



**REGULAR MEETING
SHERIDAN VILLAGE COUNCIL
OCTOBER 13, 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, Curt Sisson, Harold Arrington, Jim Perry, Don Nassif
Absent: Mark Bellinger

Guests: Mary Ellen Lingeman, Mary Bowdish, John Johansen, Franz Mogdis, Jim LaCroix, Connie McKeown, Doug Willeman

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 Nassif, supported by McFarland.

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

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

Members of the council reviewed the police report. Officer Kotenko informed the council of an ordinance violation he was working on at the south side of Sherman/Egan St. suggested that we send an ordinance violation letter to Christina Pritchard due to him being able to contact her. There has been a speed trailer in town and it may be here a couple more times. He has mainly responded to routine calls and will be working more evening hours.

Tissue informed the council that Ali Goodhall from Yeo & Yeo, CPA is willing to come to our next village meeting.

The 2nd grade students from Sheridan Elementary School visited the village office for Government Day.

John Johansen brought some 'Discover Montcalm' publications he had gotten from the Parks & Recreation Dept.

Doug Willemen was here to discuss his downstairs unit water bill. Due to the property being unrented he feels as though he should not be charged for this portion. Russel pointed out that the council has taken a stand in the past and feels that we should not allow this in order to be consistent.

After much discussion Nassif suggested that maybe all businesses in the village should be metered. Russel stated he would like to look over ordinance and then consider it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Comp Time: Currently Doug Lane has 210 hours remaining and Ed Lingeman has 172 hours remaining. Council discussed ways to reduce comp time. The final decision was that their goal is to use them up before the next fiscal year begins or the village may want to pay them in order to wipe it off the books. Lane felt that he and Lingeman would be willing to try and use them up before the next fiscal year begins. Russel to meet with Doug and Ed to try to come up with a plan.

Wright Plastics Grant: Williams & Works will have to be contacted for accurate amount before Russel will sign the letter of intent. The original estimate from them was \$14,100.00, but the letter we received was at \$16,500.00. If there is this difference Jim LaCroix said Wright Plastic Products would make up the difference. He also stated that Wright Plastic Products would front the cost of the project until the grant comes through to expedite the project. Franz said he was fairly confident about the grant going through the Strategic Fund Board without any issues. Council agreed that we should move ahead with the project. All in favor. Motion carried.

Carnation Plant: Hersch stated she has been trying to contact someone at the Mid-Michigan District Health Department about the status of capping the well, but has been unable to contact anyone with information for how to proceed.

John Johansen informed her that Lonnie Smith is the person to contact.

Franz Mogdis reported that an EPA grant will be submitted on October 16th and the Carnation Plant will be on that one again.

Fire Department Insurance on (re)placement of fire siren. Hersch informed the council that John Thomas of MML recommended that the fire department have their insurance carrier give an additional insured endorsement to the village for the placement of the fire siren on village property. Perry said he would take care of this.

Civil Suit against the Village of Sheridan by Doreen Tissue: Russel stated that they were unable to work through mediation so the next step would be to either respond to the complaint ourselves or hire a labor attorney to look at the case. Nassif made a motion to have a labor attorney review. Motion supported by Perry. All Ayes, motion carried.

Water Debt Retirement Fund Resolution: Hersch reported to the council that she had contacted Jim Thrall and he recommended the village pass a resolution per ordinance 851, Page 11, Section 10 – Water Debt Retirement Fee shall remain the same; since the water debt bond is paid, the Village of Sheridan shall continue to invoice the same fee and change billing name to ‘Water Improvement’.

Residential Bill - \$14.00 Flat Rate – Water Improvement.

Motion for Resolution made by McFarland, Supported by Sisson.

Roll Call:

Don Nassif – Aye

Harold Arrington – Aye

Curt Sisson – Aye

Jim Perry – Aye

Susan McFarland – Aye

Brian Russel – Aye

Resolution passed.

Water over Jasper St.: Resident feels the village should help her to get rid of excess water in her yard. A quote of \$1,175.00 from Greenville Lawn Care was given but council does not feel the village is liable.

NEW BUSINESS:

Montcalm County Sheriff Patrol Contract: The new contract presented to the village is for 3 years without any price change. Council discussed different alternatives to locking the village into a three year contract. They would like to find out if the village could extend the current contract and then determine at budget time what would be the most favorable route for the village to take. Discussion to find out if there could be a contingency plan where the village could only give a straight 30/60/90 day notice and not be tied to the end of the contract. Nassif said he would meet with Sheriff Barnwell to express our concerns and discuss this option.

Water & Sewer Utility Billings: Chat & Chew and the V.F.W. bills were exceptionally high this quarter. Lane and Hersch expressed their concerns and asked if the council would be willing to make an adjustment on these bills. Motion by Arrington to make adjustment. No Second. Motion dies. Council feels they need to be consistent. Sisson made a motion to waive late fees while we investigate. Supported by Nassif. Motion carried.

Chemical Bank's Parking Lot: Chemical Bank offered to sign over the parking lot south of the Village Office. It is used by the whole community and the village has been the one maintaining it. Council discussed the different questions that they need to be informed about prior to accepting; like if a survey will need to be done, and in what type of condition it is in. Motion by Nassif, supported by McFarland that "the Village of Sheridan has interest in ownership but needs to further investigate." All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Software Product: Hersch let the council know that our current version of Peachtree is about to expire and it will require the village to either buy the new version of Peachtree or to look into purchasing QuickBooks Pro and gave them the price quotes for the different software. It is understood that the Peachtree Payroll will not run as of the first of November. Motion by Sisson to purchase the Peachtree Payroll update at this time. Supported by Perry with a contingency that if she is unable to go that route to get more

info to council. Motion by Sisson supported by Perry to purchase the minimum amount of software necessary to keep the village running.

Unemployment Claim Filed by Doreen Tissue. The village may have to pay unemployment to Tissue due to her hours having been reduced. McFarland does not feel that the correct amount was submitted and would like to double check.

Copies of letters and thank-you cards from various businesses and residents sent to the village were given to the council about what a nice job Doug Lane and Ed Lingeman are doing in the community. Russel stated it is nice and he is happy to see such positive feedback.

Announcement of Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting:
November 10, 2009, 7:30 p.m., Sheridan Village Office

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 10:00 by McFarland supported by Russel. Meeting adjourned.

Marcia Hersch
Village Clerk