

**REGULAR MEETING
SHELDON TOWN BOARD
May 17, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Sheldon Town Board held May 17, 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: Joe Meyer, Mike Armbrust, Jim Fontaine
Councilman Kirsch arrived at 8:20 p.m.

Recording Secretary: Town Clerk Carol Zittel

Excused Absence: 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 April 19, 2017 regular meeting be approved.

Ayes: (4) Becker, Fontaine, Meyer, Armbrust Absent (1) Kirsch Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

Communications

Town Clerk Carol Zittel reported on the following:

#15 Fireworks Permit – Jam in the Valley

The Town Clerk notified the Board that she issued the fireworks permit for the July 8th Jam in Valley event. The Town Board recommended increasing the fee for the permit and also changing the application so that the Town Zoning Officer has to review and approve it. The Town Board would like to have this item on a future meeting agenda.

#16 Motorcycle Run

The West Seneca American legion sent notification that they will be holding a motorcycle run that runs through Sheldon on May 27th.

#17 Bartz Road – Stop Ahead Signage

A letter was submitted to the Town Clerk regarding a request for two “stop ahead” signs on Bartz Road near the intersection with Perry Road.

A motion was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Mike Armbrust to authorize the Town Highway Superintendent to request the two signs at the next Wyoming County Traffic Safety Board meeting.

Ayes: (4) Becker, Fontaine, Meyer, Armbrust Absent (1) Kirsch Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

Reports

Financial Reports were presented for the month of April 2017 from the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and the Town Justices. The Town Bookkeeper also distributed a copy of the fund balance report.

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Highway Superintendent's Report

Superintendent of Highways, David Ricketson, was absent at tonight's meeting. He provided the Town Supervisor with a written report.

Ditching Roads

The Department has been busy ditching roads and addressing wash out problems from the very wet spring.

Oiling Roads

The Highway Dept. plans on oiling 16 miles of road this year.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Brian Becker reported the following.

Certificates of Deposit

The Town will cash in the larger certificate of deposit when it matures and will renew the \$250,000.00 certificate of deposit.

Wyoming County Bills

County bills for the month of April were \$2,823,570.17.

Arcade Attica Railroad 100 Year Anniversary

2017 is the 100 year celebration for the Arcade/Attica Railroad. Special promotions will be held during the season.

Lions Club Repairs to Vincent Almeter Memorial Park in Varysburg

Supervisor Becker reported that the Varysburg Lions Club did a tremendous job making much needed repairs at the park. New railroad ties were installed, picnic benches repaired, the basketball court was striped. Our highway department supplied chipping stone and gravel.

Acceptance of Reports

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

Ayes: (4) Becker, Fontaine, Meyer, Armbrust Absent (1) Kirsch Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

Presentation by Becky Winters from the Town of Yates

On May 5, 2017 a group of citizens from the Town of Yates visited the Town of Sheldon for a tour of our wind project. Ms. Winters and Ms. Fisk from Yates were present at tonight's meeting to publicly thank the Town Board. Ms. Winters read a letter she had prepared and gave a copy to the Town Clerk for her file. Ms. Winters noted that an article about the tour may appear on Orleans hub online.

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Contract with Byrncliff – Swim Program

Byrncliff advised that there is no price change for use of their facilities for 2017 swim lessons. A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Joe Meyer to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the contract with Byrncliff Resort for the 2017 swim lesson season. Ayes: (4) Becker, Fontaine, Meyer, Armbrust Absent (1) Kirsch Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

Old Business

Streicher Land Donation – Strykersville Main Street Garden

Councilman Armbrust reported that the Kiwanis will be cleaning out the land this weekend in preparation for the town wide yard sales. As requested by Councilman Meyer, the Town Clerk emailed a copy of the survey to landscaper, Eric Lerner.

