

**REGULAR MEETING
SHELDON TOWN BOARD
June 20, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Sheldon Town Board held June 20, 2018 at the Vincent Almeter Memorial Park in Varysburg was called to order by Town Supervisor Brian Becker at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Brian Becker
Councilmen: Jim Fontaine, Joe Meyer, Vince Kirsch, Mike Armbrust
Recording Secretary: Town Clerk Carol Zittel
Also present: David Ricketson, Highway Superintendent
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 Jim Fontaine that the minutes from the May 16, 2018 regular meeting and June 6, 2018 special meeting be approved.
Ayes: (5) Becker, Kirsch, Fontaine, Meyer, Armbrust Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

Communications

Carol Zittel, Town Clerk, reported on the following:

#19 Movie Night

Invenergy has offered a generous donation of \$1,000.00 for the Town to host a movie night at the Town park. The Town Clerk will have more details to come.

Reports

Financial Reports were presented for the month of May 2018 from the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and the Town Justices. The Town Supervisor also distributed a cash flow report and payroll reports.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Highway Superintendent Ricketson reported on the following:

Summer Work – Shared Services

The Dept. has been busy with summer shared services with other towns. The dept. will be working with the Town of Eagle tomorrow.

Concrete for Varysburg Pump House

The Dept. provided the materials and labor to install a concrete slab at the water pump house.

Dead Ending of Creek Rd.

Creek Road will be dead ended in the upcoming week. This will affect three houses in Sheldon. The road is washing away and is not savable. Supt. Ricketson explained that he sought help from the State but because the road is so small and there is an outlet to Route 20A there is no urgent need. Supt. Ricketson explained that underwater springs have changed course causing the road to give away.

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Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Becker reported on the following:

Work at Varysburg Water Pump House

The highway dept. worked on the pump house and installed a concrete slab, tore out a tree stump and removed a pile of mud and stones. Supervisor Becker hopes to have a new roof, new siding and underground electrical service to the building by September 30th.

Repair of Pump #1 Varysburg Water

Pump #1 was not producing water any longer. Atwell looked it over and advised that the pump is 19 years old and not worth repairing. Supervisor Becker made an emergency decision to purchase a \$7,000.00 pump.

Speed Limit Varysburg

Supervisor Becker noted that many speeding tickets are written in the hamlet of Varysburg stating that 70% of people going through Varysburg are above the 35 mph speed limit. He commented that Route 20A has become a thoroughfare for traffic and that a speed of 81 mph has been recorded.

Thank You to Park Volunteers

Supervisor Becker thanked the Lions Club, the highway department, Darlene Janes, Dave Thornton, Invenergy, Beechler Construction and Dennis Eley for all they have done to make the park look so good. The Lions Club landscaped around the flagpole, the highway dept. hauled in sod and mulch, Invenergy donated \$10,000.00 towards the bathroom renovation, residents Darlene Janes and Dave Thornton dedicate time to keeping the park clean, Steve Beechler Construction won the bid for the bathroom renovation and Dennis Eley does a great job of mowing the lawn.

Acceptance of Reports

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

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

Old Business

Varysburg Water – Bids for Pump House Renovation

The bid specifications are ready for distribution. They will be opened at the July meeting

Varysburg Water – New Meters Installation

The Town is waiting for Harding Electric to start installing the new meters. Supervisor Becker noted that purchasing the meters from the Village of Warsaw saved the Town over \$4,000.00.

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New Fund Balance Policy

A proposed new fund balance policy was distributed to the Board. The Town Bookkeeper will review the proposed policy with the Town Supervisor and have a recommendation at the July meeting.

Kiwanis – Garden Property in Strykersville

The next step at the Main Street Garden is to install sidewalks. Beaver Meadow obtained a grant of \$1,000.00 to purchase plants.

Invenergy – Presentation of \$10,000.00 Check

Mary Kehl representing Invenergy, presented an oversized check of \$10,000.00 to the Town Board. The \$10,000.00 was used toward the renovation of the park bathrooms.

Varysburg Water Tank Inspection

The bid to inspect the water tank has been awarded to Atlantic Testing Services and the contract has been signed. We are waiting for the contractor to schedule a date.

Zoning Complaint – Mills

Attorney DiMatteo is proceeding with the zoning violation against Mr. Mills.

New Business

Swim Contract with Byrncliff

Youth Recreation Director, Whitney Kehl reported that five out-of-town children signed up for swim lessons this year at a cost of \$42 per child.

A motion was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Mike Armbrust to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the contract with Byrncliff for the 2018 swim season.

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

Special Use Permit – Helaman Heinrich/Dennis Bartz

The Town Planning Board reviewed the application and recommended approval of the special use permit application received from Helaman Heinrich and Dennis Bartz to sell bagged/bulk coal and pellets at 3474 Bartz Rd., Strykersville.

A motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Jim Fontaine to approve the special use permit application from Helaman Heinrich and Dennis Bartz to sell bagged/bulk coal and pellets at 3374 Bartz Rd. in Strykersville.

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

Standard Work Day & Reporting Resolution – NYS Retirement

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Vince Kirsch to approve the standard work day reporting resolution and record of activities for NYS Retirement for Barb Durfee, David Ricketson and Mike Armbrust.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Town of Sheldon** hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of this Body

Title	Name		Standard Work Day (Hrs/day)	Term Begins/ends	Record of Activities Result
Elected Officials					
Highway Supt.	David Ricketson		6	1/1/16-12/31/19	20
Board Member	Michael Armbrust		6	01/01/16-12/31/19	2.67
Appointed Officials					
Historian	Barb Durfee		6	1/1/18-12/31/18	12

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

Standard Work Day & Reporting Resolution – NYS Retirement – Recreation Supervisor

A motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Joe Meyer to approve the standard work day reporting resolution for the NYS Retirement System for the position of recreation supervisor. BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Town of Sheldon** hereby establishes the following as standard work days for its employees and will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these members to the Clerk of this body:

Title: Recreation Supervisor

Standard Work Day (Hrs/day): 6

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

Approval of Public Hearing – Drug Rehabilitation Facility – Sheldon Elementary

Supervisor Becker gave an overview of the proposed drug rehabilitation facility at the site of the former Sheldon elementary school. He reported the following:

- The investors came to the town planning board with their intention of buying the building
- There are three doctors, a pharmacist and two men involved in construction as investors
- There are not many of these types of facilities in the US, especially in NYS
- It will also be used as a school
- It will have dormitory housing with 10-15 residents
- 24 hour security
- There is a preliminary agreement with the NYS Police & the Wyoming County Sheriff's office to have a satellite office
- There will be a doctor's office and a psychiatrist
- There will be employment opportunities

Supervisor Becker stated that he wants the public aware and that the Board wants input. He added that he does not want people to think this was pushed through without public input.

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Planning Board – Public Hearing – Proposed Drug Rehabilitation Center

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Jim Fontaine to approve the planning board's decision to hold a public hearing on July 11, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Sheldon Town Hall to hear the matter for a proposed drug rehabilitation center at the Sheldon elementary school site. Ayes: (5) Becker, Kirsch, Fontaine, Meyer, Armbrust Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Chicken Coops

The Town Zoning Officer received a complaint regarding loose chickens at a property in Strykersville.

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Mike Armbrust to approve the ZBA's decision to hold a work session on July 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sheldon Town Hall to review Town zoning laws in regards to chicken coops.

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

Strykersville Cemetery Maintenance

Councilman Fontaine weed-eated the cemetery and the Highway Dept. mowed the perimeter. Councilman Fontaine suggested that they do this twice a year.

Frinks Corner Cemetery

Since the Boy Scouts were in attendance tonight, it was suggested that perhaps they could assist with keeping the Frinks Corners cemetery mowed.

Meeting with NYS Cemeteries Representative

Supervisor Becker will try to set up a meeting with the head of NYS Cemeteries.

Bills

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

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer that the General Bills #149 to #187 for a Total of \$41,409.15, the Highway Bills #87 to #104 for a Total of \$13,050.59, the Trust & Agency Bills #17 to #20 for a Total of \$670.12, the Varysburg Water District Bills #25 to #33 for a Total of \$1,625.08 and the Lighting District Bills for a Total of \$837.70 be paid.

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

Comments from the Floor

Water Meters

Resident Ron Wert asked Supervisor Becker about the warranty on the water meters. Supervisor Becker responded that the meters have 19 years left on their warranty.

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Construction Materials – Park Bathroom Renovation

Resident Dave Thornton advised the Board that the contractor (Beechler Inc) left some materials in the storage room at the park. Councilman Kirsch will contact Steve Beechler.

T-Ball at Park

Resident Darlene Janes asked if the Board would approve t-ball at the park. The Board had no objections.

Funding of Proposed Rehab Facility

Resident MaryAnn Bartz asked who is funding the proposed rehab facility. The Town Clerk responded that the application was submitted by Mark Herman and Joseph Parker.

Councilman Armbrust commented that he thinks it is a fantastic idea for a rehab center at the former Sheldon elementary site.

At 7:55 p.m. the Town Clerk excused herself from the meeting and the Deputy Town Clerk took over the minute taking.

Adjournment

At 8:04 p.m. a motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer to adjourn the June 20, 2018 meeting of the Sheldon Town Board.

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