



**REGULAR MEETING  
SHERIDAN VILLAGE COUNCIL  
MARCH 8, 2011**

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

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

Guests: Mary Bowdish, John Johansen, Al Hansen, Lt. Russel, Mark Bellinger, Mike Kotenko

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

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

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

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

Mark Bellinger was present to discuss the contract between the Montcalm County Sheriff's Department and the Village of Sheridan and understands concerns about budgets. He discussed the fact that the Village of Sheridan does have the right to cancel coverage with 90 days written notice and that even in doing so the Village would still have a certain amount of coverage. Bellinger feels as though the contract the Village currently has is a good deal considering we have no other costs including capital expenses. With the contract in place the Village does receive special attention. The negative aspects include the Sheriff's Department being unable to commit troopers to SpringFest. He also wanted to inform the council that if the contract is cancelled in order to get back into a new one a new contract would have to be renegotiated.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

John Johansen was present to discuss the effects of State Revenue Sharing being cut, however most programs are mandated by the state and are required by law. Montcalm County may be forced to go to the public for millage increases for services such as police protection. He stated there is a meeting April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm @ the ISD for an overview of the census data. The Greenville Greater Transportation meeting will be held March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm @ the Eureka Township Hall. MDOT is scheduled to be at the meeting. The Montcalm County Animal Shelter has enacted new operating procedures and has changed their hours to four – 10 hour days. He will let the Village know their exact schedule when he gets it.

Well House Update: Price from Raimer is \$7,895.00. With engineering costs, electrical and well the total is projected to be \$145,827.00

Budget: Council went over the budget and discussed different areas of concern and ways that may help to balance the funds. Klemm stated that the Village has an open ended contract with IKON that can be cancelled at anytime, and that the Village owns the printer. Council agreed that the contract needs to be cancelled. It was determined that a Budget Meeting will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm to receive input from the community.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion for Gabridge & Co. to do the Village of Sheridan's Audit this year and to sign the engagement letter made by Gehoski, supported by Wagner. All in favor. Motion carried.

Appointment of Street Administrator:

Motion by Sisson, supported by Gehoski to appoint Doug Lane as the Street Administrator for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sheridan Fire Department Report: Perry reported that at the annual meeting it was decided to keep the Fire Assessment the same as last year (\$11,500.00) for the four townships and the Village of Sheridan.

Council was also informed of the Montcalm Compassion Club doing a fund raising effort in order to purchase a new Brush Fire Truck for the Fire Department.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 10:17 p.m. by Gehoski supported by Wagner. Meeting adjourned.

Marcia Hersch  
Village Clerk