



**REGULAR MEETING  
SHERIDAN VILLAGE COUNCIL  
JUNE 8, 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, Don Nassif, Jim Perry

Absent: Mark Bellinger

Guests: Mary Bowdish, Darryl Bush, Ron Finegood, John Johansen

Nassif moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting with Wyckoff-McFarland supporting. Motion carried.

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

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

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

John Johansen shared a couple of upcoming issues with the council: Montcalm County is considering an ORV ordinance which will be the responsibility of the County Commissioner. The ordinance covers golf carts and would require non-state highways raised from 30% to 40% to be set aside for ORV use. The village has to go by county and township restrictions on the ordinance. He also made the council aware that there will be 3 county millage issues on the November ballot – (1) Commission on Aging (2) Library (3) Surcharge for 9-1-1 services to be raised from the current \$1.89 to \$3.00 for each telephone device (cell, landline and VOIP).

He also complimented the council on their hard work for getting the grant for Wright's Plastic Products.

Johansen also stated that the Brownfield had once again been turned down for the Carnation plant. There was discussion about the building and that it is neither secure nor safe at this time. Russel intends to write a letter to Scott Minard to determine what can be done.

Lane notified the council that there are hydraulic and motor issues with one of the mowers. He had a repair estimate of \$2790.00 due to the mower no longer being under warranty. Darryl Bush has agreed to handle the warranty issue and get the village back on contract for \$2399.00. Motion by Wyckoff-McFarland supported by Nassif to go back on contract and to purchase the new mower. All in favor. Motion carried.

Lane stated that street work to start once mowing is caught up. He is going to have the county check the streets to see if they are still able to be seal coated and are not beyond repair.

Lane and Lingeman attended a DPW meeting at the Montcalm Road Commission. The DPW had received a grant to purchase power pole saws and the Village of Sheridan now has one of their own.

Arrington questioned whether something could be done about the ramp drop-off at Pearl Lake. Lane stated that it could.

Arrington would also like to see the area on Cass St. designated as a non-parking area due to it being a safety issue. Lane and Lingeman agreed that it should be painted.

Lingeman reported that Community Center rentals have been relatively steady for Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays this month.

Hersch made the council aware that the audit will begin July 19, 2010. She is to get a Letter of Engagement from Gabridge and Company.

Klemm presented letters from different attorneys to the council so that they can make a final decision about the village's attorney.

Guests: Darryl Bush expressed his concern about the tall grass in and around the village. Council feels Kotenko should be the enforcer due to the fact the Village of Sheridan contracts with Montcalm County for these services and would like to suggest to him that while he is patrolling the village he should also be looking for violations.

Hersch discussed her concern with the council about a family that had their water shut-off on May 12, 2010 for non-payment and had not been in to make payment so that their service could be continued. She had contacted the Montcalm County Health Department and Child Protective Services over this matter but had not received any response. Johansen recommended her to contact Kim Singh to have her look into this matter.

Ron Finegood introduced himself to the council along with his proposal to be the attorney for the Village of Sheridan.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The garage on the corner of Oak St. and Evergreen St. has fallen down and the owner has rented a dumpster.

The council then discussed the law firms they had received proposals from; Law Weathers, Richard Palmer and Ron Finegood. Nassif stated he would like to see the village try Finegood for a year, at possibly a lower rate than what had been quoted. Motion by Arrington supported by Sisson to extend offer to Ron Finegood for 1 year at a proposed rate of \$175.00 hourly. All in favor. Motion carried. Russel to contact Finegood with offer.

Sisson commented that the appliances had been moved from Finney's residence and the hedge's trimmed. Chris Finney has opened his used appliance store on Main St., and the council wishes him success.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Lane is going to get pricing for wood chips at the park, Hersch to look at budget to see how much was designated for this.

Update on SpringFest is that it was another successful year made possible by all the hard work by the VFW, the Ladies' Auxiliary and Buddy Deacons. Council would like Hersch to write a letter to each of them and also to the Sherriff's posse for all the time they donated to this event.

Hersch to also write a letter to the Carson City Correctional Facility for donating the beautiful flowers to the Village of Sheridan.

Employee Review Committee: Discussion over what format to use for annual reviews. Russel would like the whole council to be involved in this process.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 9:11 p.m. by Nassif supported by Wyckoff-McFarland. Meeting adjourned.

Marcia Hersch  
Village Clerk