will get a 1.5% of their tax bill in a rebate check. Shared Service is another part of the mandate. The state will require every hour of man time and equipment use be recorded for any shared service done be recorded and submitted.

Trustee Higginbotham asked what needs to be done to get the election change on the ballot. Clerk Gilbert stated that the county will ask for any referendums that need to be added when it is election time.

Judge Van Valkenburg has requested that the village board consider changing the local dog ordinance fines from the current \$25 to a fine range of \$25-\$100. Public hearing needs to be scheduled to change this ordinance. Clerk Gilbert suggested hearing public opinion on this the same night as the public hearing for the bond resolutions.

Mayor Patterson called for executive session.

**RESOLUTION #7:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Reyda to move to executive session at 8:07 pm.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Weise

NAYES: 0

All guest and employees were excused.

**RESOLUTION #8:** On motion made by Trustee R and seconded by Trustee Weise to approve voucher #3 for \$32,198.29.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Weise

NAYES: 0

**RESOLUTION #9:** On motion made by Trustee Weise and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve 40 hour work week for Clerk Gilbert.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Weise

NAYES: 0

**RESOLUTION #10:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Reyda adjourn regular board meeting at 8:20 pm.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Weise

NAYES: 0

Respectfully submitted,

*Ann M. Gilbert*

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Clerk/Treasurer