

**REGULAR MEETING
SHELDON TOWN BOARD
May 18, 2016**

The Regular Meeting of the Sheldon Town Board held May 18, 2016 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: Highway Superintendent David Ricketson, Arcade Herald reporter Brianna Naughton. A signed list of all present is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Minutes

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Joe Meyer that the minutes from the April 20, 2016 regular meeting be approved.

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

Communications

The Town Clerk had no communications to report.

Reports

Financial Reports were presented for the month of April 2016 from the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and the Town Justice.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Highway Superintendent Dave Ricketson reported on the following:

Almeter Road Paving

The Department is slated to pave Almeter Road May 23-25. They will be installing drains, widening the road to 22 ft., grading and adding stone.

Valley View Cross Pipe

A cross pipe on Valley View Rd. has created a purge pool at the outlet end. The Department will address it.

Replacing of Falls Rd. Bridge

The County will have some fill for the Hwy. Dept. after they replace the Falls Rd. bridge on June 1st. Councilman Fontaine asked how long the bridge replacement will take. Supt. Ricketson responded that it is a lengthy process but the old bridge will be open throughout so traffic will not be obstructed.

Equipment

The Massey tractor had an electronic shifter problem. It cost approx. \$900 to fix.

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Sale of Surplus 2014 Pick Up Truck

A motion was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Vince Kirsch to advertise the 2014 Ford F-150 pick-up truck on Auctions International at a minimum asking price and to have the auction end on June 14, 2016.

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

Sale of Surplus Wheel-horse Mower

A motion was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Vince Kirsch to advertise the 1986 wheel-horse surplus mower on Auctions International at a minimum asking price and to have the auction end on June 14, 2016.

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

Supervisor's Report

County Bills

The County bills for April were \$2,881,978.87.

Wind Project Payment

The Town received a check from the Windmill Project – approximately \$40,119.49.

Time Warner Franchise Agreement Payment

The Town received a check from Time Warner for \$19,183.84.

Wyoming County Mortgage Payment

The Town received a mortgage payment of \$15,428.00.

Varysburg Water Tank Update

Supervisor Becker will be meeting with Chatfield Engineers, Morsch Pipeline, Statewide Aquastore and Rural Development at the end of the month for a walk through of the Varysburg Water project. Councilman Kirsch suggested asking Aquastore for suggestions on cleaning the tank and also suggested that locks be installed on the tank.

Bio-Solids Law

Attorney DiMatteo gave an update on the bio-solids lawsuit in Wheatfield, NY. The ban was upheld by the court. Attorney DiMatteo explained that no farmers were part of the lawsuit, therefore, the issue still remains as to whether the ban can be applied in agricultural applications. Attorney DiMatteo suggested that the Town Planning Board submit their final version of a Local Law to the County Planning Board and then to the Town Board for review.

Paving of Perry Road

Supervisor Becker reported that funding has been secured to pave Perry Rd. from Route 77 to Route 98. It is slated to begin sometime in August.

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Local Law Adopting Water Rates for the Varysburg Water Project

Attorney DiMatteo distributed a copy of a proposed Local Law entitled "Adopting Water Rates." Supervisor Becker asked Attorney DiMatteo to insert language regarding single meter and multi EDU users into the law.

Acceptance of Reports

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

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

Old Business

Town Hall Renovation

Supervisor Becker reported that the baseboards have been fixed, floors have been sealed and the court office furniture will be delivered next week.

Tompkins Insurance Update & Quotes

Mike Hardie from Tompkins Insurance received two quotes for the Town's insurance June 2016-June 2017. Selective quoted \$26,693.35 and NYMIR quoted \$20,123.98. Mr. Hardie said these two policies are similar and the comparison really is "apples to apples." Mr. Hardie recommended switching to NYMIR. Last year the Town paid Selective \$32,835.41 for insurance coverage.

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Jim Fontaine to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the insurance agreement with NYMIR at a cost of \$20,123.98 for Town insurance covering the time period of June 2016-June 2017.

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

Insurance Certificate Listing Town as Additional Insured

The Town Board requested that the Town Clerk or Town Supervisor reach out to Mike Hardie to request a sample certificate that we should use when an outside contractor does work for the Town.

Varysburg Water District Generator

Gerwitz & McNeil Electric was willing to offer the same price as quoted in December 2015 for a generator for the Varysburg Water District.

A motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Joe Meyer to authorize the purchase of a generator from Gerwitz & McNeil Electric, Inc., 5736 Thornwood Drive, West Valley, NY 14171 at a cost of \$23,645.00.

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

Gasiewicz Water Meter

The meter is now installed at the Gasiewicz property.

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New Business

Re-sealing of Town Hall Brick

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Joe Meyer to authorize the Town Building committee (Mike Armbrust and Vince Kirsch) to get quotes on re-sealing the brick on the Town building.

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

Scrap Metal Disposal – Varysburg Water

A motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Joe Meyer to authorize the Town Supervisor to hire Danny Balon to pick up scrap metal left over from the Varysburg Water project.

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

Varysburg Water District Pump-house

Supervisor Becker asked that the building committee (Mike Armbrust and Vince Kirsch) take a look at the pump-house and write up an RFP to include necessary upgrades.

Court Security Agreement

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the court security agreement with the Wyoming County Sheriff's Department.

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

BAN Payment to Steuben Trust Company

A motion was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Vince Kirsch to pay off the BAN with Steuben Trust Company and re-bid the amount of \$54,455.68 and award it to the bank with the lowest bid.

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

Varysburg Water – Single Meter and Multi EDU

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Mike Armbrust to table discussion of the single meter and multi EDU policy for the Varysburg Water District until the Town Attorney has a chance to review the wording provided by Supervisor Becker.

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

Set Date – Public Hearing Comprehensive Plan

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Vince Kirsch to schedule a public hearing for the new comprehensive plan for June 15, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. during the regular meeting of the Sheldon Town Board.

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

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Bills:

Supervisor Becker confirmed that the Board had a chance to review the bills. A motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Joe Meyer that the General Bills #121 to #145 for a Total of \$12,789.66, the Highway Bills #71 to #86 for a Total of \$96,267.05, the Trust & Agency Bills #17 to #20 for a Total of \$1,698.40 the Varysburg Water District Bills #24 to #28 for a Total of \$24,562.29 the Special Grants Bills #2 to #3 for a Total of \$7,420.67 and the Lighting District Bills for a Total of \$732.23 be paid.

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

Comments from the Floor

At 8:30 p.m. Supervisor Becker opened the floor to comments.

Town Hall Generator

Highway Supt. Ricketson asked if the generator is supposed to be checked/inspected each year. Councilman Kirsch asked the Town Clerk to forward the generator contract/purchase agreement and warranty information to the Town Board.

Adjournment

At 8:40 p.m. a motion was made by Brian Becker and seconded by Vince Kirsch to adjourn the May 18, 2016 regular meeting of the Sheldon Town Board.

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