

**REGULAR MEETING
SHERIDAN VILLAGE COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 12, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Sheridan Village Council was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Pro Tem, Daryl Bush.

Present: Doug Abbott, Harold Arrington, Susan McFarland, Daryl Bush.

Absent: Brian Russel, Don Nassif

Guests: First Lt. Steve Rains, Charles Miel, Suzanne Kreeger, Sgt. Mark Bellinger, Ken Braman, Mary Bowdish, Christina Pritchard, Kirk Train, Curtis Sisson.

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

Bills were presented in the amount of \$27,479.99. McFarland moved to pay them with Abbott supporting. Motion carried.

Bills for the wastewater treatment system were presented in the amount of \$5,161.55. McFarland moved to pay them with Arrington supporting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was reviewed. McFarland moved to approve the report with Abbott supporting. Motion carried.

Lt. Rains, commander of the Lakeview MSP post gave a report on the Montcalm County MSP response statistics from 4/1/04 to 9/30/07. He said they have six road troopers working out of the Lakeview post and six out of the newly established Sheridan detachment. The six from the Sheridan post will be serving the southern townships however they will not be in the office to take complaints. Complaints will be taken at the Lakeview post.

Sgt. Bellinger thanked the council for renewing the contract with the Montcalm County Sheriff's department. He answered a concern regarding vehicles speeding thru the village. He said they could set up a speed trailer the sheriff's dept. has.

Pritchard advised that she felt discriminated against because she had gotten an ordinance letter from the village regarding an unlicensed vehicle. She said they could not afford to license and insure the second vehicle at the present time. She also complained about residents not shoveling their sidewalks. She said due to sidewalks not being shoveled out, her young daughters had to walk in the road to the bus stop which she felt was putting them in danger of being struck by a vehicle. Council will look into the matter. Sgt. Bellinger had a private discussion with Pritchard regarding the village ordinance.

Lane advised that he would like to purchase cemetery software. The cost for the software and training would be \$1,195.00 which he would like included in the budget for 2007/08. He also asked about replacing the ton truck and one pickup with a new pickup which would also be put in the 2007/08 budget.

Tissue reported on the meeting she attended in Midland on January 17, 2008. She said it was more about revitalizing old buildings than grants. She said there was a representative from a company that installs mercury/LED lights that would save the village money on street lights. He would like to make a presentation at the next council meeting. Tissue was instructed to contact him. Also Lane was instructed to contact Consumers Energy to give a comparison quote.

Circuit court judge Miel who will be retiring this year introduced Suzanne Kreeger who will be running for the position in the November election. Kreeger gave a list of her qualifications and asked for the councils' support in the election.

Discussed one trash hauler for the village. Lane will contact other towns regarding the bidding process.

Arrington moved to appoint Kirk Train to fill Doug. Jones' position on the council.
Supported by Abbott.
McFarland abstained.
Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the Sheridan elevator purchase. Village attorney, Thrall advised that Mr. Garlick has been evicted and anything there is considered abandoned. Purchase agreement will be returned to Duane Carr so he can make some changes on it.

Discussion regarding a recycling drop off site at Sheridan. McFarland, Arrington and Abbott will attend the next Solid Waste meeting on February 21, 2008 to request a pick up site at Sheridan.

Discussion regarding a letter received from David Hancock's attorney, Ryan Pellerito regarding the water conditions at his rental property at 413 S. Sherman St. The village will reply to the letter stating their attempts to solve the problem.

Council was reminded that there was a fire department meeting on February 13th at 7:00 P.M.

With no further business, Abbott moved to adjourn with McFarland supporting. Motion carried.

Marilyn Hancock, Village Clerk

