

**REGULAR MEETING  
SHERIDAN VILLAGE COUNCIL  
MARCH 11, 2008**

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

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

Absent: None

Guests: Dep. Kevin Germaine, John Johansen, Franz Mogdis, Curtis Sisson, Paul Mahan  
Mary Bowdish, Christina Pritchard.

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

Bills were presented in the amount of \$17,236.74. McFarland moved to pay them with Nassif supporting. Motion carried.

Bills for the wastewater treatment system were presented in the amount of \$2,845.12. McFarland moved to pay them with Abbott supporting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was reviewed. Bush moved to approve the report with Arrington supporting. Motion carried.

Dep. Germaine gave the police report. Pritchard who previously received a citation for an unlicensed vehicle advised that she plans to sell the vehicle. She requested extra time to sell the vehicle so she would not receive another violation. It was suggested that she move the vehicle out of town to a relative or friend's residence. She said she could probably take it to her grandparents. Dep. Germaine advised that he would like to amend the village ordinance pertaining to junk vehicles to a civil infraction penalty.

Johansen said he was glad that the village was going to have a mobile recycling unit in the village on the third Wednesday of each month beginning April 16, 2008 and advised that it was important to keep the volume collected as high as possible in order for the unit to continue to come to the village. He also advised that Montcalm County is trying to get into the West Michigan Regional Alliance and will find out on April 14, 2008 if they are accepted.

Mogdis presented the council with a survey for their approval, which will be mailed to the village residence for their input. The survey will obtain information necessary to apply for grants to make improvements in the village.

Pritchard asked if there was an ordinance requiring residents to keep their sidewalks clear of snow so the school children would have a safe place to walk rather than in the street. She was told the council would be looking in to the matter in the fall. She also said she had taken a water sample to her chemistry class at MCC and the iron content was very high.

Discussion in regards to having one trash hauler in the village. Lingeman had contacted Rambo at Howard City regarding the steps that needs to be taken. First is to have a public hearing which the village has already done. Second is to draft a proposal and present it at a public hearing. Third is to send out bids.

Discussion in regards to appointing a new council person. Last month's vote required a majority of 4 yes votes and there were only 3 so it will have to be re-voted. Nassif moved to appoint Curt Sisson to fill the unexpired term of Doug. Jones with Abbott supporting.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 1

Motion carried.

Council were advised that the closing on the Sheridan elevator property is set for March 13, 2008. Discussion regarding the clean up of the property. Lane suggested contacting Goodwill to see if there is anything there that they can use and get some large roll off dumpster to dispose of the rest. McFarland moved to get the roll off dumpsters with Nassif supporting. Motion carried.

Abbott moved to borrow \$48,900. from Chemical Bank to purchase the Sheridan Elevator property and also authorize Daryl Bush to sign the documents. Supported by McFarland.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Abstained: 1

Motion carried.

McFarland moved to approve the draft of a letter from the village attorney addressed to Attorney Ryan Pellerito regarding the water condition at 413 S. Sherman Street. Supported by Abbott. Motion carried.

McFarland moved to approve a tax exemption for Bill Dixon. Supported by Nassif. Motion carried.

Discussed budget amendments for 2007. Bush moved to approve the amendments according to the recommendation of the village treasurer. Supported by Nassif. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding a list of items to be included in the new budget and the budget for 2008-2009.

Council approved the April Village newsletter.

Lane advised that he would like to sell one pickup and the one ton truck and purchase a new one ton pickup. He said there was a buyer for the one ton truck. McFarland moved to sell the one ton truck for \$18,000. Supported by Abbott. Motion carried.

McFarland moved to purchase a new one ton pickup from Stanton Ford at a cost of \$21,274. contingent on the sale of the one ton truck. Supported by Nassif. Motion carried.

McFarland moved to purchase a steel dump box for the new pickup from Weingartz at a cost \$3,652. and also install a liner in the pickup. Supported by Nassif. Motion carried.

Wednesday, March 26, 2008 was scheduled for a Budget Hearing at 7:00 P.M, an Annual Meeting at 7:15 P.M. and a Trash Haulers meeting at 8:00 P.M.

With no further business, Abbott moved to adjourn at 10:40 P.M. with McFarland supporting. Motion carried.

Marilyn Hancock,  
Village Clerk