

**PROPOSED REGULAR MEETING  
SHERIDAN VILLAGE COUNCIL  
April 11, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Sheridan Village Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Susan Wyckoff McFarland.

**Present:** Trustees McDougall, Scott, Sisson, Train, and Wagner.

**Guest:** Kathy Jo VanderLaan, The Right Place; Bruce Pindzia and Max George, Fleis & VandenBrink; Katie Sisson, Betty Kellenberger, County Commissioner; Joseph Beutler, ASTI Environmental; David Eller, Sheridan Village Market; Tim Minikey, Sheridan Tire; Meghan Nelson, The Daily News.

Trustee Train moved to accept the minutes from the March 28<sup>th</sup> Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting, with Trustee Sisson supporting. 5 ayes, Trustee Scott abstained, motion carried.

Trustee Sisson moved to approve the minutes of the March 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, with Trustee Train supporting. 5 ayes, Trustee Scott abstained, motion carried.

Council reviewed bills for the general fund. Motion to approve by Trustee Wagner, supported by Trustee Scott. All ayes, motion carried.

Council reviewed bills for the April 11<sup>th</sup> wastewater fund. Motion to approve by Trustee Scott, supported by Trustee Train. All ayes, motion carried.

Council reviewed the Treasurer's Report for April 11<sup>th</sup>. Motion to approve by Trustee Scott, supported by Trustee Sisson. All ayes, motion carried.

**Doug Lane, Village Superintendent/Street Administrator** – Well #3 is up and running. Insurance should pay.

**Ed Lingeman, Assistant Village Superintendent** – ditto

**Kathy Sanders, Village Clerk** – We have a tentative Audit scheduled for June 6 & 7.

**Janice Jourdan, Village Treasurer** – Working on water bills and paying bills

**GUESTS:** Betty Kellenberger – County Audit is complete, it was clean and timely. LARA is in the process of changing the laws covering indigent folks who appear in court. They are going to

require representation at every step in the legal process which will mean the county will need to have a public defender available at all times. The Commissioners had a presentation of how these laws will affect Montcalm County. The County is looking for people to step up and adopt a park so the parks can be open this summer. She also mentioned the need for a new shift for Ambulance.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- President Wyckoff McFarland stated we still have a vacant council position, and are in search of a Code Enforcement Officer.
- President Wyckoff McFarland spoke to Sean Lacey with Mobilite Tower, they are still negotiating, Sean offered to come to present a new proposal. Currently they have offered to pay \$500 per year with no monthly fee.
- Property Development Committee – Trustee Train stated they have been busy. They took their drawings to the County, they said they would agree to a “land swap”. They met with Steve Tanner from ReMax to get his opinion of the property value. Max George then presented his plan for lots on the property that would take the current layout and make it very straight forward. He would do some research and have documents that could be used for marketing. Bruce and Max will prepare a proposal and meet with the Committee and Realtor.
- Joseph Beutler stated that the DEQ has concurred that we are in compliance. And that SC Environmental need final invoice. Kathy Jo VanderLaan added that there a few remaining payments to be made. She will be speaking with Greg West soon, and we should be ready to close out the Grant next month. We will need to schedule a Public Hearing with the May meeting.
- Personnel Committee – President Wyckoff McFarland stated the committee had went over the handbook with Doug and Ed. They made a few minor adjustments, covered hours, paid time off etc., the Handbook will be ready after 5 tomorrow.
- Dawn Gunther wants to tie into the Village sewer system on Pearl Lake Drive. Council stated they had no problem with giving their approval for the request as long as it is understood that a licensed contractor has to do the job and she (the resident) is responsible for all costs to do so.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Dave Eller and Tim Minikey presented an updated plan for Tim to build his new shop behind the Village Market. Doug then presented his proposal to expand the sewer up Condensery Road and behind the Village Market, allowing the Store better service and Tim access to the sewer system, and the Carnation site with available sewer for possible buyers. Trustee Scott moved accept the sewer expansion plan, with a cost cap of \$80,000, supported by Trustee Sisson. All ayes, motion carried.
- Dog Town Restaurant would like local approval to have outdoor dining in front of their establishment. Trustee Scott moved to accept the Local Government Approval resolution provided by Melissa Karwoski, support by Trustee McDougall. All ayes, motion carried.

- Trustee Sisson moved to combine bank accounts to get a better interest rate and comply with Audit suggestions from last year, supported by Trustee McDougall. All ayes, motion carried.
- President Wyckoff McFarland advised the council that a new/revised Ordinance for Garbage Hauler is needed and ask they look over our current Ordinance and a sample, updated one in their packets.
- Doug had two quick items. #1 approval for the Road Commission to pile chipped asphalt where they usually do at the Carnation site, approved. #2 The Community Center is in need of about 50 – 100 new chairs.
- A banner permit is needed for Springfest
- Ed's new Truck should be in this week.

Motion by Trustee Scott, support by Trustee Sisson, to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

**Next Regular Meeting** will be held Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:30pm.

Kathy Sanders,  
Village Clerk