

**REGULAR MEETING  
SHELDON TOWN BOARD  
December 16, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Sheldon Town Board held December 16, 2014 at the Sheldon Town Hall, 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  
Highway Superintendent David Ricketson  
Not Present: Attorney DiMatteo

Also Present: A signed list of those present is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Brian Becker that the minutes from the November 22, 2014 regular meeting be approved.

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

**Communications**

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

**#56 Prallers Trailer Park Permit**

The C&G Praller trailer park permit application was received and approved by the Town Clerk.

**#57 Varysburg Hotel – Liquor License**

Keith Fioretti sent a certified letter dated December 4, 2014 stating that he would be applying for a NYS Liquor license for the Varysburg Hotel Inc., 2486 Route 20A, Varysburg, NY 14167.

Mr. Fioretti delivered to the town hall a standardized notice form on December 16, 2014.

A motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Vince Kirsch to accept the Liquor License paperwork from Keith Fioretti.

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

**#58 Cable Franchise Transfer**

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Brian Becker to authorize Supervisor Knab to meet with Attorney David DiMatteo to ask his opinion on whether the Town should pursue the free legal assessment by the Cohen Law Group regarding the Town's current franchise agreement with Time Warner.

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

**#59 DiMatteo Prosecutor Fee Increase**

The DiMatteo Law Office fee for Town prosecutor night will increase to \$325 in 2015.

**#60 Red Cross Citizen Preparedness Corps Training**

The Red Cross will hold a citizen preparedness corps training session at the Town hall on January 21, 2015 from 1-2:15p.m.

### **#61 Wind Project Revenue**

The Town Clerk distributed a report compiled by the Town Bookkeeper listing windmill revenue and town budgets for 2013-2015.

### **#62 Wyoming County Arts Grant**

The Town of Sheldon was awarded a \$1,500 grant from the Arts Council of Wyoming County. The grant will be used to host a musical performance at the Sheldon Historical Society Schoolhouse on June 7, 2015 during the annual yard sales in Strykersville.

### **Reports**

Financial Reports were presented for the month of November 2014 from the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and the Town Justices.

### **Highway Superintendent's Report**

Sheldon Highway Superintendent David Ricketson reported on the following:

#### **Plowing & Sanding**

The Dept. is on par with previous years in regards to the sand pile.

#### **November 2014 Snow Storm Figures**

Wyoming County Emergency Management asked the Town Highway Supt. to submit a financial breakdown on money spent on the November storm cleanup. Supt. Ricketson approximated \$32,000.00 was spent during the November storm and forwarded this number to Anthony Santoro, Director of Wyoming County Emergency Management.

#### **New Western Star Truck**

The plow & hitch are being installed on the new Western Star truck. The truck should be back after the holidays.

**Supervisor Report** – Supervisor John Knab reported on the following:

#### **Varysburg Water Project**

All the permits have been issued. The pre-bid conference is scheduled for January 12, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Varysburg Fire Hall. The bid opening meeting has been scheduled for January 19, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Sheldon Town Hall.

#### **County Committees**

Joseph Meyer has been appointed to the County Fish & Wildlife Board. Mike Armbrust has been appointed to the County Planning Board.

#### **Election Costs**

The share from each Wyoming County town was \$1,475 for the 2014 elections.

#### **Submittal of Vouchers**

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Mike Armbrust to authorize the Town Bookkeeper to issue a memo stating that all vouchers and bills must be submitted by the Friday

before a regular monthly board meeting for reimbursement.

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

### **Wyoming County 4-H**

Wyoming County has the largest membership in the NYS 4-H organization.

### **Wyoming County Bills**

County bills for November 2014 were \$4,046,110.19.

### **Selling of Highway Plow Truck**

Councilman Armbrust asked the Highway Supt. if it would be worth selling the plow truck in the winter instead of waiting until spring. Supt. Ricketson responded that he would hate to sell it right away because the new truck may have kinks that need to be worked out. Supt. Ricketson stated that he has been in contact with a few towns that may be interested in the truck when it is declared surplus.

### **Acceptance of Reports**

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

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

### **Old Business**

#### **Town Hall Remodel**

No word yet on the Court grant.

#### **Town Hall Generator**

Before the meeting the Town Board had received specifications for a new generator. The consultant, Bill Kibler, had suggested that the generator be sited in the same location as the current generator. Councilman Becker and Councilman Kirsch stated that they do not like the idea of siting the generator out front. Hwy. Supt. Ricketson wanted the Board to understand the conditions inside the building which could have an effect on the life of the generator, stating that the taste of salt is in the air in the truck bays. Councilman Kirsch was in contact with a Generac representative and will ask him if he is available to present his recommendations to the Town Board on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

### **New Business**

#### **Special Meeting - Generator**

A motion was made by Brian Becker and seconded by Vince Kirsch to schedule a special meeting to meet with a Generac representative at 5:30 p.m. on January 15, 2015 at the Sheldon Town Hall.

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

#### **Audit of Town Books**

A motion was made by Brian Becker and seconded by Vince Kirsch to schedule a special

meeting to audit the Town books at 7:00 p.m. on January 15, 2015 at the Sheldon Town Hall.  
Ayes: (5) Knab, Kirsch, Becker, Armbrust, Fontaine      Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

**Reappoint Beth Reisdorf to Planning Board**

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Mike Armbrust to reappoint Beth Reisdorf to the Town Planning Board with a five year term of 1/1/2015-12/31/2019.

