

**Village of Sherman –Regular Board Meeting**  
**Village Office-111 Mill St**  
**September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Members: Deputy Mayor Gratto, Trustees: Reyda, Fisher and Higginbotham  
 Others Present: Jay Irwin, Doug Crane, Clerk Ramm, Janet Dawley, Rick Ayers, Colleen Meeder,  
 Liag Zeppetello, Jim Higginbotham, Jim Stearns, Dennis Watson, Kirk Ayers,  
 Tanya Beatman, David and Deb Prenatt.

Deputy Mayor Gratto called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and offered the guests and members of the public an opportunity to address the Board.

Liag Zeppetello introduced herself and asked about local contractors she could employ to do small household repairs. She also inquired about the Village noise ordinance, to which she was referred to the Code Enforcement Officers.

**RESOLUTION #1:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Reyda to accept the August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 board meeting minutes as submitted.

AYES: All

NAYES: 0

**JAY IRWIN:**

- **DIP SYSTEM:** Mr. Irwin recounted that the total cost is approximately \$81,000 if we do most of the work and preparation in house i.e., exposing the pipe, the bypassing, cleaning the wet well and getting it ready for the installation. One of the WWTP pumps went down last week, and until we install the Direct Inline Pumping System we must spend money on repairs to an old system that is going to be replaced. We're waiting for Thomas Becker (USDA) to let us know what funding we're eligible for before we make a final decision.

**DOUG CRANE:**

- **STREETS:** Mr. Crane reported about various patching and repairs that have been completed and some that are still being carried out.
- **WATER:** Water leaks at the Yorker Museum and on Klondyke Road had been repaired by replacing old galvanized pipes.
- **ACCOUNTS:** Mr. Persons has a second water meter which is presently being billed twice. A credit will be given, pending a report back by the clerk at the next meeting. Also, the water for 134 Kendrick Street was supposed to be shut off because the tenant made no effort to pay his outstanding amount. The landlord has made a payment of \$100 toward the debt but hasn't committed to paying off the full amount; while the new tenant, is asking that we don't turn off the water since the outstanding bill is not his. The Board agreed to leave the water on if the owner makes a commitment to pay off the original outstanding amount.
- **OTHER:** Mr. Crane reminded everyone that he would be away from October 7<sup>th</sup> through to October 21<sup>st</sup>.

**RESOLUTION #2:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Fisher to approve Voucher #4 submitted for \$39,714.61 for August 2017.

AYES: 4 Higginbotham, Fisher, Reyda, Gratto

NAYES: 0

**CLERK**

Checking Account (09/06/2017) - \$158,987.20

CD Balance (06/13/2017) - \$133,555.30

- **ROOSTERS:** There have been numerous complaints about the noisy roosters on Park Street. Rezoning to no longer allow roosters in the Village would not help since his would be grandfathered in. The trailer and mess at this property is also a concern. No one can live permanently in a trailer within the village limits, but the Code Enforcement Officer must wait until it's been 6 months before there can be any legal recourse. Mr. Messenger would be asked to look into this again.
- **CODE ENFORCEMENT:** The mess at 132 Kipp Street has reached unacceptable levels and the Clerk would ask the Code Enforcement Officer to please speak to the tenant there.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PART-TIME HELP:** Mrs. Dawley asked why we didn't hire part-time workers to help fix the pavements in downtown Sherman. She added that we have limited workers and they're busy and don't have enough time. She suggested using welfare agencies or convicts. Mr. Higginbotham explained that they cannot legally work for municipalities any longer.

**GARBAGE BAGS:** Mrs. Dawley questioned the cost of the garbage bags. Mr. Crane explained that the Village still has to pay to dump the garbage at the transfer station, over and above the cost of the truck and labor to collect the garbage. The Board raised the price to \$3 per bag, and only because it was necessary to cover the cost of the service, not to make any extra money.

**SPEEDING:** Tanya Beatman wanted to know what could be done about the cars speeding around the corner of Hayes and Prospect, putting the children playing and riding bikes in danger. Mr. Irwin suggested contacting the Sheriff's department and Trustee Fisher suggested contacting the State Troopers. Mrs. Beatman asked if we could reduce the speed limit to 15m/h. Mr. Crane thought that changing the speed limit required a public hearing, but he would investigate further.

**PROCESSING FACILITY:** Rick Ayers introduced himself and shared, in detail, his new development proposal. He is planning to build a dual-purpose processing facility, specializing in exotic meats. The facility will be at the end of Prospect Street, which he asked the Village Board to extend to accommodate his plans. His facility would create income opportunities for local farmers/landowners to raise exotic animals, although it would be strictly holistic farming. He is also looking at building a self-storage facility and hosting a farmer's market at the end of Prospect Street, where he will have public ablutions installed. The property is zoned "Commercial 2" which accommodates all his plans. No variance or rezoning would be necessary. Prospect Street belongs to the Village and the Board agreed to extend it to the end of the second parcel, according to Mr. Ayers' plans.

**RESOLUTION #3:** On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to accept Mr. Ayers' letter of intent and commit to extending Prospect Street approximately 200ft.

AYES: 4 Reyda, Higginbotham, Fisher, Gratto

NAYES: 0

**VITAL STATISTICS:** The Department of Health has requested that Villages and Towns consolidate their registration districts. This would mean that the Village of Sherman and the Town of Sherman has one primary registration district, the Town of Sherman, under Vital Statistics Registration District 672.

**RESOLUTION #4:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Fisher to approve the consolidation of vital registration districts between the Village of Sherman and the Town of Sherman.

AYES: 4 Higginbotham, Fisher, Reyda, Gratto

NAYES: 0

**VILLAGE TAXES:** There was discussion about an article in the Post Journal, written by Jim McCarthy, claiming that the Village of Sherman had the biggest tax increase. His stated \$129.39 increase per household is inaccurate since our tax rate dropped from 11.42% to 10.75%.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:** The employees would make their recommended updates to the handbook and the Trustees would consider them at the next meeting.

**PALLET CONSTRUCTION:** Mr. Messenger had spoken to Mr. Miller about the noise. Mr. Miller has already spray foamed in preparation for the new garage door which should diminish the noise.

**RESOLUTION #5:** On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Fisher to move into executive session to discuss a personnel issue at 8:51 PM.

AYES: 4 Higginbotham, Reyda, Gratto, Fisher

NAYES: 0

**RESOLUTION #6:** On motion made by Trustee Reyda and seconded by Trustee Fisher to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 PM.

AYES: 4 Reyda, Fisher Higginbotham, Gratto

NAYES: 0

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanette Ramm  
Clerk/Treasurer