

**REGULAR MEETING
SHELDON TOWN BOARD
March 15, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Sheldon Town Board held March 15, 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: Vince Kirsch, Joe Meyer, Mike Armbrust, Jim Fontaine
Recording Secretary: Town Clerk Carol Zittel
Also Present: Highway Supt. David Ricketson
A signed list of those present is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Minutes

A motion was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Jim Fontaine that the minutes from the February 15, 2017 regular meeting be approved.
Ayes: (5) Becker, Kirsch, Fontaine, Meyer, Armbrust Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

Communications

Town Clerk Carol Zittel reported on the following:

#11 Letter from French Road Resident

A letter was distributed to the Board from a French Road resident unhappy with the Town regarding wind turbines, taxes, dog licensing.

#12 Spay/Neuter Fees Submittal to State

The Wyoming County Board of Supervisors have advised the Town Clerks of Wyoming County to begin sending their spay/neuter fees to the NYS Dept. of Ag & Markets. The money that has been kept in trust (since 2011) at the County Treasurer's Office in the hope of setting up a local spay/neuter program will also be sent to the State.

Reports

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

Highway Superintendent's Report

Superintendent of Highways, David Ricketson, reported on the following:

Auction of Tables, Filing Cabinet, Rex Roller

Hwy. Supt. Ricketson listed the tables, filing cabinet and the rex roller with Roy Teitsworth Inc. The tables received a bid of \$70, the filing cabinet \$19, and the rex roller \$5,000.
A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Jim Fontaine to accept the bids received through Roy Teitsworth Inc. for the sale of tables for \$70.00, a filing cabinet for \$19.00 and the rex roller for \$5,000.00.

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Purchase of New Plow Truck

A new Western Star plow truck would cost \$240,621.00. It is basically a clone of the last Western Star we ordered but has a stainless steel body, plow and wing. The last Western Star we purchased cost \$223,229.00. Supt. Ricketson explained that we would not need to bid this truck because Fleet Maintenance is recognized as a National Women's Business Enterprise.

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Mike Armbrust to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase a new 2018 Western Star plow truck from Fleet Maintenance Inc., West Seneca, NY in the amount of \$140,823.00 and the associated plow equipment from Valley Fab Inc., Boston, NY in the amount of \$99,798.75.

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

Hi-Lift

Supt. Ricketson advised that the board needs to make a decision on the hi-lift by June. The Board asked the Hwy. Supt. to get pricing on all upgrades he would want for the Hyundai Hi-Lift for the April meeting.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Brian Becker reported the following.

County Bills

County bills were \$2,817,339.57.

Charter Communications Checks (formerly Time Warner)

The Town received two checks from Charter Communications (formerly Time Warner). \$5,735.93 and \$15,078.09 were received.

Varysburg Water

Supervisor Becker will look into a getting a back up battery for the water tank. During the power outage, the water apparently kept pumping. Don Simons recommends a 12 volt battery and a solar panel.

4-H Camp Wyomoco Scholarship

Each Wyoming County Town Supervisor is able to award a week scholarship to Camp Wyomoco. Supervisor Becker awarded the scholarship to Sheldon resident, Evan Miller.

Acceptance of Reports

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

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

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Old Business

Election Hall Locations

Supervisor Becker will set up a meeting with Sheldon Board of Election inspectors to discuss the possible location for voting in the Town.

Varysburg Water – Senator Gallivan Funding

There is nothing new to report on the \$50,000.00 in expected funding. Paperwork has been submitted to DASNY.

Streicher Land Donation

Title is at Attorney DiMatteo's office. They are still waiting on abstract.

Court Grant 2017

Court grant funds of \$14,490.00 were received on February 10, 2017. The Town has 180 days from February 10th to spend the funds. Councilman Kirsch will get the specifications to the Town Clerk to distribute.

Adoption of Changes to Comprehensive Plan – Affordable Housing

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Mike Armbrust to adopt the proposed change in wording to Goal #5, Section 4 of the Comprehensive Plan.

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

The old wording: Review very carefully any proposed housing that involves mobile homes or trailer parks, campgrounds, apartment complexes, or low-income housing as these forms of housing can have serious effects on the town's economic and social advantages currently enjoyed by residents.

