

Village of Sheridan
Workshop Board Meeting
September 6, 2024

The Board of Trustees met on the above date with the following members present: Judy Hinterlong, Dale Green, Wendy Greenrod, Heather Weber, and Marlene Woodward. Mayor Wehner was absent.

Marlene Woodward clarified that the meeting was only informative and going through some finances. She began with discussion of the prison annexation to the village with that population currently being added to the village for Income Tax and Motor Fuel Tax income. In 2030 this will go to vote in Springfield to change prison population dollars to inmate home addresses, which if this happened the village would lose funding for this. She would like the village to prepare for this to happen. She went on to mention that not many towns of under 1,000 population do not have their own police departments, which ours would then be 765 residents from the 2020 count. Wendy added for the Mayor and Board members to reach out to Senators and other representatives to make our voices heard on this.

Marlene went on to give dollar amounts that could be lost if this were to happen. She presented a few scenarios to other board members regarding police costs. Dale Green, being new, stated he needs time for review of future policing. Marlene inquired on other avenues of hiring police officers as opposed to putting through the academy. Dale noted that all officers must go through the academy. Retention was discussed next, ways of making officers feel appreciated. Wendy mentioned tweaking contracts with new hires and turnover rates with employees. Dale feels 3 full time officers would be beneficial.

Marlene inquired of Wendy Greenrod, Sewer Committee, about future sewer expenditures. Wendy will have a company come out to camera three areas next week and has also implemented a sewer maintenance schedule weekly for the maintenance crew to work on. Wendy would like to, within the next 5-10 years, have the remaining unlined sewers lined.

Marlene inquired of Heather Weber, Streets Committee, on any future expenditures she foresees. Heather would like to recheck the current striping machine and will have maintenance work on cleaning it up before looking into purchasing a new one. She also mentioned purchase of a new zero turn mower for next season. Marlene mentioned the possibility of the 1999 maintenance pickup truck needing to be replaced. Heather will speak with Russell Perkins regarding this. Maintenance orders were also discussed.

Attorney Burton mentioned that after complains of water entering the old Citco building from last months meeting after village street work was completed, he advises the village to vacate a portion of the alleyway of Burlington Street in order to restore that portion to the condition it was in prior to last years street work. He inquired about vacating that area in front of the bank as well.

Attorney Burton also mentioned several board members have viewed the current issues on Bushnell Street which he also recommends vacating a portion of that area to allow them to build an appropriate entrance to the property at that point. Wendy inquired on the cost to vacate these properties. Attorney Burton replied that costs would basically involve survey work. Board members agreed that this would be the best option to alleviate the issues.

Wendy Greenrod inquired on vagrants or sex offenders in village parks. She asked for clarity of the laws when children are present. Attorney Burton mentioned the entertainment chapter of the code book speaks on this. She would still like some clarity as to when issues arise. She has been researching laws on the Illinois State Police website. Attorney Burton stated a "Park" and a "Memorial" are two different things. Memorials can have more restrictive laws set by the village. Wendy would like to see something set in the village code books for if issues were to arise, how to handle situations. She is also working on a booklet of places and phone numbers of places people can reach out to for assistance. Attorney Burton mentioned Chief Bergeron meeting with the school regarding security plans there as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dayle Thibault stated she will be unable to attend Monday's Board Meeting and gave her completed Raffle Application to Clerk Grimwood and Attorney Burton for review.

Wendy Greenrod mentioned an incident on Robinson Street with speeding when maintenance was working on a manhole in the area. She reached out to Chief Bergeron to assist them when they are working on this road to help assure safety of workers. She would like to see more done on the speeding issue during the day.

There being no further business, Judy Hinterlong motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dale Green seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Grimwood
Village Clerk