

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION #1:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Reyda to accept the February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 Board meeting minutes as submitted.

AYES: All

NAYES: 0

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**GARBAGE BAGS:** Mr. Ayers presented an idea to reduce the overall cost of the refuse removal. With a detailed report he showed that the Village was subsidizing this service by an estimated \$3,124.36 p.a. After explaining the breakdown of annual expenses and income from bag sales at \$2 per bag, he recommended that if we use a dumpster (e.g. Bestway - 8 cubic yard dumpster @ \$165/month including collection) we'd reduce our subsidy amount to \$2,814.72. Mr. Crane added that the recyclables would also come off this cost reducing the subsidy even further, but that using the dumpster would likely increase labor costs. Mr. Irwin mentioned that there is usually an additional cost for the actual weight of the contents over and above the monthly rental cost for the dumpster. This would require further investigation. Mr. Crane suggested increasing the cost of the bags by only \$1. This extra income along with the reduced cost of garbage bags, since the setup fee is no longer a cost, would almost eliminate the need to subsidize the garbage bags completely. Because of the immediate need for a solution it was decided to go with the increased bag price, and investigate the dumpster savings further.

**RESOLUTION #2:** On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve the ordering and payment of the garbage bags, and the increase of their selling price to \$3 per bag.

AYES: 3 Gratto, Higginbotham, Reyda

NAYES: 0

**RAVEN SERVICE CONTRACT:** After speaking to the Village Lawyer, Mr. Todd Thomas, the Board has decided to honor the remaining 30 years of the 1997 agreement between George Raven and the Village of Sherman. Although the agreement uses the word "free" there is a clear indication that there is an exchange of services. The Raven brothers agreed to speak to their own lawyer and respond at the next Board meeting.

**JAY**

- **STREETLIGHTS:** We are still waiting for National Grid to receive their LED stock.
- **NYSDEC REPORTS:** The State wants the monthly reports to move over to electronic

reporting by 3/17/17. The Mayor will sign this and we'll submit it next week.

- **NEW ENGINEER:** We've received an invoice for \$27,000 from Laberge which includes a supplemental report, water and public infrastructure grant development and application. Mr. Irwin will assist the clerk to see if they can reduce this cost and pay it off.
- **NYSDEC PERMIT CHANGE:** We ran the legal notice regarding our permit change last week. Once the state approves it we'll have 18 months to comply with the new regulations. Because we don't yet meet these limits Laberge can help us with further funding.
- **WWTP:** Both influent pumps went down at the same time yesterday causing the lift station to flood. We had to borrow equipment to unplug the pumps. We cleaned everything out and got the one pump running. It's a 40 year old system that needs upgrading. We need input from the engineer and inspector; and grant funding.
- **SWAN PROPERTY:** Dennis Jones is completing the deed.

### DOUG

- **STREETS:** We've filled in some of the big holes, and next week we'll get more winter mix and we'll patch the smaller holes.
- **WATER:** We shut down a major section of the 8 inch (shutting down the leak in front of the Post Office) and a section of the 4 inch which is a step in the right direction.
- **GARBAGE BAGS:** We've already covered this.
- **ACCOUNTS:** There are accounts that need adjustment.

**RESOLUTION #3:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Reyda to approve the adjustment of Matthew Jenson's account (#3525) to the appropriate minimum.

AYES: 2 Higginbotham, Reyda

NAYES: 0

**RESOLUTION #4:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Reyda to approve removing the penalties from Samantha Lasky's account (#2544) of 2 weeks as it carries over into the next quarter.

AYES: 2 Higginbotham, Reyda

NAYES: 0

- **DRAINS TILE REPAIR:** We've found and tied in the drains under the road in front of four locations. There's still broken tile and concrete that we'll need to haul out but we're working on it.

### CODE ENFORCEMENT:

- Code Enforcement Officer Chase submitted an invoice for his recertification and training.

**RESOLUTION #5:** On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve paying the whole invoice of \$620 for Mr. Lane Chase's recertification.

AYES: 2 Reyda, Higginbotham

NAYES: 0

- We haven't heard anything more about the proposed Dollar General. It still has not been issued a permit, but there is activity and testing happening at the site.

**RESOLUTION #6:** On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve Voucher #3 submitted for \$10,233.84 for March 2017.

AYES: 2 Reyda, Higginbotham

NAYES: 0

**CLERK**

Checking Account - \$64,749.35

CD Balance - \$133,529.73

**RESOLUTION #7:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Reyda to approve paying the Clerk's expenses and mileage for the Governmental Accounting Course.

AYES: 2 Reyda, Higginbotham

NAYES: 0

Trustee Higginbotham noted that while Clerk Ramm is attending the Governmental Accounting course the office would be closed. She suggested appointing a Deputy Clerk so that we don't have to close the office in the future, and this will prevent the situation we had when Clerk Gilbert left. A notice would be put up for people to apply for a part-time Deputy Clerk position.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION #8:** On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to approve paying the NYCOM membership fee.

AYES: 2 Reyda, Higginbotham

NAYES: 0

**OATH OF OFFICE:** Trustee Higginbotham was checking to see if the November re-elected Trustees had completed their oath of office. Clerk Ramm had paperwork for both Trustee Gratto and Trustee Reyda. Trustee Reyda mentioned that there is an Oath of Office ledger which Clerk Ramm said she would find.

**VILLAGE AUDIT:** Trustee Higginbotham offered to call the State Comptroller's Office to ask them to come and audit the Village because we have a new clerk and we still want to sort out the AUD reporting.

**OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - CURFEW:** We are waiting for Peter Baker from the Chamber of Commerce to present his proposal.

**RESOLUTION #6:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Reyda to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm.

AYES: 2 Higginbotham, Reyda

NAYES: 0

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanette Ramm  
Clerk/Treasurer