

**REGULAR MEETING
SHELDON TOWN BOARD
October 21, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Sheldon Town Board held October 21, 2014 at the Sheldon Town Hall, was called to order by Town Supervisor John Knab at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor John Knab
Councilmen: Vince Kirsch, Brian Becker, Mike Armbrust, Jim Fontaine
Recording Secretary: Town Clerk Carol Zittel
Also Present: Highway Superintendent David Ricketson
Not Present: Attorney DiMatteo

Also Present: Zoning Officer Ken Martin, 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 Mike Armbrust that the minutes from the September 16, 2014 regular meeting, the September 25, 2014 special meeting with the Assessor and the September 25, 2014 budget workshop meeting be approved.

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

Communications

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

#47 Varysburg Fire Dept. Contract

The Varysburg Fire Dept. contract was approved by Bennington and Orangeville. It has been signed by all parties and is filed in the Town Clerk's office.

#48 Authorization to Submit Grant Application – Arts Council for Wyoming County

A motion was made by Brian Becker and seconded by Vince Kirsch to authorize the Town Clerk to submit the grant application to the Arts Council for Wyoming County and to authorize Supervisor Knab to sign the application.

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

#49 Highway Inventory

The Highway Inventory report was distributed to all board members.

Councilman Kirsch asked about the department's need to purchase a roller. Hwy. Supt. Ricketson responded that the East Aurora Highway Dept. may sell their roller in 2015. It is a 2006 Ferguson and with Board approval he would like to put a bid on it when the time arises. Councilman Armbrust asked about the wheelhorse lawnmower. The Town Board would like to offer it up as surplus equipment in the spring.

#50 Association of Towns Personnel School

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Brian Becker to authorize town officials to attend the Association of Towns Personnel School in Amherst, NY on November 14, 2014.

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

Highway Superintendent's Report

Highway Supt. Ricketson reported on the following:

Salt & Sand

Salt & sand building will be full by the end of the week.

Road Work

The dept. has been busy mowing ditches, cutting back brush, touching up gravel roads before winter. Bartz Rd. needs a little hot mix.

Plows

The plows are ready if needed.

2012 Pete

The 2012 Peterbilt had a problem with a EGR cooler valve. The bill of \$1,475 was covered under warranty.

Supervisor Report – Supervisor John Knab reported on the following:

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant

Homeland Security has approved the changes requested on the streambank revitalization grant for the Parton property.

Varysburg Water Project

NYSDOT will issue a permit as soon as the easements are signed. The tank will not be ordered until the project is bid out. It takes approximately 4-6 months to build the tank once the order has been placed.

Varysburg Hotel – Noise Complaint

Supervisor Knab spoke with the Sheriff's department and the District Attorney. Both recommended not enacting a noise ordinance. The NYS Liquor Authority had a hearing a couple of months ago regarding complaints made against the hotel. Supervisor Knab suggested that if Varysburg residents have any complaints they should contact the sheriff's department.

Wyoming County Bills

County bills were \$2,752,839.62.

Acceptance of Reports

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

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

Old Business

Town Hall Renovation

The grant paperwork was submitted to the Justice Court Fund.

Harris Corners/Strykersville Ambulance Contract

Supervisor Knab conveyed Attorney DiMatteo’s recommendation to approve the ambulance contract as received.

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Brian Becker to approve the contract between the Town of Sheldon and Strykersville Fire Company Inc. to provide emergency ambulance service within the Harris Corners Fire District effective January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017.

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

New Business

2015 Budget

Supervisor Knab reported that the Town Clerk has declined the 3% raise. Town Clerk cell phone reimbursement and extra mileage reimbursement will be requested in January. The Assessor had requested a \$2,500 increase in pay. The budget presented tonight shows an increase of \$1,250 for the Assessor in 2015.

Adopt Tentative Budget as Preliminary Budget for 2015 and Set Date for Public Hearing

A motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Brian Becker to adopt the tentative budget as the preliminary budget for 2015 and set the date for a public hearing for November 6, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sheldon Town Hall.

Ayes: (5) Knab, Kirsch, Becker, Armbrust, Fontaine Nays: (0) Motion Carried.
Mike Armbrust would like to add that the Assessor salary needs to be discussed at the public hearing.

NYS Retirement Hours – Justice Laura Kirsch

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Brian Becker that the Town of Sheldon hereby establishes the following standard work day for the title of Sheldon Justice and will report the official to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on their record of activities.

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

Title	Standard Work Day	Name	Term	Record of Activities
Town Justice	6	Laura Kirsch	03/18/14-12/31/14	9.22

Appointment Planning Board

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Mike Armbrust to appoint Beth Reisdorf as a permanent member of the Town Planning Board with a term of 10/21/2014 to 12/31/2014 to fulfill Frank Moffatt’s term.

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

Appointment Alternate Planning Board Member

A motion was made by Brian Becker and seconded by Vince Kirsch to appoint Donald Pawlak as an alternate member of the Town Planning Board with a term of 10/21/2014 to 12/31/2017

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

Authorize Agreement with Architect Heather Nemec

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Brian Becker to approve the agreement between the Town of Sheldon and Architect Heather Nemec and to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the paperwork.

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

Fund Transfers

A motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Jim Fontaine to transfer \$77,148.60 from Highway CD DA202 to General CD A202 (balance of CD \$83,723.60 was cashed in and put into General Money Market on 9/6/2014)

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

Budget Transfers

A motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Jim Fontaine to approve the following budget transfers

- \$12,235.99 from DA3501 Consolidated Highway Aid to DA5110.4 General Repairs Contractual
- \$400.00 from A9060.8 Hospital & Medical Ins. To A1355.4 Assessment Contractual
- \$3,000.00 from A9060.8 Hospital & Medical Ins. To A1420.4 Law

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

Bills:

Supervisor Knab confirmed that the Board had a chance to review the bills. A motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Vince Kirsch that the

General Bills #331 to #371 for a Total of \$14,361.31, the
Highway Bills #166 to #177 for a Total of \$100,454.52, the
Trust & Agency Bills #41 to #46 for a Total of \$3,083.74 the
Varysburg Water District Bills #62 to #70 for a Total of \$1,186.92 the
Capital Project Bills #13 to #13 for a Total of \$714.00 and the
Lighting District Bills for a Total of \$803.12 be paid.

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

Comments from the Floor

Councilman Fontaine addressed the Board regarding the complaint made to the Invenergy hotline. Councilman Fontaine visited the residence but the resident was not home. He also called the resident to discuss his concerns. The resident said he would be at tonight's meeting but he is not present.

Supervisor Knab opened the floor to those in attendance. There were no further comments from the floor.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Mike Armbrust to adjourn the October 21, 2014 meeting of the Sheldon Town Board.

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