

VILLAGE OF SHERMAN
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD
AND THE MUNICIPAL ZONING BOARD MEETINGS
Wednesday, December 2nd, 2020 at 6:00pm

The meeting was held remotely via videoconference. Mayor Meeder welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 6:00pm by leading everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Board members Colleen Meeder, Donna Higginbotham, Kirk Ayers and Dennis Watson, Chief Operator Jay Irwin, residents Gary Emory and Martha Sanders, and the press were in attendance. Trustee Ryan Sanders was delayed at work.

RES 2020-12-02.1: PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion to accept the previous minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held November 4th, 2020, and the Public Hearing and Special Meeting held on November 18th, 2020.

Moved by Trustee Higginbotham Seconded by Trustee Watson

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Carried

Motion to suspend the regular meeting and enter into the meeting of the Municipal Zoning Board.

Moved by Trustee Watson Seconded by Trustee Ayers

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Carried

MUNICIPAL ZONING BOARD MEETING:

A request was made to place a mobile home in the rear section of the yard at 180 East Main Street, in the same place the previous mobile home had been, and it would connect to the original water and sewer service hookups. Code Enforcement Officer, Greg Gormley had no issues with the request.

RES 2020-12-02.2: MOBILE HOME SPECIAL USE PERMIT

Motion to approve the special use permit for Rebecca Blum to place a single wide mobile home at 180 East Main Street, with the expressed permission of Florence Turner.

Moved by Trustee Ayers Seconded by Trustee Watson

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Carried

Trustee Sanders joined the meeting. Board members considered the Snowmobile Club's application to build two bridges over French Creek. They already have one bridge in the Village. They want to place one on Village property (along Rails to Trails) and the other on the Turner property, also in the Village. Our Code Enforcement Officers have recommended a special use permit which can be revoked if issues arise, for example, if the Club does not maintain the bridges, and the Village Attorney, Peter Clark, is waiting for insurance paperwork from the Club. As more private property owners buy property and build houses along the trail that the Club uses, it is becoming more difficult for the Club. These disruptions to their path led the club to consider not continuing their map through Sherman, which would be devastating to local business owners. In response to a question, it was noted that Florence Turner has already given permission to the Snowmobile Club to place a bridge on her property.

RES 2020-12-02.3: SNOWMOBILE CLUB BRIDGE(S)

Motion to approve the Snowmobile Club's request to build a bridge on Village of Sherman Property located on French Creek, South of East Main Street, reached by Franklin Street, and the special use permits for both bridges to be built over French Creek, on Village property and Turner's property.

Moved by Trustee Ayers

Seconded by Trustee Higginbotham

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

Motion to close the Municipal Zoning Board Meeting and resume the Regular Meeting of the Board.

Moved by Trustee Higginbotham Seconded by Trustee Ayers

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

SEWER REPORT FROM CHIEF SEWER OPERATOR

Jay Irwin told board members that Andrew Norton was booked to do his final laboratory course beginning on the 14th of December. We have a credit from Trenton's basic course which will be used for Kyle Rhebergen who will be booked to do his basic wastewater operations course in June 2021. Matt Zarbo and Industrial Flow Solutions reviewed our Direct Inline Pump (DIP) System (also referred to as the Overwatch System) to ensure everything is updated and all the different controls are communicating so that the upgrades are successful.

STREETS REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Leaf pickup is over for this year. There will still be some driveway completion and cleanup on First, Kendrick and East Streets. The Christmas lights will be lit on Friday, the first weekend in December, which is normally when the lights go on each year.

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES:

STREETS EQUIPMENT - We are set to close on the bond on our Streets Equipment Project next week. This means \$216,000 will be coming in this month between the grant and loan.

STORMWATER USDA RD APPLY - We are hoping to submit all the paperwork this week which will allow us to secure the financing for the stormwater project. This is not a grant, just the long-term financing for the stormwater project.

SEWER – The short-term revolving fund (SRF) from the EFC did go before the loan committee, and we are set to close on January 27th.