The new adopted wording as of 3/15/17: Review very carefully any proposed housing that involves additional mobile homes or trailer parks, campgrounds, apartment complexes, or low-income housing as these forms of housing can involve zoning code enforcement expenses that could adversely affect the town's limited financial resources. The Planning Board finds, based on careful analysis of available data, that the town has a sufficient stock of affordable housing to meet current and anticipated needs in the town.

NYSERDA Grant – Clean Energy

Supervisor Becker will meet with Planning Board member Debbie Kirsch regarding the NYSERDA requirements if the Town decides to pursue a grant.

Alternate Planning Board Member

The Town is still looking for an alternate planning board member.

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Authorization to Sign Contract with National Fuel

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Joe Meyer to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the meter and regulator lot lease agreement with National Fuel to place a meter at the Varysburg Pump House site.

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

Landscaping Quotes

Three quotes were received for landscaping services.

Snip's Landscaping

Maple Tree Environmental

C&R Landscaping

The quotes are filed in the Town Clerk's office.

A motion was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Vince Kirsch to accept the lowest bid and award landscaping services of the Town Hall and Town Park to Maple Tree Environmental at the cost of \$1,800.00 for the park and \$1,150.00 for the Town Hall.

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

Abandonment of Feuz Road

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, the Town Board of the Town of Sheldon is considering the abandonment of Feuz Road in the Town of Sheldon; and

WHEREAS, David Ricketson, as Town Highway Superintendent for the Town of Sheldon, has dually certified in writing that Feuz Road, a Town highway extending from Section 0135 of County Road 35, end of section Route 20 A length .20 miles, width 16 feet, lanes 2, shoulder width 0, pavement type unimproved; and

WHEREAS, said road has not for the last 6 years or longer been usually travelled along the greater part thereof, by more than 1 vehicle daily, in addition to pedestrians and persons on horseback, and that an unqualified abandonment is proper and will not cause injustice or hardship to the owner or occupant of any lands adjoining such highway; and

WHEREAS; we as the Town Board Members of the Town of Sheldon do hereby consent to the making and filing of a certificate and request the Superintendent of Highways hereby abandon Feuz Road.

NOW ON MOTION OF Joe Meyer, which has been duly seconded by **Mike Armbrust**, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Feuz Road hereby be abandoned, in accordance with an unqualified abandonment; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is directed to enter the certificate of abandonment in the minutes of this meeting.

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

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Hiring of CPA – USDA Requirement

Supervisor Becker is in contact with a firm that may be able to fulfill our audit requirement.

Recreation Director/Leader

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Mike Armbrust to request applications/resumes for the position of youth recreation director/leader via the Town website and facebook page.

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

New Business

Funds for Historical Society Doors

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer to authorize the issuance of a check to the Sheldon Historical Society for \$1,200.00 to be used towards the purchase of new doors.

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

Attica School District Vote at Town Hall – May 16, 2017

A motion was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Vince Kirsch to permit the Attica School District to hold their school budget vote at the Sheldon Town Hall on May 16, 2017 from 1pm-9pm.

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

Varysburg Fire District

The Town Clerk distributed an email from Varysburg Fire District commissioner Len Knaggs notifying the Board of a proposed consolidation of the Varysburg Fire Protection District and the Varysburg Fire District. Supervisor Becker will be in contact with the Varysburg Fire commissioners to obtain more information.

Town Clerk Conference

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Vince Kirsch to authorize the Town Clerk to attend the NYS Town Clerk Conference in Rochester April 23-26, 2017

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

Southern Tier West Training

A motion was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Mike Armbrust to authorize Town officials to attend Southern Tier West training at Houghton College on May 10, 2017.

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

Town Hall Rugs

There was discussion regarding the cost to clean the rugs at the hall each month. Currently, the Town uses Cintas at a cost of \$169.64 each month. The Town Clerk and Town Supervisor will look into other options.

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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 #53 to #74 for a Total of \$10,824.21, the Highway Bills #36 to #50 for a Total of \$23,487.53, the Trust & Agency Bills #7 to #9 for a Total of \$503.00, the Varysburg Water District Bills #8 to #10 for a Total of \$669.33 the Lighting District Bills for a Total of \$824.60 be paid.

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

Comments from the Floor

There were no comments.

Adjournment

At 8:10 p.m. a motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer to adjourn the March 15, 2017 meeting of the Sheldon Town Board.

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