

**REGULAR MEETING  
SHELDON TOWN BOARD  
December 27, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Sheldon Town Board held December 27, 2017 at the Sheldon Town Hall was called to order by Town Supervisor Brian Becker at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Brian Becker  
Councilmen: Mike Armbrust, Jim Fontaine, Vince Kirsch, Joe Meyer  
Recording Secretary: Town Clerk Carol Zittel  
Also Present: Hwy. Supt. David Ricketson

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer that the minutes from the November 15, 2017 regular meeting be approved.

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

**Communications**

Town Clerk, Carol Zittel reported on the following:

**#26 Change in November Abstracts**

Highway Fund Voucher #161 was changed from \$385,000.00 to \$128,333.34 changing the total amount of Highway abstracts from \$448,172.39 to \$191,505.73 and Bans Payable abstracts were amended to add voucher #3 in the amount of \$256,666.67 making the total Bans Payable abstracts \$497,288.42 instead of \$240,621.75.

**#27 Strykersville Seniors Report**

The Strykersville Seniors sent a yearly report with a breakdown of the cost of their activities. No receipts have been received yet. The new president, Peter Pilc, dropped off a flyer for the Town Clerk to post. The Town Clerk will type up the 2018 senior group agreement for both senior groups and will have the appropriate officers sign.

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Joe Meyer to authorize the Town Clerk to run an ad in the East Aurora and Attica Pennysavers for the Strykersville and Tri-Town seniors.

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

**Reports**

Financial Reports were presented for the month of November 2017 from the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and the Town Justices.

**Highway Superintendent's Report**

Highway Supt. Ricketson reported on the following:

**Gradall**

The engine positioning sensors were bad. The gradall is going through a gallon and a half of oil a day when it is running. Councilman Armbrust asked if it can be rebuilt. The Supt. responded that no, it needs to be replaced. Supt. Ricketson stated that each Town in Wyoming County needs their own gradall and that shared services would not work in this instance. Councilman Armbrust asked if it would be worth hiring a company like D&H Excavating to do ditching work. Supt. Ricketson responded that the dept. needs the machine for driveways and culverts too.

**New Pick-Up Truck**

The new truck has been shipped. It should arrive to Basil Chevrolet early January.

**Salt & Sand Ordered**

The dept. has been going through the salt and sand quickly. A new order has been placed and should arrive by January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Equipment**

No major breakdowns to report.

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**Purchase of Used Snowblower**

The Supt. purchased a 10-horse used John Deere snowblower for \$350. It is only a few years old.

**2006 Peterbilt Declared Surplus Equipment**

A motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Joe Meyer to declare the 2006 Peterbilt as surplus equipment and to authorize the Highway Superintendent to list it for sale on Teitsworth Inc. with a minimum ask price of \$60,000.00 and to authorize the Highway Superintendent to use his discretion to make the minimum higher.

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

**Supervisor's Report**

Supervisor Becker reported on the following:

**County Bills**

County bills were \$5,276,721.70.

**County Budget Public Hearing**

The 2018 County budget is \$134,376,565.00. The County tax levy is \$22 million. The County stayed under the tax cap. Sales tax revenue has been up.

**Wyoming County Community Hospital Debt**

The County received the \$20 million in funding for the hospital from NYS.

**Jam in the Valley Post Event Meeting**

Supervisor Becker attended a post-event meeting with Sheriff Rudolph, Don Roberts, Tim Attea and Tony Santoro. He reported that there were many good changes put in place in 2017. There were a few suggestions made for next year such as:

- Larger signage on 20A
- Application should be submitted to County on time
- Security detail should be in place earlier than was arranged in 2017
- More wand and metal detectors
- Fence on Manley Road should be erected earlier

Councilman Armbrust asked if the event costs the County money. Supervisor Becker responded that yes, the County does incur a cost from the event

**Certificates of Deposit**

Supervisor Becker advised the Board that he is getting quotes on CD rates.

**Prepay of 2018 Taxes**

Governor Cuomo recently issued an executive order to allow for early payment of 2018 property taxes. Supervisor Becker informed the Board that the Town of Sheldon has already been an accepted practice in Sheldon.

**Electric Supplier**

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Mike Armbrust to authorize the Town Supervisor to use his discretion to contract with a more cost effective electrical provider.

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

**Hill at Buffalo Hill in Winter Months**

Supervisor Becker is attempting to find a remedy for the road conditions that occur during the winter months on Route 20A by Buffalo Hill Village. Supervisor Becker explained that the State DOT only uses salt which is not adequate. Supervisor Becker will continue to pursue discussions with NYS DOT.

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**Acceptance of Reports**

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Joe Meyer to accept all reports as presented.

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

**Old Business**

**Varysburg Water Pump House Specs**

Supervisor Becker and Councilman Kirsch will work together to write the specifications for the pump house renovation.

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Mike Armbrust to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for bids once Supervisor Becker and Councilman Kirsch have the specifications written.

