

**Village of Sherman –Regular Board Meeting**  
**Village Office-111 Mill St**  
**February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

Present: Trustees: Gratto, Reyda, Higginbotham and Fisher  
 Others: Jay Irwin, Doug Crane, Clerk Ramm, Charles Raven, Jeremiah Raven, Peter Baker,  
 Kirk Ayers, David and Deb Prenatt.  
 Apologies: Mayor Patterson

Trustee Gratto called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**RESOLUTION #1:** On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Fisher to accept the December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Board meeting minutes as submitted.

AYES: All

NAYES: 0

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**RAVEN SERVICE CONTRACT:** The Board received the new agreement proposed by Charles and Howard Raven and they agreed to review this new contract.

**JAY**

- **NEW ENGINEER:** We've found an Engineering Group (Laberge) to replace Greenman-Pedersen (previously Hill). Along with their engineering expertise they are experienced with NYS grants and loans; small municipalities; and general New York requirements.
- **STREETLIGHTS:** We are still waiting for National Grid to send an invoice for the LED replacement lamps so that we can complete the project.
- **SWAN PROPERTY:** The purchase agreement has been finalized and signed by both parties. The only thing left is the property survey which has been scheduled for Tuesday next week.

**DOUG**

- **USDA** – Clerk Ramm will inform them that we will not be utilizing the remaining loan/grant at this time.
- **COUNTY AGREEMENT** – The Chautauqua County needs an official motion accepting the agreement to provide water service to the County's new Department of Public Facilities building at 7934 Sherman-Stedman Road so that it can be finalized and signed.

**RESOLUTION #2:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Reyda to approve the Chautauqua County DPW Water Agreement.

AYES: 3 Higginbotham, Reyda, Fisher

NAYES: 0

- **ACCOUNTS** – There is one re-read, but no queries at this time.
- **GARBAGE BAGS** – after reviewing the garbage bag costs I've found that our income is less than our expenditure so we'll need to consider increasing what we charge for the bags. I'll have a detailed breakdown for the next meeting and we can decide then.

- **WATER** – we’ve had some flooding up on West Main Street (between Church and Kipp Street). We have sorted out the obstruction and started replacing the tubes with slightly larger ones, but haven’t finished yet due to weather and manpower restraints. We’ve also had a leak on Miller Street (not a main) which we will start on tomorrow.
- **NEW METERS** – we’ve installed another four meters, but haven’t done the training yet. We’d like Jeanette to do the training with us. Our goal is to switch over to monthly readings once we have fifty new meters installed. When we change over I’d like to adjust our rate structure. I’m working on a breakdown which I’ll have ready closer to the time.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** We received a petition against the presumed Dollar General. At this time no permit has been issued because the Broadway Group has not disclosed what retail store they intend to build.

**RESOLUTION #3:** On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Fisher to approve Voucher #1 submitted for \$37,473.69 for January 2017.

AYES: 3 Reyda, Fisher, Higginbotham

NAYES: 0

**RESOLUTION #4:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Fisher to approve Voucher #2 submitted for \$12,693.82 for February 2017.

AYES: 3 Higginbotham, Fisher, Reyda

NAYES: 0

**CLERK**

Checking Account - \$57,487.40

CD Balance - \$103,529.03

**RESOLUTION #5:** On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve transfer of \$30,000.00 from the General Checking account back into the CD.

AYES: 3 Reyda, Higginbotham, Fisher

NAYES: 0

**OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - CURFEW:** Peter Baker readdressed the chamber’s proposal to implement a Village Curfew. It was decided that Mr. Baker would use the sample from Brocton’s curfew, revise and change it to suit Sherman’s requirements, and present it to the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RETAIL OUTLET PETITION:-** Discussed under code enforcement.

**SWAN PROPERTY:-** Discussed under Jay’s items.

**LOCAL OFFICIALS TRAINING:-** All Trustees were invited to attend this training on the powers and duties of local officials on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**OTHER:-** Trustee Higginbotham asked the Village Board to be more involved especially now with the Mayor's health issues and Clerk Ramm being new. She stated that The Village hadn't filed an AUD or a Tax Cap Compliance report which has implications on tax rebates. This issue must be given priority. She also suggested we have another audit.

**RESOLUTION #6:** On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm.

AYES: 3 Reyda, Higginbotham, Fisher

NAYES: 0

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanette Ramm  
Clerk/Treasurer