



**REGULAR MEETING
SHERIDAN VILLAGE COUNCIL
JULY 13, 2010**

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

Present: Susan Wyckoff-McFarland, Harold Arrington, Curt Sisson, Mark Bellinger, Jim Perry

Absent: Don Nassif

Guests: Mary Bowdish, Tim Scott

Sisson moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting with Arrington supporting. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Officer Kotenko reported there were routine calls in June. He is training a new recruit during July.

Lane informed the council that he had called the Montcalm County Road Commission to have Mark Christensen look at the condition of our streets. Mr. Christensen feels some of the streets we had planned on seal coating were too far gone and recommended we buy a load of crack sealer for the \$10,000.00 budgeted amount. His recommendation would be to start with main roads and go as far as possible to prepare them for chip & seal next year.

Council discussed the condition of the roads, their options and what would be the most feasible route to go. Consensus was to amend budget so that some overlay could also be done.

Motion by Bellinger to do an overlay on South Shore Drive & Bliss Ct. and to get a load of crack sealant to use as far as possible. Motion supported by Perry. All in favor. Motion carried.

Council determined a Street Committee was necessary. Committee will consist of Bellinger, Perry, and Arrington and they will give a report at the August meeting.

Guests: Tim Scott; Director for Central Dispatch was here to discuss a proposal for a telephone surcharge that will be on the August 3rd ballot. Central Dispatch is funded by this surcharge and they have been running a deficit for the last few years. Currently the surcharge is \$1.89. If the proposal were to pass the maximum amount collectable would be \$3.00 per landline, cell line, and VOIP. He encourages people to vote favorably.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ron Finegood accepted the Village's proposal of \$175.00 hourly rate to be the attorney for the Village of Sheridan.

Russel had some sample employee evaluation forms for the council to look over. Discussions of how these evaluations should be handled. At the next meeting council will establish times to set up with employees to go over the evaluations.

Recommendation by Kotenko to update junk violation ordinance from a misdemeanor to a civil infraction in order to make violations easier to enforce. Officer Kotenko will contact Magistrate Palmer and get back with Hersch for the procedure necessary.

Letter presented to council from the State of Michigan's Department of Civil Rights stating that there was insufficient evidence to proceed with Doreen Tissue's Civil Law Suit against the Village of Sheridan and that the complaint has been dismissed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Village needs to pass an ordinance making Pearl Lake a 'No Wake' Lake. There were jet skiers on it recently that makes it unsafe for swimmers. There needs to be an ordinance in order for police to be able to enforce it. Officer Kotenko will bring in a copy of another lake's ordinance for Hersch.

Hersch informed the council that the Village Office Mortgage's balloon is up and they need to refinance. She gave them a letter from Denise Schneider from Chemical Bank outlining the different options available. Motion by Wyckoff-McFarland to go with the Floating Rate of 3.75% for the next 5 years if the Village of Sheridan qualifies as tax exempt on debt. If not, to go with the fixed rate mortgage at 5.5% for the next 3 years. Motion supported by Sisson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to amend the General Fund Budget, with amendments to include increasing the budgeted amount of mulch to \$2126.25 and purchase lawn mower at \$2399.00 by Wyckoff-McFarland, supported by Bellinger. All in favor. Motion carried.

Russel updated the council on the Carnation Building and the letter he sent to Scott Minard. Minard's response was that the Village of Sheridan can force the owner to do repairs to the building. If he does not do the repairs the village can take ownership. Will discuss at next meeting how the village should proceed in this matter.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 9:39 p.m. by Bellinger supported by Sisson. Meeting adjourned.

Marcia Hersch
Village Clerk