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

**Alternate Planning Board Member**

Ms. Roberts will try to attend the January planning board meeting.

**Appointment of Board of Assessment Review Member**

A motion was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Mike Armbrust to re-appoint Tom Hyman to the Board of Assessment Review with a five-year term of 9/30/17 to 9/30/22.

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

**Time Warner/Spectrum Contract Renewal**

The Town Clerk emailed the Time Warner/Spectrum representative on December 6<sup>th</sup> but has not received a response. She will follow up with another email.

**New Business**

**Harris Corners Fire Contract**

A motion was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Vince Kirsch to approve a two-year contract with Harris Corners Fire Department. The 2018 contract amount is \$29,977.80 and the 2019 amount is \$30,577.36.

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

**Public Hearing – Local Law – Cold War Veterans Exemption**

**WHEREAS**, all Board Members, having due notice of said meeting, and that pursuant to Article 7, §104 of the Public Officers Law, said meeting was open to the general public and due and proper notice of the time and place whereof was given as required by law; and

**WHEREAS**, Real Property Tax Law § 458-b was amended to remove the ten year limitation for real property tax exemptions for Cold War Veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board would like to remove the ten year limitation for real property tax exemptions for Cold War Veterans by amending Local Law No. 1 of 2009 while maintaining previously established maximum amounts; and

**WHEREAS**, therefore, the Town Board is considering a Local Law entitled “Amendment to Real Property Tax Exemptions for Cold War Veterans”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Sheldon finds it in the best interest of the Town to hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of said local law.

**NOW ON MOTION OF** Jim Fontaine which has been duly seconded by Vince Kirsch, be it

**RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of the Town of Sheldon will hold a public hearing on the proposed adoption of said local law on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018 at 8:00 p.m., at which time all interested parties and citizens for or against the proposed law will be heard.

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

**Tax Collector Software Contract**

A motion was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Vince Kirsch to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the 2018 tax collector software contract with Williamson Law Book Company at an annual rate of \$377.00.

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

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**Town Clerk Software Contract**

A motion was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Vince Kirsch to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the 2018 town clerk software contract with Williamson Law Book Company at an annual rate of \$397.00.

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

**Audit of 2017 Town Books**

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Vince Kirsch to set the date for the annual audit of financial books for Wednesday, January 31, 2018 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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

**Permission for Town Clerk to Advertise 2018 Town Officials in Pennysavers**

A motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Joe Meyer to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise the list of 2018 Town officials in the East Aurora and Attica Pennysavers.

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

**NYS Paid Family Leave Benefit Program**

Supervisor Becker gave a quick overview of the new paid family leave benefit program recently enacted by Governor Cuomo. Municipalities may opt out of the program. Wyoming County has opted out.

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Mike Armbrust that the Town of Sheldon will opt out of the NYS paid family leave benefit program.

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

**Budget Transfers**

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

**GENERAL FUND**

Amend budget to debit revenue account A2705 Gifts & Donations \$10,000.00 (from Invenergy) and to credit expense account A7110.41 Park Improvements

Amend budget to increase A9060.8 Hospital & Medical Insurance line by \$200.00 per January 2017 Organizational Meeting and transfer money from A9010.8 State Retirement

Transfer \$650.00 from A1420.4 Law Contractual to A1165.4 Prosecutor Contractual

Transfer \$251.01 from A1640.4 Central Garage to A1330.4 Tax Collector Contractual

Transfer \$4682.52 from A1640.4 Central Garage to A1355.4 Assessment Contractual

Transfer \$556.21 from A1410.4 Town Clerk Contractual to A1410.2 Town Clerk Equipment

Transfer \$556.21 from A7510.4 Historian Contractual to A1410.2 Historian Equipment

Transfer \$341.08 from A1410.4 Central Garage to A8010.4 Zoning Contractual

**HIGHWAY FUND**

Transfer \$4090.50 from DA5142.1 Snow Removal Personal Services to DA5112.1 Permanent Improvements – Personal Services

Transfer \$2942.00 from DA5148.1 Services for Other Governments Personal Services to DA5130.1 Machinery Contractual

**VARYSBURG WATER DISTRICT**

Transfer \$3000.00 from SW1-8320.4 Source of Supply/Power/Pumping Contractual to SW1-1320.4 Auditor Contractual

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

**Bills:**

Supervisor Becker confirmed that the Board had a chance to review the bills.

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Mike Armbrust that the General Bills #326 to #360 for a Total of \$39,775.71, the Highway Bills #183 to #207 for a Total of \$106,138.72, the

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Trust & Agency Bills #38 to #42 for a Total of \$3,209.00, the Varysburg Water District Bills #57 to #63 for a Total of \$5,157.68 and the Lighting District Bills for a Total of \$919.10 be paid.

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

**Comments from the Floor**

There were no comments as there were no guests in attendance.

**Adjournment**

At 8:45 p.m. a motion was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Vince Kirsch to adjourn the December 27, 2017 meeting of the Sheldon Town Board.

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