

Village of Sherman –Regular Board Meeting
Village Office-111 Mill St
May 6, 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, Ben Crane

Guest: Jim Higginbotham

Jim Higginbotham was present to give board information regarding grant available to help with the consolidation study. He gave out copies of a newspaper article. He also spoke with Kyle Wilber regarding the grant for the study who stated this money would not need to be returned to the state. He gave information for the grant. He stated that feels that an outside source would be best to compile the study information. It was also suggested to contact other municipalities to see who they have used to do study in the past. Mr. Higginbotham will email the clerk the application information from the state comptrollers website.

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

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

STREETS/WATER

A few holes have been patched. Doug is going to have county engineer to look at Kendrick St. from Park to First St. That stretch pits up every year and gets continuous patching. He would like to see it taken down to concrete and done correctly.

Water department is still working on meter repairs. Doug met with Bill Boria, Chautauqua County. He recommended having all the service lines done to the mains that are installed. He would then like to see the remaining mains done. West Main, Miller, then Church Street will be done for service lines.

Doug requested the board to consider a new excavator for water line work. He stated that the one they use from the town is not always available and the village machine is not a good size for doing lateral installations. Doug stated he would like the funds in the Water Fund to be used for this purchase and he would be able to have figures for cost at next meeting.

Kipp St. has a cone since there is a little drop off. Miller St. has to be excavated out but won't be done until after school is out. Dan Fowler requested a progress report about reclaiming the yard at the Assembly of God through Trustee Higginbotham.

SEWER

Clay Fails met with Jay about the upgrade designs. It is probably going to be necessary to purchase property from Jason Swan. The report will be done in a few weeks. Grant money will be available. The permit will be lowered to what our outflow is. It was suggested that we possibly do a swap with Mr. Swan as they use village property currently to graze cattle.

Ben Crane was present to announce that he is leaving village employment and will be available until mid-June. Mayor Patterson stated that his contract would need to be reviewed. Jay stated he would need to have a new person hired as soon as possible.

RESOLUTION #2: On motion made by Trustee Isaac Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Fisher to approve voucher #12 for \$56,885.22.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

CLERK

Clerk Gilbert stated that the CD balance is \$310,428.45. \$35,000 transfer to the general checking account for the payment of the F350 needs board approval. Balance then would be \$275,428.45.

Clerk Gilbert again stated that there had been continued problems with the Bond counsel that was hired to facilitate the USDA grant and will be replaced if everything is not submitted by Friday this week. Negotiations with the amount that will be charged by the bond counsel will be done as this situation has caused unnecessary interest.

RESOLUTION #3: On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Reyda to pay to approve the transferred \$35,000 from CD to the general checking.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

Unpaid W/S amounts due have been sent to the county to be levied on the 2015-2016 tax bills. Mike Greiner had requested a reduction from Sewer portion of the water sewer bill from the 3rd quarter billing of 2014 for Jeanne Heater. He is the caretaker and is preparing for Ms. Heater to return home from nursing facility. This bill was not paid as it was received while she was in the facility. The amount of consumption for the October 2014 reading was 41300 cu. ft. Her average consumption of 1000 cu.ft taken in consideration would bring the sewer consumption amount to be 40300 cu. ft. This would amount to \$2,861.30. Clerk Gilbert stated that it would need to be corrected on the upcoming tax bill as it has already been submitted as unpaid to the county tax office.

RESOLUTION #4: On motion made by Trustee Mary Reyda and seconded by Trustee Fisher to credit Jeanne Heater's sewer bill for the 3rd qtr. of 2014 in the amount of \$2,861.30.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Higginbotham relayed information from Sandy at the Main St. Diner asking if there is some way to control the clean up on the sidewalks in front of the Diner and Murdock's from weekend patrons. She has reported having to clean vomit, bottles, cigarette butts, ect. up at the entrance to the Diner. Clerk Gilbert stated she would give that information to Robert Burkholder to follow up.

Organizational items presented to the board:

Deputy Mayor:

Isaac Gratto

Code Enforcement Officer:

Robert Burkholder

Attorney: Michael Bolender
Clerk/Treasurer/RMO/Tax Collector: Ann Gilbert
Crossing Guard: Geraldine Robson
Official Newspaper: Post Journal
Accept Sales Tax in Cash
Official Depository: Community Bank, NA

Mayor& Clerk co-sign payroll/voucher checks
 Mayor& Clerk co-sign T & A Checks
 Clerk Electronic Transfer of T& A Funds from General Checking
 Clerk Electronic Payment of T & A Taxes and Expenditures
 Clerk will renew all CD's with no changes
 Board will approve all CD Deposits/Withdraws

Advanced approval of Utility Payments & Postage & Employee Insurance

Mileage Rate: \$0.57/mile

Clerk's Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9-5

Regular Board Meetings: First Wednesday of the Month starting at 7 PM. Except for legal holiday, 2nd Wednesday of month

RESOLUTION #5: Motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Gratto to accept the Organizational items as presented to the board for 2015-2016.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

RESOLUTION #6: Motion made by Trustee Reyda to move into executive session and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham at 7:50 pm.-8:08

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

Board meeting adjourned at 8:17.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Gilbert

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Clerk/Treasurer