



**REGULAR MEETING
SHERIDAN VILLAGE COUNCIL
MARCH 9, 2010**

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

Present: Susan McFarland, Harold Arrington, Curt Sisson
Absent: Mark Bellinger, Don Nassif, Jim Perry

Guests: Mary Bowdish, Connie McKeown, Dennis Tissue, John Johansen, Marilyn Klemm, Doreen Tissue, Paul Mahan

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

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

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

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

Officer Kotenko's report was given by McFarland that Officer Kotenko will be working Memorial Day weekend. Brian Gyger received a letter this month concerning the ordinance violation. Officer Kotenko is also working to get a speed trailer in town.

Lane went over budgetary quotes for items to be considered in budget.
Arrington also had quotes for items to be considered for the upcoming budget.
Ed Lingeman recommended painting the gable ends on the Community Center costing \$600.00 - \$700.00.

Hersch asked the council for permission to get bids from other auditors for the Village. Council agreed this would be acceptable to them.

Guests: John Johansen was present to discuss medical marijuana because the county has a general plan, not a master plan so they have no authority to put a medical marijuana ordinance into effect. The law does not allow them to make ordinances; easier for villages to do so. Greenville and Howard City have already enacted such ordinances that some members on the council would like Hersch to check into.

He also informed the council that something may come before the Montcalm County Alliance Board by the end of March about the recycling grant.

Doreen Tissue: Asked whether the council had heard anything on the Civil Lawsuit she has against the village because the civil rights case worker had told her they believe the case will be dismissed. The Village of Sheridan has not heard anything and has nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wright Plastic Products: Russel and Robert Luce to sign contract to be mailed to Lisa Green of the MEDC. After all the paperwork comes back the Village of Sheridan will be able to award the project.

Motion by Arrington supported by Sisson for Russel to sign the grant agreement. Motion carried.

The grant does not allow funding for additional sewer laterals along the line. According to Williams & Works if we were to use the existing unit prices bid the additional cost to the village for 5 additional laterals would be approximately \$7.5K and the cost for providing an 8 inch sewer stub at the east and west ends of Condensery Rd. would be approximately \$1K for a total cost of \$8.5K. Lane highly recommended that the Village of Sheridan put this initial investment in for future expansion possibilities. McFarland agreed that this type of forward thinking may benefit the village in the future. Russel would like the rest of the council's input on whether to spend the extra money on the laterals and what their views are.

The Budget Hearing will be held March 30, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Annual Meeting at the Village Office, 115 E. Evergreen St. and is open to the public.

Council reviewed the rough draft budget.

- Russel suggested that there may be unforeseen issues so the council needs to be fiscally responsible.
- We are losing ground on our streets.
 - Rubber sealing
 - Need more money in Local Streets
- We cannot spend without a plan in place
- Recommendation to withdraw money from General checking account to balance budget.
- Russel would like suggestions from council members during the upcoming week for their submission of ideas.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of Clerk and Treasurer for even years.

Appointment of Marcia Hersch to the Clerk's position for two years by Russel. Motion by McFarland, supported by Arrington. All in favor. Motion carried.

Appointment of Marilyn Klemm to the Treasurer's position for two years by Russel. Motion by McFarland to appoint Klemm at \$12.00 hourly and 24 hours weekly, supported by Sisson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Klemm will begin her appointment March 15, 2010, with training to continue Monday through Wednesday until the next meeting.

Motion by Arrington, supported by McFarland to give Hersch a .50 hour raise. All in favor. Motion carried.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 9:10 p.m. by McFarland supported by Arrington. Meeting adjourned.

Marcia Hersch
Village Clerk