

**Village of Sherman –Regular Board Meeting**  
**Village Office-111 Mill St**  
**November 4, 2015**

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

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

Others present: Clerk Gilbert, Doug Crane, Greg Rater, Joseph Niezgoda-WNY Insurance Agency

Mayor Patterson opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and welcomed Joseph Niezgoda from the WNY Insurance agency. He presented the board with a copy of a quote from Scottsdale and National Casualty insurance. Review the coverage and stated the quote for \$11,097.00. Mayor Patterson thanked Mr. Niezgoda for attending.

Mayor Patterson welcomed Greg Rater. Mr. Rater addressed the board regarding an update about his organics operation and that he will not be moving forward with this business. He stated that he wanted all of Sherman to know the trouble he has encountered with every level of government to get his business up and running only to be blocked by DEC and others.

**RESOLUTION #1:** On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve the October, 2015 regular board meeting minutes.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda

NAYES: 0

**STREETS/WATER**

Doug Crane reported that the pumps have been inspected and violations updated. Report will be forthcoming.

The water lines in the Alley and on West Main are just waiting to be approved by health department and those results are expected any day.

The water issue in the Mack's parking lot is likely due to heavy rains as there has not been a leak located that is associated with this problem.

Water meters will be done by Jay and Brandon after the leaf pick up is completed.

**SEWER**

Big trash pump was fixed by Larry. Switched to one alternator and seems to be working fine.

Still waiting to hear from JC Smith, EFC regarding the funding list

Brandon will be trained for water meter repair ASAP.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Mayor Patterson addressed the resignation letter received from Robert Burkholder. After discussion and reviewing the letter Mayor Patterson asked for a motion to accept the resignation. Mayor Patterson stated that Jeff Messenger and Lane Chase will be contacted regarding the opening and will ask them to be at the next board meeting in December.

**RESOLUTION #2:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Gratto to accept the resignation letter submitted by Robert Burkholder, CEO.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda

NAYES: 0

**RESOLUTION #3:** On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve the Voucher #6 in the amount of \$10,152.24.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda

NAYES: 0

### **CLERK**

General Checking balance is at \$23,000.00

Trustee Higginbotham stated that she had been contacted by Bill Brosius regarding the deed to the village parcel of parking lot at the fire hall. It had been approved at one time to be signed over to Stanley Hose Co. Attorney Bolender had been contacted regarding this and had not returned her calls. Clerk Gilbert stated that he had been out of the country but should be returning within a few days. Clerk Gilbert has been in touch with Mr. Bolender regarding this issue in the past and was under the impression it had been done. Doug Crane and Jay Irwin both stated that they would bring this up at the fireman's meeting at the end of the month to be sure that this is still the intention of the Stanley Hose Co. Trustee Higginbotham wanted to set a time limit for this matter to be completed.

The US Post office has requested that the late fees for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter W/S billing be removed as they were in the process of waiting to see if they were getting a reduction of their bill from the village board.

**RESOLUTION #4:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Reyda to approve removing late fees for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter billing of the W/S for the US Postal Service only because their request was not answered before the penalty date.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda

NAYES: 0

Village insurance policy quotes from WNY Insurance is \$11,097. Quote from Trident Insurance through The Deuink Agency is \$13,119.

**RESOLUTION #5:** On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve changing the village insurance policy to WNY Insurance at the cost of \$11,097.00 within one day if no significant changes are found in the Trident policy quote from Deuink Agency.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda

NAYES: 0

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Patterson stated that he would like to have as many board and employees attending as possible. Clerk Gilbert will provide an agenda for what is needed to be discussed.

Mayor Patterson stated he would like to have ALL department heads and code enforcement

officer in attendance at the board meetings.

Trustee Reyda asked for an executive session to discuss the request from the Library board for water damage.

**RESOLUTION #6:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Gratto to enter into executive session.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda

NAYES: 0

**RESOLUTION #7:** On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to enter into regular board meeting.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda

NAYES: 0

**RESOLUTION #8:** On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to cover the cost of Service Master charges for water damage in the best way possible.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda

NAYES: 0

**RESOLUTION #9:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Gratto to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:32.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda

NAYES: 0

Respectfully submitted,

*Ann M. Gilbert*

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Clerk/Treasurer