

Village of Sheridan
Board Meeting
August 9, 2021

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The board met on the above date with the following members present: Peggy Arneson, Jamie Skalic, Darin Naggs, and Shelly Figgins. Jeff Wilhelm was late.

Mayor Strothman introduced a Resolution to appoint new trustee Tom Wehner. Jamie Skalic motioned to approve Resolution 2021-30, the mayor's nomination of Tom Wehner. Peggy Arneson seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was taken:

Peggy Arneson-Yes

Jamie Skalic-Yes

Darin Naggs-Yes

Shelly Figgins-Yes

Tom Wehner was sworn into office and took his seat as Parks Committee Chairman.

Bills for July 2021 in the amount of \$64,193.57 were presented for payment. Shelly Figgins motioned to approve payment of the bills for July 2021. Peggy Arneson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes from the July 12, 2021, meeting was presented for approval. Shelly Figgins motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Peggy Arneson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Shelly Figgins, Finance Chairman, gave the finance report with an ending balance of \$1,808,850.75. Peggy Arneson motioned to approve the finance report as presented. Darin Naggs seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Grimwood mentioned the e-waste pickup would be August 21st from 8-12PM by Village Hall and the next town clean up would be October 22nd. She asked the board for approval for the American Legions Annual Tractor Parade on August 29th from 1-4PM with the parade beginning at 3:30PM. The board had no issues with this.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor Strothman received a letter from MASS transportation requesting a donation of at least \$1,000.00 to assist them with their costs. The board discussed this and would like to reach out to them to inquire on whether they service Sheridan residents. This will be tabled until the September meeting. She also read a thank you card from the Sheridan Community Club thanking the board for all they do.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Jeff Wilhelm, Streets Committee, stated there was a street paint shortage. They are having a tough time finding any currently. He will continue searching. He will also have a quote for crack seal work at the September meeting.

Darin Naggs, Sewer Committee, stated Grand Rapids was still waiting on the sewer manhole to begin the project on E Grant St. He also mentioned having Teenies out for an issue on N Bushnell Street with a cost of \$2,272.50. The issue was resolved but they found multiple diapers and wipes in the lines. The board discussed sending out a reminder in the upcoming sewer billing to not flush these items. Darin would also like to request residents notify the village if they are going to flush their sewer lines. Mayor Strothman will work on a letter.

Jamie Skalic, Zoning Committee, reported two reroof permits issued in July totaling \$50.00. He mentioned the zoning hearing that took place on August 2nd.

Peggy Arneson, Police Committee, gave the police report for July 2021. Shelly Figgins motioned to approve the police report as presented. Tom Wehner seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cole Horner and Julie Lacona with North Central Illinois Council of Governments were present to discuss the Federal Funding opportunity with the ARPA. They encouraged the board to sign up for the program and suggested a separate account for these funds. The Village of Sheridan should receive \$342,579.41 in total. The village would need to sign up through the portal by September 30th. Discussion was held, the board was unsure of where this money would go to good use in town with the limitations of how it can be spent. Tom Wehner motioned to approve of signing up and when the first round of funding is received it would go into a separate account for strictly these funds only to keep better track of the spending of it. Jeff Wilhelm seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried. Cole also stated funds must be allocated by December 31, 2024, and any funding not expended by December 31, 2026, would need to be given back.

Jeff Wilhelm reported on the roof replacement. He stated that Hamilton Engineering felt that we would be better off doing a repair this year and go out to bid again in the spring in hopes of supplies being more available and at a lower cost than it is currently. The board discussed options for repair work from a previous quote. Jamie Skalic motioned to get estimates of repairs from McConnaughay & Sons Roofing and Olsson's Roofing not to exceed \$5,000.00. Tom Wehner seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Strothman introduced a Resolution Authorizing Granting Sheridan Elevator Relief from Noise Ordinance. Ron Schmoker is requesting a variance from the noise ordinance to be able to host bands at the Sheridan Elevator for every day. He mentioned a lot of times bands are booked at the last minute and there is not enough time to come to each board meeting to make every request before these events. He

