

**Village of Sherman –Regular Board Meeting**  
**Village Office-111 Mill St**  
**December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Present: Trustees: Gratto, Reyda, Higginbotham and Fisher  
 Others: Jay Irwin, Doug Crane, Clerk Ramm, Charles Raven, Jeremiah Raven, Kevin Cole and David Prenatt.  
 Apologies: Mayor Patterson

Trustee Gratto called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**RESOLUTION #1:** On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to accept the November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 Board meeting minutes as submitted.

AYES: All

NAYES: 0

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**RAVEN SERVICE CONTRACT:** Charles Raven did not accept the proposed new contract stating that the original deed had no expiry date to the “free” water, and he feels that the sewer is part of the water. It was pointed out that when the deed was written there was no sewer system. The right of way to the reservoir is for the water, and is separate from the sewer which does not require any right of way through the Raven property. Mr. Raven said no contract was needed since the original deed from 1909 is still in effect. It was decided that both parties would speak to their legal counsel to determine the way forward.

**JAY**

- Josh Courtney has been appointed to assist at the Wastewater department, and he started work this week. His licensing contract will be discussed in Executive Session.
- After the inspection at the wastewater plant last week, our permit is going to be modified. They will be reducing our chlorine residual requirement from 0.3 to 0.02. When this takes effect we will have to consider either ultra violet disinfection or de-chlorination, these improvement costs will be investigated further.
- National Grid has quoted us \$715 to replace all our existing streetlights with LED lamps which will bring down our annual costs for street lighting.

**RESOLUTION #2:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Fisher to approve paying National Grid \$715 to replace all the streetlights with LED lamps.

AYES: All

NAYES: 0

**DOUG**

- **STREETS** - we patched a bunch of holes and repaired some deep ones.
- **WATER** – everything is going well. The United States Geological Service tested the water last week, so we’ll have those results back in the next two or three months.
- **METERS** – we haven’t had much time to install many meters, but we will as we find time.
- **ACCOUNTS** - there is one account being queried but we’re still sorting it out.

**RESOLUTION #3:** On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve Voucher #7 submitted for \$30,025.28.

AYES: 3 Reyda, Higginbotham, Fisher

NAYES: 0

**CLERK**

Checking Account - \$38,335.20

CD Balance - \$174,530.30

**RESOLUTION #4:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Fisher to approve transfer of \$40,000.00 from the CD account to the General Checking account to cover the NYSLRS (Retirement) invoice.

AYES: 3 Higginbotham, Fisher, Reyda

NAYES: 0

**OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - CURFEW:** It was decided to hold off voting on the curfew until after the dissolution vote on December 20th. The snow and cold weather have also helped deter incidents in the village late at night.

**DISSOLUTION REFERENDUM:** Officially December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from noon until 9pm. Absentee ballots are available from the Chautauqua County Board of Elections.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**REFERENDUM FLYER:** A flyer needs to be sent out reminding village residents to vote. The flyer should include pertinent information to assist residents to vote.

**RESOLUTION #5:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Fisher to remove all subjective information from the flyer.

AYES: 3 Higginbotham, Fisher, Gratto

NAYES: Reyda

**RESOLUTION #6:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Fisher to move into executive session at 7:54pm.

AYES: 3 Higginbotham, Fisher, Reyda

NAYES: 0

**RESOLUTION #7:** On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Reyda to exit executive session and adjourn regular board meeting at 8:35 pm.

AYES: 3

NAYES: 0

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanette Ramm  
Clerk/Treasurer