WATER – We are currently waiting on the EFC. This project has not gone to committee yet and although we have their approval, it is not moving forward at this time. Matt Zarbo is ready to go to bid for construction. We have enough money because our bond resolution included the water upgrades, all the pumps, and the saltwater system. We most likely will not go ahead with the water softening salt system. There is an insignificant financial cost to doing a BAN until we can get the short-term revolving funding. This would be the same process as with the sewer. It would be a callable note, which we would call within 6 months, when the SRF comes through. Nothing is certain at this time with the changing conditions due to Covid-19, but we would like to be prepared to continue as planned. Mayor Meeder recommended going ahead with \$2.4 million (less than the original \$3.6 million which included the water softening salt system) so that we can continue with

construction. It would be a 1-year BAN with an early redemption option. This means that as soon as we have our SRF we would close out the BAN, in the same way we are doing the sewer project.

MAYORAL ADDRESS

Mayor Meeder told the trustees that a very large tree at the memorial ground in front of the museum came down on Bill Rowan's property. This was during the big storm on Sunday, November 15th, 2020, and it caused some significant damage to his garage. Our insurance company is working with Mr. Rowan's insurance company to take care of this.

The mayor explained that the clerk was off ill, and this month's financial report and voucher would be submitted to the board members electronically on her return. Approval of these documents would be made at the next regular board meeting in January. With the mayor's foot surgery and the clerk off, the Village office will be closed for December.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM CLERK-TREASURER:

Postposed to January

RES 2020-12-02.4: VOUCHER

Motion to approve Voucher #7 remotely once prepared for November 2020, to be accepted in total at the January 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Moved by Trustee Ayers Seconded by Trustee Watson

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

RES 2020-12-02.5: WATER PROJECT BAN (Bond Anticipation Note)

Motion to approve and authorize the mayor to sign for a one-year BAN not to exceed \$2,400,000, with an early redemption option for the Drinking Water System Improvement Project.

Moved by Trustee Watson Seconded by Trustee Ayers

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

RES 2020-12-02.6: STANLEY HOSE/VILLAGE OF SHERMAN 2021 FIRE CONTRACT

Motion to approve the annual fire contract reflecting a 0% increase over the previous year, totaling \$23,895.19 for the 2021 contract; and authorize the mayor to enter into the 2021 agreement between the Village of Sherman and the Stanley Hose Fire Company.

Moved by Trustee Higginbotham Seconded by Trustee Ayers

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

RES 2020-12-02.7: ACCEPT DELIVERY OF THE PLOW BLADE & FORK

Motion to accept delivery of the Fisher Blade assembly for the plow truck purchased from Southern Tier Trailer, and the Paladin Fork for the loader purchased from Monroe Tractor and authorize the final payment of streets equipment purchased, (*including the previously accepted delivery of the Loader RES:2020-10-07.4 and the Truck RES:2020-11-04.8*).

Moved by Trustee Sanders Seconded by Trustee Ayers

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

RES 2020-12-02.8: RENTAL AGREEMENTS

Motion to authorize the mayor to offer and sign the following monthly rental financial arrangements for the year 2021, with no increase over 2020, beginning January 1st, 2021 with the tenants of the properties listed below:

- 130 West Main Street for \$275/month, including Water & Sewer EDU
- 129 West Main Street for \$250/month, including Water & Sewer Utilities
- 123 West Main Street for \$250/month, including Water, Sewer, Gas & Electric Utilities

Moved by Trustee Higginbotham Seconded by Trustee Watson

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

Mayor Meeder said that the Office of Community Renewal was opening up part of the CDBG and NY Main Street Grants. We are looking at two different studies. One to study the Village owned buildings along Main Street, and the second to study the other buildings along Main Street. This would be a grant through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) due on January 15th. At this time, we can only apply for the non-village owned properties.

The solar contract for the first array is signed, but our attorney, Peter Clark, wants us to wait before signing the second array until we have heard back from National Grid regarding the original CESIR (Coordinated Electric System Interconnection Review).

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm.

Moved by Trustee Ayers Seconded by Trustee Higginbotham

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

Respectfully submitted
Jeanette Ramm
Village Clerk-Treasurer

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 6th, 2021 at 6pm via Zoom