

**SPECIAL MEETING
SHELDON TOWN BOARD
With the Town Assessor
September 25, 2014**

The Special Meeting of the Sheldon Town Board held September 25, 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
Councilman Jim Fontaine arrived at 7:10 p.m.
Recording Secretary: Town Clerk Carol Zittel
Also Present: Kenneth Pike, Assessor

Authorization of Justice Court Grant Application

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Mike Armbrust to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Justice Court grant application requesting funding for Courtroom and Court Office security improvements and to authorize Justice Laura Kirsch to submit the grant to the Justice Court Assistance Program.

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

Discussion with Assessor

Mr. Pike distributed a document dated September 25, 2014 entitled: "Addendum to Proposed Revaluation Plan (Draft)" In the document Mr. Pike asked for an additional \$2,500 in 2015 for performing uncollected data collection and file maintenance by the former assessor and \$1,275 for equipment and internet access.

Assessor, Ken Pike, addressed the Board regarding various challenges in the Assessor office. Mr. Pike has found whole buildings and permits that were never entered into the assessor software. Mr. Pike stated; "The value of the buildings are in there but not what is actually on the land." By Mr. Pike's count, there are 138 permits that were not entered. The last time the Town of Sheldon was at a 100% equalization rate was 2003/2004. Mr. Pike stated that he has a legal obligation to have an equitable roll. A reval process will take two years. There are 834 residential properties and 257 agricultural properties in the Town of Sheldon. Mr. Pike stated that he plans on "going to visit every property that has improvements. I have to have permission to go on someone's land. I will have to advertise that I will be out there. Maybe I will have to purchase door hangers. I will have to educate the public about the process."

There was a short discussion on how Mr. Pike would access the internet while on the road. Councilman Armbrust suggested using a smart phone as a hotspot to use as an internet connection for a tablet or laptop.

Mr. Pike stated that there are 1700 parcels in Sheldon. He would only be able to manage visiting 30 parcels a day.

At 8:00 p.m. the Town Board adjourned their meeting with Assessor Kenneth Pike and began their budget workshop.