



**REGULAR MEETING  
SHERIDAN VILLAGE COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 10, 2009**

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

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

Guests: Mary Ellen Lingeman, Mary Bowdish, John Johansen, Connie McKeown, Doug Willeman, Dennis Tissue, Ali Goodhall

Bellinger 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 Nassif, supported by Perry.

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

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

Members of the council reviewed the police report. Officer Kotenko informed the council that he had delivered copies of the ordinances to Brian Geiger, Christina Pritchard, and the residents at Sherman St. & Egan St. and notified them they were in violation of the ordinances. Scott Menard at the Building Department has given Pritchard's a temporary permit to tear down their old garage; Officer Kotenko had participated in the old medication drop-off at Sheridan Hospital and it was quite successful. He also reported that there were no incidents on Halloween.

Doug Lane let the council know that Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> will be the last day for leaf pick-up.

Ed Lingeman reported that he had contacted the Montcalm County Health Department about the status of capping the well at the Carnation Plant. They told him that as long as they cannot see down it, it is considered to be capped. The next step in correcting this issue is to go through the DEQ. Lingeman is currently working on contacting the local rep.

Marcia Hersch reported that the resolution has been written up and the Water Debt Retirement account has been changed to 'Water Improvement' at Chemical Bank.

John Johansen informed the council that Mark Bellinger has accepted the position as Undersheriff at the Montcalm County Sheriff Department. Council congratulated Mark!

Mr. Johansen also discussed the new recycling rules and how they will now collect all seven plastics; Montcalm County has a 14-point mini revue for assessors that look at their efficiency.

Harold Arrington discussed his disappointment that Montcalm County decided to stop recycling in the Village of Sheridan. He also mentioned that Rescue 21 will no longer be paying to house the ambulance as of January 1 and recommended that the Village of Sheridan allow Rescue 21 to use our garage at no charge.

Ali Goodhall from Yeo & Yeo was here to go over the audit with the council. She reported that the internal controls (which consist of payroll, receipts, water/sewer billing cycle), journal entry and supporting documents in the audit were all correct and there were no issues. She also reported that the village's revenue exceeded their expenditures for the year.

Council discussed different options for next year's audit. They were curious if the auditors should come in midway through the year, or perhaps quarterly to make certain everything is going correctly. Ali stated that in her professional opinion the Village of Sheridan was in between the ranking of other villages because they had been required to post a lot of journal entries this year.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Wright Plastic Products Grant: Letter from the Michigan Strategic Fund was received stating that the Village of Sheridan's Notice of Intent to apply for an Economic Development Infrastructure Grant under the Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program was approved. The Notice of Intent requests funding for the Wright Plastics Products, Inc. Infrastructure Project. After receiving this approval on October 28<sup>th</sup> Franz Mogdis filed the Application for Section 106 Review on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Brian plans on contacting Franz for further information and to be updated as necessary.

Doug Willemin requested to have his business metered. Motion by Bellinger to have Willemin's Chiropractic Business metered, supported by Arrington. All in favor. Motion passed.

Arrington brought up the problems with the VFW and Chat-N-Chew's last water bill, and that he feels the Village of Sheridan should make an adjustment on their behalf. Russel said he had contacted the City of Grand Rapids to see how they handle these situations and was told that they sometimes write off 25% of the water overage. Council discussed different possible solutions and looked at what their average usage is. It was decided that we would wait until the next billing cycle to see if it is inline before taking any action.

Civil Suit against the Village of Sheridan by Doreen Tissue: Russel stated the village had an attorney look at our position statement because no agreement could be agreed upon. Now the case goes to the Civil Rights Division in Detroit which is currently backed-up 4-6 weeks so we will probably not hear anything until December.

Montcalm County Sheriff Patrol Contract: Don Nassif talked with Sheriff Barnwell and he believes the contract will allow us to send a letter of notification to terminate the agreement at anytime except the last 90 days of the calendar year. He interpreted it as the sheriff would be willing to sever the contract if needed. Our current contract is up at the end of this year. Bellinger believes that the contract may be rescinded and terminated with a thirty day written notice. He is going to ask Sheriff Barnwell to attend the December meeting so that the village has better clarification of the contract before signing.

Hersch notified the council that she was unable to update the PeachTree Payroll individually. It will work until the end of the year, but will be unable to print 940 reports and W-2's from the program. She will present prices for PeachTree and QuickBooks at the December meeting.

Chemical Bank's Parking Lot: Chemical Bank offered to sign over the parking lot south of the Village Office. Doug has contacted Gary at Chemical Bank to find out if there is a survey on the property and what costs would be incurred by the Village of Sheridan. Before making any decisions it was decided to wait until they get back with Doug with the information. Tabled.

New Well Status: The final draft and drawings have been sent and approved. Lingeman informed the council that the isolation area has been reduced by the DEQ to 100 feet. Production is the next step; it is just a matter of when the council would like to spend the money to proceed.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Thanksgiving week office hours: The Village Office will be closed on November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. McFarland recommended that Hersch be able to make up the lost hours from those days on other days. Council approved.

Hydrant Rent: Doreen Tissue let the council know that every quarter \$2,750.00 is transferred from the General Account to the Water Dept Retirement Fund and they need to make a resolution that it be deposited into the Water Improvement account rather than the Water Debt Retirement account. Nassif made the resolution, supported by Perry that 'Quarterly transferred hydrant rent shall be taken from General account and deposited into the Water Improvement account.'

Roll Call:

Don Nassif – Aye

Harold Arrington – Aye

Jim Perry – Aye

Susan McFarland – Aye

Brian Russel – Aye

Resolution passed.

Sound System: Susan announced that she would like to get donations from local businesses for a sound system in the Village of Sheridan. The total estimate is \$1,900.00 for four speakers and the mixing board. Chemical Bank would run the music during their business hours.

Council supports and thinks this would be a nice idea for the village.

Updated Recycling information is under 'News' on the Village of Sheridan's website – [www.villageofsheridan.com](http://www.villageofsheridan.com)

Motion by Nassif, supported by McFarland to make Brian Russel the designated certifying officer for the Environmental Review Board. Motion carried.

Medhat Beshai: Had obtained a verbal water status on January 30, 2009 and paid the outstanding water and sewer bill at that time. 228 Smith St. was never transferred to Mr. Besahi's name when it should have been so the bill had been sent to the previous owner since then. Mr. Beshai requested that the late fees be waived because he had been unaware that there had been any outstanding billings on this property. Motion by Nassif to waive late fees; supported by Arrington. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Doug Lane announced that White Pine Library has completed the cemetery project. The information is broken down by birth date, death date, and parent's names. Katie Arwood and Judy Hardy did an excellent job. He requested that Marcia send them thank-you letters.

McFarland announced that Sheridan Hospital had used the Community Center for a Silent Auction that was very successful. They raised \$17,600.00 for patient services.

Announcement of Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting:  
December 8, 2009, 7:30 p.m., Sheridan Village Office

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 9:30 by Bellinger supported by McFarland. Meeting adjourned.

Marcia Hersch  
Village Clerk