

**REGULAR MEETING  
SHELDON TOWN BOARD  
July 17, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Sheldon Town Board held July 17, 2019 at the Sheldon Town Hall 1380 Centerline Rd., Strykersville, NY 14145 was called to order by Town Supervisor Brian Becker at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Brian Becker  
Councilmen: Jim Fontaine, Vince Kirsch, Joe Meyer  
Absent: Councilman Mike Armbrust and  
Recording Secretary: Town Clerk Carol Zittel  
Also present: Highway Superintendent David Ricketson  
A signed list of all present is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer that the minutes from the June 19, 2019 regular meeting be approved.

Ayes: (4) Becker, Kirsch, Fontaine, Meyer Absent: Armbrust Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

**Communications**

The Town Clerk, Carol Zittel, reported on the following:

**Equalization Rate**

The Town received notification by the NYS Dept. of Taxation & Finance Office of Real Property Services that the Town is at a 100% equalization rate.

**Sunset Drive Zoning Violation**

The Town has been notified of a zoning violation for high grass/lawn on Sunset Drive. The Zoning Officer will send a notice of violation.

**Additions to Tonight's Bills – Highway**

The Town Clerk notified the Board of two additional bills that were added after the abstracts had been emailed to them earlier today.

**Reports**

Financial Reports were presented for the month of June 2019 from the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and the Town Justices. The cash flow and payroll reports were also presented.

**Highway Superintendent's Report**

Highway Superintendent David Ricketson reported the following:

**6/19-7/17/19 Work**

6/28-7/7 – Department shut down – Conducted 3 road checks after summer storms wind/rain all was ok

7/8 & 7/9 – Put shoulders on Welch Rd. in Java and Minkel in Sheldon. Java, Eagle, Arcade & Sheldon worked together. (shared service endeavor). Fixed wash outs.

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7/10 & 7/11 – Helped Arcade seal. Mowed road sides. We got our parts back from Baschmanns and started putting our grader back together.

7/15 – Fixed wash outs again from another storm. Finished grader. Mowed road sides.

7/16 – Start repairs to gearbox & shaft on sander of truck 237 (2015 Western Star) Shaft broke while using it to fill wash outs. Mowed road sides.

**Bloecher Road**

The Highway budget only has \$178,000 left in the 2019 budget so it is not certain whether Bloecher Rd. will receive a coat of double binder. If funds are available in November then they will proceed with doing so. If not, it will wait until 2020. Supt. Ricketson is confident that the road can make it through winter without it.

**Extreme Weather Funding**

The Town received \$19,935.77 in extreme weather funding from NYS after Gov. Cuomo put it back in the State budget. The NYS Association of Town Highway Superintendents worked hard to get this funding restored.

**Millings Owed to the County**

The Town owes the County reimbursement for approx. 2800-3200 ton of millings.

**Highway Superintendent Laptop Purchase**

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Jim Fontaine to authorize the Town Highway Superintendent to purchase a new laptop at a maximum cost of \$1,100.00 and to require three quotes and receipts be submitted to the Town bookkeeper.

Ayes: (4) Becker, Kirsch, Fontaine, Meyer Absent: Armbrust Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

**Supervisor's Report**

Supervisor Becker gave a recap of the court financial reports.

**Acceptance of Reports**

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

Ayes: (4) Becker, Kirsch, Fontaine, Meyer Absent: Armbrust Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

**Old Business:**

**Salt Storage Building**

Supervisor Becker called Hybrid Solutions and confirmed that they are on schedule. Engineer stamped plans were emailed to the Town. Councilman Kirsch asked that the email with the stamped plans be forwarded to him.

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**Varysburg Water – School Street**

JP Schepp from MRB Group sent a quote for the line replacement of School Street. He also included information about a grant that may pay for 60% of the project. Supervisor Becker noted that even with a 60% grant the Water District would not have enough money to pay for the estimated cost.

**Water Advisor Board Meeting – August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Supervisor Becker announced that the Water Advisory Board will be meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. He would like to get their input.

**Hiring of Attorney Dan Spitzer**

Supervisor Becker has not reached out to Attorney Spitzer yet.

**ConnectGen Representatives**

Henry Woltag introduced his colleague Jimmy Moreland. Mr. Woltag noted that the ConnectGen would like to file their Public Involvement Plan (PIP) mid-September. They generally like to wait to file it once the solar law is in sight. Mr. Woltag stated that his company will have a booth at the Wyoming County Fair and will also be holding another landowner informational meeting in mid-August.

Mr. Woltag responded to questions from Councilman Fontaine:

- The PIP is the first step in the Article 10 process. Ideally we would like to see the Town's solar law before then.
- Host Community Agreement – we would hope to start communication on the host community agreement before we file the PIP. We would like to have the agreement be equitable for both Towns involved.

**Abandon Reisdorf Road**

Highway Superintendent has not heard from Attorney DiMatteo regarding the next steps on abandoning Reisdorf Rd.

**New Business:**

**Update Zoning Map**

Supervisor Becker reported that the map is printed and it incorporates updates that the Planning Board requested. He will be meeting with Alyssa and Dave DiMatteo on July 24<sup>th</sup> to review the map.

**Budget Transfers**

A motion was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Jim Fontaine to approve the transfer of \$3,197.56 from DA5110.4 General Repairs Contractual to DA5142.4 Snow Removal Contractual.

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A motion was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Jim Fontaine to approve the transfer of \$175,000.00 from A1083 General Fund Money Market to DA1083 Highway Fund Money Market.

Ayes: (4) Becker, Kirsch, Fontaine, Meyer Absent: Armbrust Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

**Bills:**

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

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Joe Meyer that the General Bills #174 to #198 for a Total of \$18,255.26, the Highway Bills #102 to #117 for a Total of \$20,099.97, the Trust & Agency Bills #20 to #22 for a Total of \$525.28, the Varysburg Water District Bills #45 to #50 for a Total of \$2,918.90 and the Lighting District Bills for a Total of \$792.03 be paid.

Ayes: (4) Becker, Kirsch, Fontaine, Meyer Absent: Armbrust Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

**Comments from the Floor**

At 8:15 p.m. Supervisor Becker opened the floor to comments.

Resident, Deanne Siemer, addressed the Board stating the following:

- You invite serious legal problems if you pursue updating the zoning map separate from the zoning law passage
- There are ethical problems with going with just one piece. People will have to recuse themselves if you try to just update the map.
- It is my suggestion that you reconsider separating the zoning map from the zoning law passage

There were no other comments from the floor.

**Enter into Executive Session**

At 8:15 p.m. a motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Joe Meyer to enter into Executive Session to discuss legal strategy on a property/real estate transaction. The Town Clerk was invited into the Executive Session.

Ayes: (4) Becker, Kirsch, Fontaine, Meyer Absent: Armbrust Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

**Exit Executive Session**

At 9:00 p.m. a motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer to exit Executive Session.

Ayes: (4) Becker, Kirsch, Fontaine, Meyer Absent: Armbrust Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

**Adjournment**

At 9:01 p.m. a motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer to adjourn the July 17, 2019 meeting of the Sheldon Town Board.

Ayes: (4) Becker, Kirsch, Fontaine, Meyer Absent: Armbrust Nays: (0) Motion Carried.