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

**Varysburg Water Budget 2015**

Supervisor Knab informed the Board of a mistake in the final budget. The Varysburg Water District did not need to have an increase in money to be raised by taxes in 2015. The budget passed by the Board on November 22, 2014 had budgeted \$58,380.00 to be raised by taxes. Supervisor Knab had to change the budget back down to \$28,000.00 which is the same amount as 2014. This correction had to be made immediately so that the tax bills had the correct amount.

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Vince Kirsch to authorize the change in budget numbers to the 2015 Varysburg Water budget from \$58,380.00 to \$28,000.00.

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

**2015 Mileage Reimbursement**

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Brian Becker to set the 2015 mileage rate at .575.

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

**Varysburg Water District Mailing**

A motion was made by Brian Becker and seconded by Jim Fontaine to approve the letter written to the Varysburg Water District residents and to authorize mailing to customers.

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

**Fund Transfer**

A motion was made by Brian Becker and seconded by Mike Armbrust to authorize the transfer of \$95,000.00 from General Money Market A9901.9 to Highway Money Market DA5031 for December bills and payrolls.

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

**Budget Transfers**

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

**GENERAL**

\$715.54 from A9060.8 Hospital & Medical Ins. to A1355.4 Assessment Contractual

\$241.68 from A9060.8 Hospital & Medical Ins. to A1620.4 Buildings Contractual

\$1172.77 from A9060.8 Hospital & Medical Ins. to A5010.4 Highway Admin. Contractual

\$260.89 from A9060.8 Hospital & Medical Ins. to A5182.4 Street Lighting Contractual

\$234.48 from A9060.8 Hospital & Medical Ins. to A8020.4 Planning Contractual

**HIGHWAY**

\$1805.07 from DA2300 Transportation Services to DA5110.4 General Repairs Contractual

\$46.99 from DA2401 Interest and Earnings to DA5110.4 General Repairs Contractual  
\$3196.48 from DA5140.1 Misc. Brush and Weeds P/S to DA5148.1 Services to Other Gov. P/S  
\$1962.23 from DA5130.1 Machinery P/S to DA5148.1 Services to Other Gov. P/S  
\$2092.34 from DA5110.1 General Repairs P/S to DA5192.34 Snow Removal P/S  
\$82.15 from DA9055.8 Disability Insurance to DA9060.8 Hospital and Medical Insurance  
\$154.54 from DA5140.4 Misc. Brush and Weed Contractual to DA 9060.8 Hospital and Medical Insurance  
\$16017.80 from DA599 Fund Balance Unreserved to DA5110.4 General Repairs Contractual  
\$1586.00 from DA599 Fund Balance Unreserved to DA5130.2 Machinery Equipment  
\$6933.88 from DA599 Fund Balance Unreserved to DA5142.4 Snow Removal Contractual  
\$8299.60 from DA599 Fund Balance Unreserved to DA5148.4 Services to Other Gov. Contractual  
\$1028.22 from DA599 Fund Balance Unreserved to DA9060.8 Hospital and Medical Insurance

**VARYSBURG WATER DISTRICT**

\$7567.81 from SW1-9950.9 Transfer to Capital Projects Contractual to SW1-1940.4 Purchase of Land/Right of Way Contractual  
\$2799.09 from SW1-8320.4 Source of Supply/Power/Pumping Contractual to SW1-8310.4 Water Admin. Contractual

**LIGHTING**

\$1200.00 from General Fund A391 Due from Other Funds to Lighting District SL(1-4)630 Due to Other Funds (to be repaid in February 2015 after receiving tax money) for December 2014 and January 2015 NYSEG bills

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 Vince Kirsch and seconded by Brian Becker that the

General Bills #402 to #439 for a Total of \$13,568.90, the  
Highway Bills #191 to #198 for a Total of \$8,438.67, the  
Trust & Agency Bills #51 to #54 for a Total of \$2,061.31 the  
Varysburg Water District Bills #75 to #80 for a Total of \$1,175.36 the  
Capital Project Bills #16 to #16 for a Total of \$147.00 the  
Bans Payable Bills #1 to #2 for a Total of \$143,589.00 and the  
Lighting District Bills for a Total of \$883.55 be paid.

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

**Comments from the Floor**

At 7:55 p.m. Supervisor Knab opened the floor to comments.

**Streambank Revitalization Project – Parton Property**

Supervisor Knab stated that the streambank revitalization project should go out to bid after the first of the year.

**Thank You to Councilman Jim Fontaine**

Supervisor Knab expressed his gratitude to Councilman Fontaine for taking the appointment to fill Lynne Metz's position.

**Zoning Complaint – Ernst**

Zoning Officer, Ken Martin, informed the Board that he looked into the complaint filed by Mr. Ernst regarding a certain individual living at Popular Point year round. Mr. Martin said that the individual that was suspected of living there year round has moved.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Vince Kirsch to adjourn the December 16, 2014 meeting of the Sheldon Town Board.

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