VILLAGE OF SHERMAN

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 4-2020 "SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS", REGULAR BOARD AND MUNICIPAL ZONING BOARD MEETINGS

Wednesday, July 8th, 2020 at 6:00pm

The meeting was held remotely by videoconference. Mayor Meeder welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 6:00pm by leading everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Board members Colleen Meeder, Isaac Gratto, Kirk Ayers and Ryan Sanders, Clerk-Treasurer Jeanette Ramm, Chief Operator Jay Irwin, and the press were in attendance. Trustee Donna Higginbotham sent her apologies.

RES 2020-07-08.1: PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion to accept the previous minutes of the Regular Meeting, Public Hearing of the CDBG Grant Applications, and the meeting of the Municipal Zoning Board held June 3rd, 2020, and the Special Board Meeting and the Municipal Zoning Board Meeting held June 17th, 2020.

Moved by Trustee Gratto Seconded by Trustee Ayers

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Carried

Motion to suspend the regular meeting and enter into the Public Hearing.

Moved by Trustee Gratto Seconded by Trustee Ayers

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Carried

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 4-2020:

"SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS"

The purpose of this law is for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the residents and property owners in the Village of Sherman by the regulation of construction and placement of solar systems and equipment. This law also covers the maintenance of any solar systems and equipment. There were no questions or concerns raised in the open part of the discussion.

Motion to end the public hearing and enter into the meeting of the Municipal Zoning Board.

Moved by Trustee Ayers Seconded by Trustee Gratto

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Carried

MUNICIPAL ZONING BOARD MEETING:

RES 2020-07-08.2: SPECIAL USE PERMIT – SHED/ACCESSORY STRUCTURE

Motion to approve the special use permit for the Sanders (up to) 28'x36' shed at 185 Park Street.

Moved by Trustee Gratto Seconded by Trustee Ayers Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Abstain: Trustee Sanders Carried

Several complaints have been received about the dumpster at 108 Columbia Street. Residential dumpsters are not permitted without a special use permit in the Village, so hopefully this will be the last warning. If any more complaints are received, the special use permit for the dumpster will be revoked and the dumpster will have to be removed.

RES 2020-07-08.3: VIOLATION - DUMPSTER SPECIAL USE PERMIT

Motion to send the notice to 108 Columbia St regarding the revocation of the annual dumpster special use permit if found to be in further violation of the Dumpster LL 2-2019 or 2009 Zoning Law Section 627C regarding Farm Animal manure and Section 623 regarding Trash Storage.

Moved by Trustee Gratto Seconded by Trustee Ayers

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Carried

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

Moved by Trustee Sanders Seconded by Trustee Gratto

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Carried

REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

WATER AND STREETS REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Doug Crane is currently working on the back alley behind the shops. He has \$8,000 in streets and stormwater materials to complete this project, after which he will continue with First Street and then Kendrick Street.

STORMWATER PROJECT

A special meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, July 20^{th} , to accept SEQRA and begin the Bond Resolution phase of the project.

SEWER REPORT FROM CHIEF SEWER OPERATOR

Jay Irwin informed the board that Andrew Norton will be attending the first training course which is the Basic Operations of Wastewater in August, and Trenton Meeder will be attending this course in December. He also said that pilot tests will be done on two screw presses / dewatering sludge presses which should be coming in soon. These will be tested for a few days before we determine whether or not to go this route. He added that they had been helping on First Street and the last service line had been connected.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The mayor asked if anyone had anything in particular they wanted to discuss. With regards to the Christmas lights, she reminded everyone that they are not the top priority. We had planned to take them down in February, but with the Town's vehicle not working at that time we moved on to streets and other projects. After the COVID slow down, the Town had their own requirements for the equipment. Our priorities have been assigned to Summer projects. We simply have not been able to address the low priority lights. We are trying to make another plan with the Town to assist us.

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM CLERK-TREASURER

General Checking Account: Balance (07/08/2020) is \$277,038.85 & book balance \$163,789.44

NYS Fund Bank Account: Balance (07/08/2020) is \$0

Sewer Project Bank Account: Balance (07/08/2020) is \$202,737.49

Water Project Bank Account: Balance (07/08/2020) is \$100

CD Account: Balance (07/08/2020) is A\$150,300.62, B\$0

CD Transfer: N/A Account Adjustments: N/A

This month's voucher for \$183,282.93 includes a check for \$103,518.85 for the fire contracts for the Stanley Hose Fire Company.

RES 2020-07-08.4: VOUCHER

Motion to approve Voucher #2 for \$183,282.93 as presented for June 2020, of which \$0 is from the NYS Special Fund, \$26,112.03 is from the Sewer Project Fund and \$11,112.09 is from the Water Project Fund.

Moved by Trustee Ayers Seconded by Trustee Gratto

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Carried

CASH BUDGET REVIEW

With the use of spreadsheets, the mayor went over the cash position in comparison to the previous year at this time. There was an improvement of \$50,000 in our total cash position compared to last year. The cash projection is also looking better since we are not planning another \$100,000 streets project, and the goal is begin reserving. It was noted that this is the beginning of the fiscal year and taxes collected now are used for the entire year. Another positive note was that although COVID has brought uncertainty to so many, it has not negatively impacted our receipts of taxes or utilities. Mayor Meeder also explained the money transferred to the Climate Smart Comprehensive Plan and Water Project, which will be paid back by the grantees once they are back in their offices.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tree Committee - The tree committee is really making progress. We almost have enough orders to qualify for the discount for our second order. Unfortunately, with this current heat and dry conditions we don't plan to plant trees for a while.

Tree Evaluations – The process for the tree evaluations will first be reviewed by our Enforcement Officer, assisted by Andrew Norton who has a degree in forestry. Once they have formulated a plan we will relook at this project. We will need to inform people of any hazardous trees and give them time to budget for this cost.

NEW BUSINESS:

RES 2020-07-08.5: SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS LL 4-2020

Motion to adopt the proposed Village of Sherman Solar Energy Systems Local Law 4-2020 for the purpose of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and property owners by regulating the construction, maintenance, and placement of solar energy systems and equipment in the Village of Sherman.

Moved by Trustee Ayers Seconded by Trustee Sanders

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Carried

RES 2020-07-08.6: LEGAL COUNSEL FOR STREETS EQUIPMENT BOND

Motion to approve and authorize the mayor to sign the letter of engagement with Peter Clark and the Village of Sherman for the agreement of legal services for the Streets Equipment, not to exceed \$2,500.

Moved by Trustee Gratto Seconded by Trustee Ayers

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Carried

RES 2020-07-08.7: JULY 20th SPECIAL MEETING

Motion to schedule a Special Meeting for Monday, July 20th, at 6pm at the Village Municipal Office via Zoom for the Village Board Members for the SEORA and the Bond Resolution for the Stormwater Project, and accept the clerk's certification of the Bond Resolution for the Streets Equipment, and other related motions.

Moved by Trustee Gratto Seconded by Trustee Sanders

Carried Ayes: 4 Navs: 0

Motion to move into a brief Executive Session to discuss legal contract matters, no action will be taken.

Moved by Trustee Gratto Seconded by Trustee Ayers

Nays: 0 Carried Ayes: 4

Motion to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm.

Moved by Trustee Gratto Seconded by Trustee Ayers

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Carried

Respectfully submitted Jeanette Ramm Clerk-Treasurer

Next Meeting:

Monday, July 20th, at 6pm Special Meeting Wednesday, August 5th, at 6pm Regular Meeting