

Village of Sherman –Regular Board Meeting
Village Office-111 Mill St
October 7, 2015

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

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

Others present: Clerk Gilbert, Doug Crane, Michelle Swabik-Rural Center

Mayor Patterson opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and welcomed Michelle Swabik. She updated the board on the Rural Center buildings. The Rural Center board has leased the former Hotel building from Isaac Gratto to hold their sessions until the old Ford Garage building can be finished. She said that building A will be the Hotel building and building B will be the garage building. She wanted to request someone different to handle her building code issues as she feels there is a conflict of interest. Mayor Patterson stated that he would suggest Jeff Messenger to be contacted as he has expressed that he would help when needed. Clerk Gilbert will contact him arrange this if possible.

RESOLUTION #1: On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve the September 2, 2015 regular board meeting minutes.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

STREETS/WATER

Water line work will continue to finish the main at Hart/430, alley behind pizza shop, Bessie Endress and the Miller St. line to the school.

CLERK

Clerk Gilbert reported the CD balance at \$276,465.66 and requested approval to transfer \$30,000.00 from CD to General Checking to cover voucher #5.

RESOLUTION #2: On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Fisher to approve transfer of \$30,000.00 from the CD to General Checking to cover Voucher #5.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

General Checking balance is at \$29,190.57

Property Tax Collection has been completed.

Brandon Smith requested to take a buy-out for his insurance. Budgeted health insurance is \$8,000.00 per person. The last buy-out was done at 47% (Ben Crane). With this percentage his monthly amount buy-out would be \$313.33/month.

RESOLUTION #3: On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve Brandon Smith receiving the insurance buy-out at 47% of the maximum budgeted insurance amount per employee of \$8,000, which is \$313.33/month.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher
 NAYES: 0

RESOLUTION #4: On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Fisher to approve Ladies Auxiliary Halloween Parade at 4:30 pm and Village Treating hours from 5-7 pm.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher
 NAYES: 0

Jerry Paul request a credit of late fees for 2nd quarter billing due to Doug checking for possible water issue at his residence.

RESOLUTION #5: On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Gratto to approve no late fee charges for 2nd quarter W/S billing for Jerry Paul.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher
 NAYES: 0

Trustee Reyda reported on the water damage at the Minerva Library. She explained the cost to clean up the damage by Service Master. The old service line leaked into wall of basement of the library. As a library board member Trustee Reyda asked for village help in paying for the damage clean up. Trustee Fisher suggested that the insurance company pay for damages and village offer to pay the deductible of \$1000.00.

RESOLUTION #6: On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve to pay the \$1000.00 deductible for the water damage clean up by Service Master at the Minerva Library

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher
 NAYES: 0

Letter was received from Peter Baker, Chamber of Commerce member to inform the Village of painting store fronts of some businesses on Main St. Business will pay to have this done with student volunteers from the school.

Ongoing project of getting the Kiosk changed at the Rails to Trails.

Vandalism around town recently includes damaged and burnt picnic tables, painting on sidewalks, and personal vehicles including Duane Woods and John Swabik. It was suggested to put up signage in both areas.

Email received from Tom Becker at USDA for the loader. All paperwork has been submitted and he stated we needed a resolution to accept the quote for the Loader at \$124,301.50 and approval final payment to be made.

RESOLUTION #7: On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Reyda to approve the quote from Monroe Tractor for \$124,301.50 and to make final payment to Monroe Tractor.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher
 NAYES: 0

RESOLUTION #8: On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Fisher to approve the Voucher #5 in the amount of \$59,990.54.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

A quote was received from MRB Enterprises for Consolidation Study for \$44,500.00.

A request was sent to the Town Board to pay for half the study. Ideas for how to handle the next step as to the decision to spend money on a professional survey as the cost is exurbanite.

Suggestion was made to take a survey from village residents to see if they agree with having a survey done. A town hall meeting was also suggested to give information regarding the consolidation process and the survey cost to the residents and get their feed-back. A date for town hall meeting was set for Thursday, November 12th at 7:00 pm at the fire hall. Clerk Gilbert will make up fliers to distribute through the w/s bills and for hand out at the general election.

NEW BUISNESS

Trustee Higginbotham inquired about the deed for the property at fire hall. Attorney Bolender has been contacted regarding this information.

She also stated there are two holes on First St. that needed to be addressed.

RESOLUTION #9: On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to adjourn meeting at 8:25 pm.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Gilbert

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Clerk/Treasurer