

Village of Sherman –Regular Board Meeting
Village Office-111 Mill St
June 3, 2015

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

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

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

RESOLUTION #1: On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Reyda to approve the May 6, 2015 regular board meeting minutes.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

SEWER

Jay Irwin reported that he and John interviewed approximately 12 people for the position to replace Ben Crane, who has given a written notice that Sunday June 7, 2015 will be his last day. Two candidates were narrowed down for the board to consider. The board stated they would discuss details in executive session at the end of the board meeting.

Jay also reported that the engineer is almost done with his report that will be submitted for Grants. Tank upgrades were included with the report.

STREETS/WATER

Doug Crane reported that reclaiming sidewalk areas has begun and will continue. Service line work will begin with West Main St.

Bill Boria, Chautauqua County met with Doug regarding annual water inspection. His recommendations were to do some minor upgrades to the pump houses and advised to finish directional lines before more mains are completed.

Doug requested purchase of an excavator (Bobcat) at the May 2015 board meeting and has detailed purchase information. E55T4 Bobcat Compact Excavator on state bid quoted at \$52,981.60. The board discussed the necessity, safety matters, and funding. Clerk Gilbert suggested that the excavator funding be specifically from the water fund. This equipment is mostly used in the water department and would be an item always needed in the water department.

RESOLUTION #2: On motion made by Trustee Tim Fisher and seconded by Trustee Isaac Gratto to approve the purchase of an E55 T4 Bobcat Compact Excavator on state bid for the quote of no more than \$52,981.60. To be paid out of the Water Fund.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 1 Higginbotham

Doug Crane also requested to purchase three attachments for the new Excavator; an Extendable Arm 18” trenching bucket \$4,127.90, Plate Compactor \$3,831.40, and a Change Grading Bucket Hydra Tilt \$1,542.80.

RESOLUTION #3: On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Fisher to approve the purchase of three attachments for the E55 T4 Bobcat Excavator; 18” Base Trenching Bucket, Compactor, Hydra Tilt grading bucket for no more than \$9,500.00

AYES: 3 Gratto, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

Abstain: 1 Higginbotham

Doug Crane also stated that he has information on a used Leaf collector that the Chautauqua Institute is looking to sell. The board discussed the need for this and Doug agreed to get more information for next month’s meeting.

RESOLUTION #4: On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Reyda to approve Voucher #1 for \$14,903.80.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

CLERK

Clerk Gilbert requested to move the \$6,000 from General Checking into the Water Reserve CD.

RESOLUTION #5: Motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Reyda to approve the transfer of \$6,000 to the Water Reserve CD.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

Two members are needed to serve as volunteers and have agreed to serve on the Zoning board of Appeals, Tom Baum and Fred Hamilton.

RESOLUTION #6: Motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Gratto to approve two new Zoning Board members Tom Baum and Fred Hamilton.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

Written resignation was received from Benjamin Crane and will be kept in his employee file. The sewer amount approved last meeting in May for the sewer portion of the water bill needs to be approved for removal from the tax bill as it was levied as unpaid.

RESOLUTION #7: Motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Reyda to approve the \$2,861.30 is removed from the levied w/s amount on Jeanne Heater’s 2015-2016 Village Tax Bill.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

David Allen asked for a request credit of 223 cu. ft. of water for sewer portion of the bill to fill hot tub.

RESOLUTION #8: Motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Fisher to approve the \$16.06 adjustment to the sewer portion of water/sewer bill for David Allen. Doug Crane to

confirm cu. Ft. amount.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

Wendy and Tim Aldrich requested an adjustment to their sewer bill for water put in their pool. Judy Card also contributed from her water to help fill the pool (neighbors). Aldrich's requested an adjustment of 106 cu. ft. \$7.63 and Judy Card requested 193 cu. ft.

RESOLUTION #9: Motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve the \$7.63 adjustment to the sewer portion of water/sewer bill for Tim and Wendy Aldrich.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

RESOLUTION #10: Motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Fisher to approve the \$13.90 adjustment to the sewer portion of water/sewer bill for Judy Card.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

After a brief discussion with Attorney Bolender regarding the bond council attorney Ben Farber and his lack of submission of material for the USDA Grant to Tom Becker that he be terminated and replaced. Attorney Bolender will seek a new Bond Council ASAP.

RESOLUTION #11: Motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Gratto to approve the replacement of Bond Councilman Ben Farber with a new bond council.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

Old Business

Clerk Gilbert explained the position of the consolidation grant. Administrator's of the grant application was accepted and received today. First submission should be ready to submit for the first Wednesday in July.

RESOLUTION #12: Motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Reyda to move into executive session at 8:02 pm.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

Board will do interviews with Josh Courtney and Brandon Smith on Friday, June 5, 2015 at 5:00 pm.

RESOLUTION #13: Motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Gratto to adjourn regular board meeting at 9:05 pm.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Gilbert

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Clerk/Treasurer