



**REGULAR MEETING
SHERIDAN VILLAGE COUNCIL
AUGUST 9, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Sheridan Village Council was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Susan Wyckoff-McFarland

Present: Jim Perry, Harold Arrington, Curt Sisson, Don Nassif, Derek Wagner
Absent: Pete Gehoski

Guests: John Johansen, Pastor Wayne Otto, Zach Vincent

Sisson moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting with the exception of changing the notice about Music in the Park to 7:00 pm. Perry supported. Motion carried.

Council reviewed bills for the general fund. Motion to approve by Sisson, supported by Perry. Motion carried.

Council reviewed bills for the wastewater fund. Motion to approve by Nassif, supported by Perry. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by Nassif, supported by Sisson. Motion carried.

Doug Lane stated that the seal coating has been done and the fog sealing should be finished next week. Mark Christensen from the Montcalm County Road Commission is keeping an eye on Washington St. where the tar is coming up through the stone. He will be checking it and will determine if it needs to be redone. The cause may be due to factors such as the heat and traffic. Arrington suggested that the Village of Sheridan may want to consider restricting the number of axles allowed to travel on that street. Lane also changed the original plans from Main St. to the alley where Washington comes out to the first block of Grant St. Lane notified the council that the tentative start-up for the Williams & Works well project is the last week in September/first week in October. Lane and Lingeman are waiting for the weather to cool down before starting to roof the elevator. He also got quotes for getting power to the pavilions at Pearl Lake. He received one from G& D that includes underground copper for \$3,000.00 and one from Bob Bock who is a retired master electrician for \$1,375.00 but needs to get more information on what type of material he would use.

Lingeman was approached by organizers from Music in the Park about possibly doing one a month or once a week at the community center during the winter months due to them having such a good turn out. The last one is scheduled for September 1st. They could pay with a donation to the village. He also informed the council that he had withheld a Community Center refund check from one of the renters and instead gave it to the Youth League because they cleaned the center up before they used it.

The new Community Center sign was put up Monday and looks great!
The Community Center also had the carpet cleaned last month.

Marcia Hersch stated that she and Lane had submitted the Act 51 fiscal report to the Michigan Department of Transportation. She also presented the council with a Thank You letter from Sheridan Community Hospital for the use of the Community Center for their Health Fair.

GUESTS:

John Johansen was at the meeting to inform the council that the Brownfield Grant EPA has moved the timeframe ahead by three months and hopefully action should be made on the Carnation building by November. He said that the CDBG Grant and the Condensery building were acknowledged at the last alliance meeting as being in it.

The Village of Sheridan needs to follow-up on the process of acquiring the property to rectify this on going problem.

Mr. Johansen also informed everyone that there has been a shortfall in revenue due to a reduction in taxes and the projection for next year is even lower.

Due to redistricting the Village of Sheridan will lose a wonderful asset, John Johansen, at the end of 2012.

Zach Vincent was here to discuss a proposal he had submitted to the council earlier for the Central Montcalm Community Church to lease the community center for \$1.00 a year and to cover the utilities and insurance in order for the youths from the church to be able to use the facility for after school activities.

The concern the council had with this proposal is that feel they would lose their ability to rent the facility and/or donate it for community events. Arrington feels the center belongs to the tax payers of the Village of Sheridan and that it is a service to them. Also by law the village cannot sell or lease public property without a public hearing on the matter. He also questioned as to why CMCC isn't utilizing their space for computer/homework. He also feels as though the community center is not setup to provide sports inside and believes it is fine the way it is operating now.

Sisson would like to meet representatives to come to a common ground and try to find a way that CMCC could possibly use the center a couple of times a month. Nassif and Wyckoff-McFarland will be on the committee so that an arrangement could potentially be made to help out CMCC.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Hersch presented the council with a letter from the Michigan Strategic Fund with a Certificate of Completion of the CDBG grant MSC 209114-EDIG, Wright's Plastic Products project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hersch requested permission to close M-66 on Thursday, September 15th from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. for the Central Montcalm High School Homecoming Parade. Motion by Nassif to approve the road closure, supported by Wagner. All in favor. Hersch to submit needed paperwork to MDOT.

Klemm and Lane would like to see a Farmer's Market in the village and requested the council's permission to get this started. Klemm has made up flyers promoting it. This information will be put in the Community Services section of a few papers and will also

be put on the website. Council thought this was a wonderful idea. Klemm will take flyers to other markets in an effort to get vendors interested in coming here. The vendors can set up on the corner of Main St. and the Evergreen St. parking lot. Decision was that we should start this on August 19th through Mid-October on Friday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to noon with setup at 7:00 a.m. Vendors can sell home grown and homemade products with no flea market stuff! Charge to vendors will be \$5.00 per site and Klemm will collect the fees on Friday mornings. Nassif volunteered to distribute flyers in an effort to make this a success.

Hersch presented the council with a draft of the audit for them to look over. There was a section that has concerns and requires a response from the council. As soon as this is done Hersch will present the responses to the auditors and the audit will be finalized so the F-65 form can be submitted for state revenue sharing.

- ❖ There is “Music in the Park” at the little pavilion at Pearl Lake on Thursday’s at 7:00 pm. until September 1st.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:30 p.m. by Sisson supported by Nassif. Meeting adjourned.

Marcia Hersch
Village Clerk