

**Village of Sherman –Regular Board Meeting**  
**Village Office-111 Mill St**  
**September 2, 2015**

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

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

Others present: Clerk Gilbert, Jay Irwin, Doug Crane

**RESOLUTION #1:** On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Reyda to approve the August 5, 2015 regular board meeting minutes.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

**SEWER**

Jay Irwin reported that a land survey was performed for the area around the sewer plant. He and Mayor Patterson both met with Jason Swan with an offer to purchase 3.2 acres and a verbal agreement was made for \$2,000.00.

Jay stated he will have updated information on dumpster costs and the GPS system that he discussed in August at the October meeting.

He did receive notice that the village did get on the funding list for the Sewer Grant. Information will not be released until after October 1.

Big pump is not working correctly and is needing replaced.

**STREETS/WATER**

Kendrick Street pavement from Park to just past 1<sup>st</sup> St. has been finished. There is still some drainage work to be done on the East side of Kendrick.

New pump has been installed and the screens were cleaned on the Hart St. pump house.

Video of the process was taken and is available to view.

30 new meters have been ordered.

Digging has begun at W. Main to the alley for main water line. Miller St. service lines can be done once the main has had its county testing. The old 8" main can then be shut down on Miller St. which then the valve/tie-in for school can then be finished.

There are two active water leaks currently on W. Main St. near Bessie Endress and at corner of Park and Church by the Fairpoint building.

Trustee Reyda reported that there was a water leak at the library. The leak was from an old service line into the building. Service Master was called to do clean up. Trustee Reyda asked about responsibility it is for the clean-up. The matter was discussed and Clerk Gilbert asked Trustee Reyda to find out what their insurance deductible is if it is claimed on their insurance and get back to us with the information when the bill is in from Service Master.

**RESOLUTION #2:** On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve Voucher #4 for \$108,658.72.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

**CLERK**

Clerk Gilbert reported the CD balance at \$306,442.22 and requested approval to transfer \$30,000.00 from CD to General Checking to cover voucher #4. The payment of the new Bob Cat Excavator will be distributed accordingly; \$3,393.70 from the Bob Cat CD line item, \$53,630.00 from the Water CD fund, and \$15,000.00 was received from trade in on the old Bob Cat Excavator.

**RESOLUTION #3:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Fisher to approve transfer of \$30,000.00 from the CD to General Checking to cover Voucher #4.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

A request was received from Tim and Cindy Sears for 1446 cu. Ft=\$104.11 of water to fill pool be deducted from their sewer portion of their Water Sewer Bill.

**RESOLUTION #4:** On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Reyda to approve credit to Sewer bill for Tim and Cindy Sears in the amount of \$104.11.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

Ruth Williams requested her estimated bill be adjusted to a minimum charge. Her bill has been estimated for the past 4 quarters and because it is a computer estimate it picked up a previous reading that was an error and made the estimate high. She is a single occupant in her apartment and has an average usage of less than the 500 cu. Ft minimum.

**RESOLUTION #5:** On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve adjustment to a minimum charge to Water/Sewer bill for Ruth Williams for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter billing.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

Both Brandon Smith and Jay Irwin have requested to start health insurance coverage through the village. Clerk Gilbert stated that once approved by the board they can file their applications for health insurance. Gilbert also stated that she will be meeting with a representative from the Chamber of Commerce to review health insurance companies.

**RESOLUTION #6:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Fisher to approve health insurance coverage at a maximum of \$8,000.00 per employee for Brandon Smith and James Irwin.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

Proposal received from CGR for consolidation study. The cost stated at \$49,500.00. The village will be responsible for full amount with reimbursements as each portion of study is completed. \$25,000.00 is the estimated reimbursement at the end of the study. If the consolidation is voted

approved there will be another 90% of the \$25,000.00. 10% of which will be the cost if consolidation is approved. If not approved the cost to the village is \$25,000.00.

The Southern Tier West has a program to do consolidation studies also. They have yet to get any information to us. Board discussed having CGR come back to do another presentation for those unable to attend the previous meeting.

Mayor Patterson will discuss the presentation with Mark Person.

### **NEW BUISNESS**

Trees have been reported down in French Creek. Doug stated that he has been meaning to get those trees out with our equipment. Doug will get equipment down there to finish removing trees.

Mayor Patterson presented a bill to the board from Olson Plumbing for Boyd Whitney. He explained that in recent work that was done on water lines a heavy rain filled Boyd Whitney's basement and destroyed his hot water tank and damaged his heating system. The bill was for a new hot water tank and a valve for the heating system and labor. Mayor Patterson explained that the rain fall occurred before the work on the water line could be completed causing the water to flow directly in the hole for the water line which led to the basement. Mayor Patterson asked the board to approve paying the bill which he feels was a direct result of village work.

**RESOLUTION #7:** On motion made by Trustee Fisher and seconded by Trustee Reyda to payment to Olson Plumbing for \$1,185.46 for the damage to Boyd Whitney's hot water tank and furnace.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

Trustee Higginbotham inquired why we did not have a deputy clerk. Clerk Gilbert stated that as far as she knows is that there hasn't been a deputy clerk since Russell Babcock. This was questioned when Clerk Gilbert took vacation. It was also stated that there is a drop box and mail option for the water sewer payment. Board discussed and determined that it is not an issue that the office is occasionally closed.

Trustee Higginbotham also inquired about a smoking policy. Board discussed that there is no smoking on Village Property or equipment as policy and that just a reminder to employees regarding this policy.

**RESOLUTION #8:** On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Reyda to adjourn meeting at 8:08 pm.

AYES: 4 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

Respectfully submitted,

*Ann M. Gilbert*

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Clerk/Treasurer