Town Hall Dumpster – Waste Management Contract

A new contract was sent to Supervisor Becker. The cost for the same size dumpster with the same pick up schedule has decreased to \$59.20 per month. (previously \$77.20) A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Joe Meyer to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the 36 month contract at a monthly rate of \$59.20 with Waste Management for the servicing of a 4 yard dumpster. Ayes: (4) Becker, Fontaine, Meyer, Armbrust Absent (1) Kirsch Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

Election Hall Location

Supervisor Becker and Councilman Armbrust held a meeting with Sheldon election inspectors to discuss concerns with the use of the hall as an election site. The group decided to use the Town hall again in 2017 as there was not a Presidential election this year. A motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Jim Fontaine to set the location for Town of Sheldon voting in 2017 at the Sheldon Town Hall, 1380 Centerline Rd., Strykersville, NY 14145. Ayes: (4) Becker, Fontaine, Meyer, Armbrust Absent (1) Kirsch Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

Varysburg Water District – Senator Gallivan Funding

DASNY requested a quote for the asbestos removal. The Town Clerk contacted Stohl Environmental for a quote and when received will forward the paperwork on to DASNY.

Councilman Kirsch arrives at 8:20 p.m.

Court Grant 2017

DFT hopes to install the surveillance cameras end of May. Councilman Kirsch recommends that we videotape the training for our records.

Alternate Planning Board Member

No names have been submitted as an alternate member.

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Hiring CPA – Varysburg Water USDA Loan Requirement

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Mike Armbrust to hire Drescher & Malecki LLP to perform the Varysburg Water loan audit with a maximum cap of \$5,000.00. If there is a need to go over \$5,000.00 a request must be made to the Sheldon Town Board.

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

Varysburg Fire Protection District Merging into Fire District

Supervisor Becker hasn't received any more information on the proposed merge.

Closing of Manley Road – Jam in the Valley

Supervisor Becker reported that Wyoming County Emergency Services has suggested the Town not close Manley Road for the Jam in the Valley event. He reported that Mr. Attea is still submitting paperwork with Wyoming County for approval.

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Jim Fontaine to deny the request by Tim Attea to close Manley Road the weekend of the Jam in the Valley event.

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

Varysburg Park Restrooms

Councilman Kirsch brought specifications for the Varysburg Park restroom renovation.

There were a few suggestions and changes made by Town Board members. There was a question as to where the Varysburg Water line comes into the building. Councilman Kirsch and Supervisor Becker will discuss the specs in more detail at a later date.

New Business

Set Date – Public Hearing – Change in Grievance Day

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Jim Fontaine to set a date for the public hearing for Local Law 1-2017 entitled “Changing the date for grievance day for real property tax assessments for the Town of Sheldon” for Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

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

Local Law – Solar Energy

A motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Joe Meyer to authorize the Town Supervisor to send the County Planning Board the referral for the proposed solar energy law.

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

BAN Payoff – Loader

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Joe Meyer to authorize the payment to Five Star Bank in the amount of \$54,445.68 plus \$732.97 interest to pay off the Bond Anticipation Note.

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

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Varysburg Water District Loan Payment

A motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Joe Meyer to authorize the Varysburg Water District loan payment to USDA in the amount of \$16,000.00 plus \$11,700.00 in interest.

Ayes: (5) Becker, Kirsch, Fontaine, Meyer, 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 Mike Armbrust that the General Bills #106 to #125 for a Total of \$13,807.10, the Highway Bills #69 to #84 for a Total of \$69,930.12, the Trust & Agency Bills #13 to #15 for a Total of \$505.00, the Varysburg Water District Bills #16 to #20 for a Total of \$28,599.62 the Lighting District Bills for a Total of \$778.85 be paid.

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

Special Meeting

A motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Jim Fontaine to schedule a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Sheldon Town Hall on June 6, 2017 to open bids on the Varysburg park bathrooms and to meet with Don Roberts from Wyoming County Building & Codes and Mike Hardie from Tompkins Insurance .

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

Comments from the Floor

There were no comments from the floor

Adjournment

A motion was made by Brian Becker and seconded by Joe Meyer to adjourn the May 17, 2017 meeting of the Sheldon Town Board.

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