

**REGULAR MEETING
SHERIDAN VILLAGE COUNCIL
JANUARY 13, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Sheridan Village Council was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President, Brian Russel.

Present: Kirk Train, Susan McFarland, Curt Sisson, Harold Arrington, Jim Perry.

Absent: Don Nassif

Guests: Franz Mogdis, Comm. John Johansen, Dep. Mike Kotenko, Mary Bowdish

McFarland moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting with Train supporting. Motion carried.

Bills were presented in the amount of \$23,726.46. Sisson moved to pay them with McFarland supporting. Motion carried.

Bills for the wastewater treatment system were presented in the amount of \$13,466.11. Train moved to pay them with McFarland supporting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was reviewed. Sisson moved to approve the report with Arrington supporting. Motion carried.

Dep. Kotenko gave the police report. He advised that he had hand delivered an ordinance letter to the owner of the abandon motor home at 306 Condensery Road giving them thirty days to remove it. He said the thirty days are up and they asked for an extension. He wanted to know what the council wanted to do. They agreed that thirty days was enough time to get it removed and he should contact the village attorney. Kotenko was commended for the good job he is doing.

Lane advised that Consumers Energy has marked approximately 40 trees in the village to be cut down. They are cutting trees down that are under primary lines. Lane said he has talked to a representative and some of the trees may be remarked and trimmed instead of removed. He also advised that the last load of steel from the old elevator had been sold. He said that he had been contacted by a driver from Schwan asking permission to park his truck in the village parking lot west of the fire barn, so he could sell his products from there. The council denied the request.

The council expressed their appreciation to Daryl Bush and Bill Simpson for their help with the snow removal.

Lingeman advised that he had placed an ad for the community center in the Daily New Wedding Planner pamphlet. He also asked about the employees' payment for their retirement benefit for last year. He said since the stock market was so unstable he would like to put it in some other fund, possibly a CD. After discussion Perry moved to allow the employees to take a cash payoff or put it in a retirement fund of their choice. Supported by Train. Motion carried.

Tissue advised that Christina Pritchard had called regarding construction on their new garage. She said they are waiting for sand to be hauled in for the floor before proceeding and that they have boarded up their old garage so no one can get it. She showed the council the notice in the Daily News about the foreclosure show cause hearing on February 5, 2009 for RWG Recycling and the foreclosure hearing on February 20, 2009 with the back taxes due by March 31, 2009.

Council reviewed the rates that would be charged to the village if they started accepting credit cards for payments due the village. It was decided not to proceed with the matter.

Tissue said that after reviewing the sewer account that the May 21, 2009 C.D. needed to be cashed in now.

Discussion in regards to the problems with the computer backup program. Sission was asked to check in to it.

Mogdis advised that the income survey is now complete and he will have it ready to present to the council at the February meeting. He also gave them a copy of the community-wide assessment grant proposal. McFarland, Sission, Lane and Lingeman volunteered to be on a sub committee to work with Mogdis on the project.

Comm. Johansen advised that the county finance committee is working to get more deputies on the ground and possibly cutting back on administration.

Discussion regarding health insurance. Council asked that a Blue Cross representative attend the February meeting.

A letter received from a village resident was read thanking the village for continuing to have the Montcalm County Sheriff's Office patrol in the village.

With no further business, McFarland moved to adjourn with Sission supporting. Motion carried.

Marilyn Hancock,
Village Clerk