

Village of Sheridan
Board Meeting
September 12, 2022

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board of Trustees met on the above date with the following members present: Peggy Arneson, Tom Wehner, Jamie Skalic, Darin Naggs, Jeff Wilhelm and Shelly Figgins.

At this time Mayor Pro Tem Shelly Figgins announced that the board would be going into Executive Session under Section 2(c)(3) of the Open Meetings Act as to the selection of a person to fill a public office and under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act for appointment of employees and as authorized under Section 2(c)(21) for approval of Executive Session minutes and review of minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act and as authorized under Section 2(c)(11) to consider pending litigation and imminent litigation.

Upon return from Executive Session, Mayor Pro Tem, Shelly Figgins introduced a Resolution Appointing Acting Village President and Calling for the Election of a Village President at the 2023 Consolidated Election. Shelly Figgins nominated Tom Wehner to complete the mayoral term. Jeff Wilhelm seconded the motion. Resolution 2022-49 was passed.

Tom Wehner was sworn into office as Village President.

Bills for August 2022 in the amount of \$67,992.98 were presented for approval of payment. Shelly Figgins motioned to approve payment. Peggy Arneson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes from August 8, 2022 were presented for approval. Jamie Skalic motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Peggy Arneson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Shelly Figgins gave the finance report for August 2022 with an ending balance of \$2,294,325.01. Peggy Arneson motioned to approve the finance report as presented. Jeff Wilhelm seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Grimwood has been approached by the Sheridan Community Club regarding the scarecrow decorations for October throughout town. Stephanie Schmoker also asked if they had permission to use the village right of way for the display. The board had no objections and approved two scarecrows totaling \$80.00. Clerk Grimwood announced that petition packets for the upcoming April election were now available to for circulation beginning September 20th with turn in December 12th through December 19th. Open positions will be a two-year mayoral term and 3 four-year trustee terms.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Wehner reported receiving a donation of \$8,402.27 from the Community Clubs roadside collections this year, a reimbursement of \$5,378.92 from SURF damages to the sewer lines on E Sheridan Avenue. We are still awaiting reimbursement from other damages. McConnaughay Roofing has found wet insulation when tearing off the old roofing for an additional cost of \$498.00. All work has been completed and we are awaiting a manufacturers inspection of the project. A retention of \$6,210.00 has been held until inspections are completed. Hamilton Engineering has inspected also. Greenfield Contractors salt shed quote is \$693.00 less due to sales tax. A maintenance weed eating mishap caused a crack to a vehicle window. The vehicle owner had received a quote for repairs to which the village has paid \$541.10 for the windshield. Illinois Valley Door has been out for repairs to the NW garage door. He stated it will need a new motor and will get the village quotes for new motor along with replacement quote. Larry Fleming/The Tree Guy has completed all tree work this year and has been paid. The village has placed an ad for maintenance help in the Times to run for one week at \$571.68.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jeff Wilhelm, Streets Committee, stated the salt shed pad has been poured. Maintenance is also working on striping the roads.

Darin Naggs, Sewer Committee, has no current issues. He also mentioned nothing new regarding the recent Robinson Street issue. The line had previously been jetted out.

Jamie Skalic, Zoning Committee, reported two reroofs, one patio and one deck addition in August 2022 for a total of \$303.47.

Tom Wehner, Parks Committee, mentioned things were moving along for Saturday's installation of playground equipment. Maintenance will pick up the skidster Friday morning. Paul Gozder, the Little Tikes representative, will also be out for the installation process. He is hoping to pour concrete Monday. Tom had a quote of \$3,500.00 to purchase a post hole attachment for the tractor for future use if the board thought this may be useful in the future which was tabled. Peggy Arneson thanked Shelly Figgins for obtaining the playground equipment for the village as this will be a wonderful addition to Centennial Park.

Peggy Arneson, Police Committee, gave the police report. Peggy Arneson motioned to approve the police report. Shelly Figgins seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The Historical Society is still working on obtaining updated bids for their expansion. This will be tabled until October.

Darin Naggs stated the salt shed delivery date has been pushed back to the end of November to early December. He will be working with Stephens Tree Service in the next few weeks to get the blocks moved in preparation for Greenfield.

NEW BUSINESS

A public hearing was held regarding vacating Water Street. Attorney Burton stated this had been published for hearing. Water Street is on the Sanitary District property and there has been ongoing work to clear this up with LaSalle County. A quitclaim deed will be issued to them if the Ordinance passes. No one wished to speak regarding this. The hearing was closed.

Mayor Wehner introduced an Ordinance Vacating Water Street. Shelly Figgins motioned to approve Ordinance 2022-50, vacating Water Street and issuance of the deed. Jeff Wilhelm seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was taken.

Peggy Arneson-Yes

Tom Wehner-Yes

Jamie Skalic-Yes

Darin Naggs-Yes

Jeff Wilhelm-Yes

Shelly Figgins-Yes

Ordinance 2022-50 was passed. Attorney Burton will file paperwork with LaSalle County.

Chief Bergeron stated after several complaints of speed near the day home. He and Wendy Greenrod would like to change this to a school speed zone. He has reached out to the village engineer, La Salle County, along with the States Attorney's office regarding installing speed signs. He feels a more effective signage would be flashing signs nearby. He obtained a quote for two signs from Tapco for \$9,674.90. He stated the Day Home may pitch in to purchase these signs. Wendy Greenrod stated Jennings Lyon Day Home was non-profit and felt the village should not ask their assistance in purchase. The board agreed with her. Shelly Figgins motioned to make the purchase of the two signs. Peggy Arneson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Approving Recommendation for Payment to Grand Rapids Enterprises, Inc. for 2022 Sidewalk Repairs. Shelly Figgins motioned to approve Resolution 2022-51, Pay Request 1 to Grand Rapids for \$68,359.70. Jamie Skalic seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Bardson had several complaints against current village maintenance with tree branches not being picked up and removed trees/stumps not being filled in with dirt. He feels they are not as productive as they should be.

James McLaughlin was concerned about cars running the stop sign at W Si Johnson Avenue and Bushnell Street.

Kevin Bublitz asked when the dip in the road at Grant Street will be fixed. Clerk Grimwood stated that D Construction should begin work at the end of this month. He also asked Chief Bergeron to check the grass height on an empty lot on S Robinson Street for ordinance violation.

There being no further business, Jeff Wilhelm motioned to adjourn the meeting. Shelly Figgins seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Grimwood
Village Clerk