

**REGULAR MEETING
SHELDON TOWN BOARD
August 19, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Sheldon Town Board held August 19, 2014 at the Sheldon Historical Society, was called to order by Town Supervisor John Knab at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor John Knab
Councilmen: Vince Kirsch, Brian Becker, Mike Armbrust, Jim Fontaine
Recording Secretary: Town Clerk Carol Zittel
Attorney David DiMatteo

Absent: Highway Superintendent David Ricketson

Also Present: Members of the Sheldon Historical Society, Arcade Herald reporter Brianna Naughton. A signed list of all present is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Minutes

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Mike Armbrust that the minutes from the July 15, 2014 regular meeting be approved.

Ayes: (5) Knab, Kirsch, Becker, Armbrust, Fontaine Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

Communications

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

#39 Intersection of Dutch Hollow & Centerline Rds.

The Town Clerk received a phone call from Joe Heller, Executive Secretary of the Wyoming County Traffic & Safety Board regarding the Town Board's request that the Traffic & Safety Board look into the possibility of making the intersection of Dutch Hollow & Centerline Rd. a four way stop. Mr. Heller said that he looked at the intersection and that making the corner a four way stop would not be feasible. Mr. Heller said that Mike Almeter had cleared brush from the corners and it is Mr. Heller's opinion that this will help. The Town Clerk asked Mr. Heller to send a written response to the Town Board after the Traffic & Safety Board meets in August.

#40 Solicitor License

The Town Clerk advised the Board that one solicitation and peddling permit had been issued in the Town to Sara Provo, a young woman selling Southwestern Educational books. A Town resident contacted the Town Clerk with concerns having people solicit door to door. The Town Clerk expressed her own concerns in issuing these permits and suggested that the Board look into increasing the permit fee to dissuade more businesses/people from requesting the permit. At this time, the Town Board is satisfied with the current fee and permit process.

#41 Assessor Quarterly Report

The Town Clerk distributed copies of Ken Pike's quarterly report.

Grant Workshop

Councilman Armbrust informed the Board of a grant writing workshop being offered in Arcade on September 20th and October 4th. The Board asked the Town Clerk to inquire as to cost and

details. Permission was given to the Town Clerk to attend if she is available.

Tires in Front of Highway Building

The Town Board asked Supervisor Knab why there are tires advertised as “free” in front of the salt building. Supervisor Knab said he will look into why they are there and take care of it.

Generator

Councilman Kirsch expressed his concerns over putting a generator on the landing in the highway garage stating that the key is knowing the load on the mezzanine. Supervisor Knab said that specs should be put together and the Board should look at purchasing a new generator in the beginning of 2015.

Oil & Stoning of Town Roads

Supervisor Knab stated that the Town oiled & stoned over 6 miles this year.

Reports

Financial Reports were presented for the month of July 2014 from the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and the Town Justices. A fund balance report was also distributed to Board members.

Highway Superintendent’s Report

Highway Superintendent Ricketson was absent tonight.

Supervisor Report – Supervisor John Knab reported on the following:

Hiring of County Planning Director

Wyoming County has hired Bill Daly as Director of Planning and Economic Development. Mr. Daly comes from Chautauqua County.

Wyoming County Bills

County bills for July were \$3,189,544.63.

Acceptance of Reports

A motion was made by Brian Becker and seconded by Vince Kirsch to accept all reports as presented.

Ayes: (5) Knab, Kirsch, Becker, Armbrust, Fontaine Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

Old Business

Town Hall Remodel

Councilman Kirsch stated that the meeting with architect Heather Nemecek had to be postponed. He hopes to reschedule this week.

Night at the Movies

August 22nd at the Vincent Almeter Memorial Park showing the movie The Croods.

New Business

Historian Records

Supervisor Knab was contacted by Barb Durfee, Town Historian, about the possibility of storing Town Historian records in a filing cabinet at the Town hall.

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Vince Kirsch to authorize the Town Historian to store Town historical information upstairs at the Town hall in locked filing cabinets.

Ayes: (5) Knab, Kirsch, Becker, Armbrust, Fontaine Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

Weed Control on Windmill Driveways

Mary Kehl, representing Invenergy, asked the Board how Invenergy would proceed to be authorized to spray access roads with weed killer. The Special Use permits issued at the time of the wind project contract stipulate that no pesticides would be used. Attorney DiMatteo advised that public hearings would have to be scheduled for each special use permit issued. Invenergy will look into other options and get back to the Board.

Harris Corners Fire Contract

A motion was made by Brian Becker and seconded by Jim Fontaine to approve the Harris Corners Fire Contract to furnish fire protection services for the Town of Sheldon for the calendar years 2015, 2016 and 2017 with a 2% increase in payments each year.

2015: \$28,249.00 2016: \$28,814.00 2017: \$29,390.00

Ayes: (5) Knab, Kirsch, Becker, Armbrust, Fontaine Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

Harris Corners Ambulance Contract

Treasurer of the Strykersville Fire Dept., Russ Reisdorf, was present at tonight’s meeting. Mr. Reisdorf forwarded a copy of the proposed ambulance contract to the fire department’s attorney. Their attorney advised to hold off signing the contract until he has more time to review it. The Board will postpone a vote on the Harris Corners Ambulance Contract with the Strykersville Fire Dept. until the parties are satisfied with the wording of the contract.

