

**REGULAR MEETING
SHERIDAN VILLAGE COUNCIL
May 12, 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: Kirk Train

Guests: Mary Bowdish, Christopher, Dennis & Doreen Tissue, John Johansen

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

Members of the council reviewed the police report. Officer Kotenko said that the police are preparing for the Springfest. Officer Kotenko also mentioned that he has been enforcing our noise ordinance with respect to motorcycles with missing baffles.

Lane presented the council lists of his and Ed's comp time for review. Doug and Ed will continue tracking and providing this list. Doug will contact Blue Cross and Blue Shield to switch to the new carrier. Lane advised that 25 trees have been planted around the Village.

Lingeman advised that the community center is doing fine. Nassif mentioned that there is a leak in one section of the community center.

Christopher, a Boy Scout, visited the Village council to complete a requirement for a scouting merit badge.

John Johansen reported that the county recycling program is in danger and that the number of pickup sites may be reduced in the future. Johansen also mentioned that Montcalm County has been identified for a 14-point revue of the township's valuation/assessment process.

Discussion on sharing police protection with Sidney Township. Nassif talked to Sheriff Barnwell who said that he is not opposed to who we partner with, however, he does not want to be in a situation where they require half of an officer. Additionally, it was mentioned that our current contract will expire in December. Russel to contact Terry Peterman to discuss further.

Discussion of candidates to fill the open clerk position. Russel reported that approximately 150 applications have been received to date and that there were some very qualified individuals who applied. Russel to setup interviews with the candidates and meet with McFarland and Sisson to conduct the interviews.

Russel announced that Kirk Train turned in his resignation citing that he did not feel that he has enough time to do a good job. Russel asked Lane to post the open council position on the board in front of the village office.

Russel advised the council that Doreen Tissue has been out sick for the last couple of weeks and that she would like to leave the employ of the village since her hours will be cut in the future. She is also asking for a one-year salary and uncontested unemployment for 72 weeks as well as a prorated retirement contribution for 2009. Doreen and Dennis Tissue expressed to the council that they feel her hours were cut unfairly and that they have talked to a lawyer. Russel mentioned that he has called the village's insurance carrier and that they will defend the village if a lawsuit is brought about. Russel also mentioned that the village's insurance carrier would be willing to pay a \$5K settlement to avoid any litigation. Dennis Tissue said that this would not be enough, but that they would be open to other offers. Perry said that he has never approved unemployment for an employee who quit when he was a business owner. Russel to contact the insurance carrier to discuss further.

Russel asked the council members if they would still like to receive the meeting minutes and bills in the mail prior to the meeting or can copies be reviewed at the meeting. The council agreed that mailing the items is not required.

Russel mentioned that the latest MML publication had an article about establishing a position as seasonal to avoid unemployment claims. Russel to get further information.

Nassif mentioned that he was approached by Mark Sabin, regarding a program to use community corrections people for work. Council said that they would be interested in discussing.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Arrington, seconded by McFarland and carried.

Brian Russel
Village President