currently has four events booked for the next several months but is looking for more. The board was agreeable to this with the exception of complaints of the noise. They will be asked to turn down the volume if there is a complaint to which Mr. Schmoker agreed to do. After some discussion, Jamie Skalic motioned to approve Resolution 2021-31, with the amendment to the Ordinance provided tonight giving permission to host live music outdoors with no specific dates. The Ordinance is granting the Sheridan Elevator Relief from Noise Ordinance until further action by the board. Darin Naggs seconded the motion., All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Stephanie Schmoker spoke on behalf of the Community Club. They will be hosting a Fall Fest on October 2nd from 11-5PM and would like to shut down the one hundred block of W Si Johnson Avenue during that period. They will have several events including games in the park, trick or treating from 2-4PM, carriage rides and the Sheridan Elevator will host a Haunted House. They will also hold a Witch's Walk on October 16th from 2-9PM and would like to close Burlington Street down for this event. They would like to have porta pots, handwashing station and extra trash cans for the events. Further details will be brought to the board at the September meeting. Stephanie also inquired on codes for their non-for-profit club having to pay for extra policing for events. Attorney Burton stated there is no current code stating such. The board would adopt resolutions per event authorizing such and would state the terms of each event.

Mayor Strothman introduced the MFT Compliance Review recently completed by IDOT for January 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020. After board review, Shelly Figgins motioned to approve the Compliance Review. Jeff Wilhelm seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Shelly Figgins began discussion on adoption of an Ordinance on Vacant or Abandoned Properties. She was curious on businesses being vacant and how other municipalities handled that. Attorney Burton gave several examples from other towns that have adopted such Ordinances. This was tabled for a further meeting. Kevin Lindemann, with NCICG stated there was grant funding available for vacant/abandoned home properties if the board wished to get ahold of them to apply for funding opportunities.

Mayor Strothman introduced an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Squad Car. The board discussed setting a dollar amount for the purchase using the Kelley Blue Book value of between \$8,348.00-\$11,337.00. More discussion followed. Jeff Wilhelm motioned to approve the amendment to Resolution 2021-32, for Chief Bergeron to receive bids and obtain Police Committee's approval of the highest bid. Peggy Arneson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Strothman introduced an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance for the Village of Sheridan, Illinois Changing References to Yards as Yard Setbacks throughout the Zoning Ordinance. Jamie Skalic explained this would just be to clarify yard setbacks better. Jamie Skalic motioned to approve Ordinance 2021-33. Tom Wehner seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Strothman introduced an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance for the Village of Sheridan, Illinois Eliminating Business District Uses within Manufacturing Districts. This was a recommendation of the Zoning Board from the August 2, 2021, hearing. Jamie Skalic motioned to approve Ordinance 2021-34 eliminating Business Uses under Manufacturing District. Darin Naggs seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Strothman introduced an Ordinance Amending Section 6 of the Zoning Ordinance for the Village of Sheridan, Illinois. Jamie Skalic stated this amendment adds to the power for swimming pools using GFCI circuit. Tom Wehner motioned to approve Ordinance 2021-35. Jamie Skalic seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Strothman introduced an Ordinance Amending Section 17-Schedule of Fees of the Zoning Ordinance for the Village of Sheridan, Illinois. Jamie Skalic mentioned several fee increases for new home construction, pools, and sheds. Pools were also clarified as above ground or in ground. Shelly Figgins motioned to approve Ordinance 2021-36. Jeff Wilhelm seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Strothman introduced an Ordinance Amending Penalties under the Zoning Ordinance for the Village of Sheridan, Illinois. This ordinance would update the penalty section in the Administrative Provisions Section 17 in the Zoning Codes. Shelly Figgins motioned to approve Ordinance 2021-37. Jamie Skalic seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Strothman introduced an Ordinance Amending the Uniform Fine Schedule throughout the Municipal Code for the Village of Sheridan, Illinois. This ordinance will just correct a reference to the uniform fine throughout the Municipal Code Book. Tom Wehner motioned to approve Ordinance 2021-38. Peggy Arneson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Strothman introduced new simplified permit applications for driveways, fences, and swimming pools for board approval. Peggy Arneson motioned to accept the new format for these permits. Shelly Figgins seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held on vacating the alleyway behind the five hundred block of W Si Johnson Avenue. Jamie Skalic motioned to hold a hearing 15 minutes prior to the next Village Board Meeting in September. Jeff Wilhelm seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried. Attorney Burton will have a hearing published in the Times newspaper for a hearing at 6:45PM before the next board meeting on September 13, 2021, on this.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

There being no further business, Jeff Wilhelm motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jamie Skalic seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Grimwood
Village Clerk