Varysburg Fire Contract

A motion was made by Brian Becker and seconded by Jim Fontaine to approve the Varysburg Fire Contract to furnish fire protection services for the Town of Sheldon for the calendar years 2015, 2016 and 2017 with a 2% increase in payments each year.

Ayes: (5) Knab, Kirsch, Becker, Armbrust, Fontaine Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

Year	Sheldon (FD 466)	Orangeville (FD 401)	Bennington (FD 242)	Fire District * (FD 463)	Total
2015	\$34,982.41	\$49,739.44	\$8,891.34	\$9,844.26	\$103,457.45
2016	\$35,682.06	\$50,734.23	\$9,069.17	\$10,041.15	\$105,526.61
2017	\$36,395.70	\$51,748.91	\$9,250.55	\$10,241.97	\$107,637.13

Justice Training

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Mike Armbrust to authorize Judge Kirsch to attend Justice School in Syracuse on September 21-24, 2014.

Ayes: (5) Knab, Kirsch, Becker, Armbrust, Fontaine Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

Comprehensive Plan Survey

The Town Planning Board submitted a draft copy of a comprehensive plan survey for their review and input. The Town Board was very pleased with the survey and the work put forth by the Planning Board. The Board asked that question 8 be re-worded. The Town Clerk will inform the Planning Board.

NYS Retirement Hours – Ken Pike

A motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Jim Fontaine that the Town of Sheldon hereby establishes the following standard work day for the title of Sheldon Assessor and will report the official to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on their record of activities.

Ayes: (5) Knab, Kirsch, Becker, Armbrust, Fontaine Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

Title	Standard Work Day	Name	Term	Record of Activities
Assessor	7	Kenneth Pike	10/15/13-10/15/19	7.19

Assessor Training

A motion was made by Brian Becker and seconded by Vince Kirsch to authorize the Town Assessor to attend Assessor training in Ellicottville on September 12, 2014.

Ayes: (5) Knab, Kirsch, Becker, Armbrust, Fontaine Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

Williamson Law Accounting Contract

A motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Vince Kirsch to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Williamson Law for the Municipal Accounting Software at an annual cost of \$847.00.

Ayes: (5) Knab, Kirsch, Becker, Armbrust, Fontaine Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

Budget Transfer General to Highway

A motion was made by Brian Becker and seconded by Jim Fontaine to authorize the transfer of \$30,000 from General Money Market A9901.9 to Highway Money Market DA5031. (\$10,000 for July bills and \$20,000 for August bills)

Ayes: (5) Knab, Kirsch, Becker, Armbrust, Fontaine Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

Budget Transfers within Highway Fund

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Mike Armbrust to authorize the following budget transfers:

- \$23,565 from DA2665 Sale of Equipment to DA5130.2 Machinery Equipment
- \$3,395.52 from DA5140.1 Misc. brush & weed P/S to DA5148.1 Services to other Govts P/S
- \$2.55 from DA9055.8 Disability Insurance to DA9050.8 Unemployment Insurance
- \$10,997.11 from DA5148.4 Services for Other Govts Contractual to DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual
- \$83,802.43 from DA5110.4 General Repairs contractual to DA5112.2 Permanent Improvements – Capital Outlay

Ayes: (5) Knab, Kirsch, Becker, Armbrust, Fontaine Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

Bills:

Supervisor Knab confirmed that the Board had a chance to review the bills. A motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Vince Kirsch that the

General Bills #246 to #297 for a Total of \$19,856.68, the
Highway Bills #144 to #153 for a Total of \$14,125.34, the
Trust & Agency Bills #33 to #36 for a Total of \$1,791.04 the
Varysburg Water District Bills #50 to #55 for a Total of \$367.27 the
Capital Project Bills #9 to #10 for a Total of \$1,879.40 and the
Lighting District Bills for a Total of \$709.57 be paid.

Ayes: (5) Knab, Kirsch, Becker, Armbrust, Fontaine Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

Comments from the Floor

Historian Records

Mary Ann Metzger from the Sheldon Historical Society asked if the Historian records that will eventually be stored at the Town hall will be open and available to interested parties. She also hoped that there would be a log that details what information is contained in the filing cabinets.

Historical Society – Availability of Grants

The Town Historical Society is interested in pursuing grants to aid the process of digitizing Historical records.

Hydrofracking

Town resident, Deanne Siemers, asked the Board how they are going to proceed with hydrofracking. Attorney DiMatteo responded that since there is a moratorium in NYS there has not been a need for the Board to make a decision on the issue.

Varysburg Water Project

Supervisor Knab informed the Board that the Varysburg Water project will soon be ready to advertise for bids. The project is still expected to start this year.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Brian Becker and seconded by Vince Kirsch to adjourn the August 19, 2014 meeting of the Sheldon Town Board.

Ayes: (5) Knab, Kirsch, Becker, Armbrust, Fontaine Nays: (0) Motion Carried.