

**REGULAR MEETING  
SHELDON TOWN BOARD  
October 19, 2016**

The Regular Meeting of the Sheldon Town Board held October 19, 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: Vince Kirsch, Joe Meyer, Mike Armbrust, Jim Fontaine  
Recording Secretary: Town Clerk Carol Zittel  
Also Present: Highway Supt. David Ricketson. 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 Joe Meyer that the minutes from the September 21, 2016 regular meeting and the September 27, 2016 budget workshop be approved. Ayes: (5) Becker, Kirsch, Fontaine, Meyer, Armbrust Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

**Communications**

Town Clerk Carol Zittel reported on the following:

**#30 Hall Set Up for Election Day**

The Town Clerk advised that the Town Court has Town Prosecutor night the night before Election Day, therefore, there will be a need to set up the Town Hall for election day after court is over. The Town Board agreed to meet at 9:00 p.m. on November 7<sup>th</sup> to set up the hall.

**Reports**

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

**Highway Superintendent's Report**

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

**Humbert Road Paving**

Humbert shoulder work is complete.

**Gradall**

Vantage Equipment came out to perform computer diagnostics on the gradall. The cost was \$815.00. The problem was a sensor that the highway department was able to replace on their own. The cost for the sensor was \$117.00.

**Supervisor's Report**

Supervisor Brian Becker reported the following.

**County Bills**

County bills were \$3,117,536.85.

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**Planning Board Appointment**

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Joe Meyer to appoint Jeff Nixon to the Town Planning Board to fulfill the remainder of Beth Reisdorf's term of 10/19/16 to 12/31/2019.  
Ayes: (5) Becker, Kirsch, Fontaine, Meyer, Armbrust      Nays: (0)      Motion Carried.

**County Tax Levy for 2017**

As of today's meeting, the County is looking at a 7.06% increase in County taxes for 2017. Supervisor Becker reported that the biggest increase is the amount the County gives to community colleges. In 2016 the County paid \$1.9 million to community colleges.

**Acceptance of Reports**

A motion was made by Mike Armbrust 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 District Generator**

The work order is in with National Fuel. Service will be hooked up within the month.

**Varysburg Water Pump House – Asbestos Testing**

Councilman Kirsch was asked to give a recap on the asbestos report received from Stohl Environmental. There were two small locations in the roof that tested hot for asbestos. Councilman Kirsch said that this is good news. He estimated that it will probably cost between \$200-\$300 to remove the hot spots. The Board will supply contractors with the asbestos report when the Board is ready to go to bid on the project.

**Varysburg Water – Gasiewicz Leak**

Supervisor Becker reported that Wayne Durfee was finally able to take a meter reading at the Gasiewicz house. The Gasiewicz's have not begun any work to repair the leak. The Board strongly suggested to Supervisor Becker that a letter needs to be sent to the Gasiewicz's with a clear timeline on when work must be completed before their water is turned off.

**Varysburg Water – Senator Gallivan Funding**

Supervisor Becker reported that the \$50,000.00 funding will be provided but final confirmation has not been received.

**Streicher Land Donation**

Supervisor Becker has not received an update from the Attorney's office regarding the Streicher land donation and the abstract search.

**Court Grant Application 2017**

The Justice Court Fund grant has been submitted by Justice Laura Kirsch.

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**Speed Limit Reduction Requests in Town**

A letter was sent to Senator Gallivan asking for his assistance in getting the speed limits reduced on Route 77 and Route 98.

**Open Public Hearing - Comprehensive Plan**

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer to open the public hearing on the new Town Comprehensive Plan at 8:00 p.m.

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

**Sealing Blacktop at Town Park**

The black top has been sealed and the invoice is in tonight's bills.

**BAN – 2016 Paving Projects**

The BAN will be in the same amount as previously approved. \$385,000.00

**Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing**

The Town Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to review the proposed changes to Addendum 4 in the Town Zoning Law.

**Training Policy for Appointed Boards**

The Town Clerk distributed sample training and travel/conference policies for the Board's review. The Board would like to have a final version for their January organizational meeting.

**New Business**

**Adopt Tentative Budget as Preliminary Budget for 2017**

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Vince Kirsch to adopt the tentative budget as the preliminary budget for 2017 and to set a date for a public hearing on November 2, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

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

**Amend 2016 Budget**

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer to amend the 2016 Highway Budget and increase DA5112.4 – Permanent Improvements Contractual in the amount of \$385,000.00. (the BAN amount)

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 Mike Armbrust and seconded by Jim Fontaine that the General Bills #288 to #314 for a Total of \$24,730.11, the Highway Bills #142 to #158 for a Total of \$393,833.15, the Trust & Agency Bills #40 to #43 for a Total of \$1,089.54, the

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Varysburg Water District Bills #53 to #58 for a Total of \$1,396.99 the Capital Project – Hazardous Mitigation Bills #11 to #11 for a Total of \$1,985.17 and the Lighting District Bills for a Total of \$815.09 be paid.

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

**Open the Floor to Comments**

At 8:20 p.m. Supervisor Becker opened the floor to comments.

**Salt Storage Building**

The Board discussed the condition of the salt storage building with Superintendent Ricketson. The building was erected in 1995. The Board wants to take a look at the building and get some pricing information and options.

**Close Public Hearing - Comprehensive Plan**

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer to close the public hearing on the new Town Comprehensive Plan at 8:35 p.m.

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

**ADOPTING THE 2016 UPDATE TO THE TOWN'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN"**

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 updates to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, drafted by the Town Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the proposed updates include updating the names of the current and past Board Members as well as providing for updates to the Town's infrastructure, resources and community based plans for development and protection of agricultural and residential lands;

NOW ON MOTION OF Mike Armbrust which has been duly seconded by Jim Fontaine,  
be it

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Sheldon that the Comprehensive Plan update being considered by the Town Board, has been considered for review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, also known as SEQRA and the Town Board has advised all other involved and/or interested agencies that it believes it is the proper Lead Agent for this Action.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sheldon, finding no adverse impacts, adopts the 2016 update to the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

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

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**Enter Executive Session**

At 8:40 p.m. a motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer to enter into Executive Session to discuss a proposed contract with Wyoming County.

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

**Exit Executive Session**

At 9:15 p.m. a motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Jim Fontaine to exit from Executive Session.

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

**Enter Agreement with Wyoming County Real Property Services – Assessment Services**

A motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Jim Fontaine to authorize the Town Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Wyoming County Real Property to provide assessment services thereby terminating the employment of Town Assessor, Kenneth Pike.

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

The Town Board gave the Supervisor the authority to give Mr. Pike a two week's notice or a one month notice dependent on when the County would be able to take over the services.

**Adjournment**

At 9:25 p.m. a motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Mike Armbrust to adjourn the October 19, 2016 regular meeting of the Sheldon Town Board.

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