

Village of Sheridan
Board Meeting-via WebEx
April 13, 2020

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The board met on the above date with the following members present: Peggy Arneson, Jay Waldvogel, Jamie Skalic, Maggie Strothman, Judy Hinterlong and Jeff Wilhelm.

Bills for March 2020 in the amount of \$30,426.39 were presented for approval of payment. Jamie Skalic motioned to approve payment. Jay Waldvogel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes from the March 2020 meeting was presented for approval. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Jamie Skalic seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Judy Hinterlong gave the finance report for March 2020 with an ending balance of \$1,417,700.40. Jay Waldvogel motioned to approve the finance report as presented. Maggie Strothman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Grimwood mentioned the upcoming Town Wide Garage Sales and Clean Up day have been postponed-hopefully to be rescheduled in August.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Figgins stated having received a letter from a concerned resident over leaf burning. The resident would like to see only on certain days of the week. The board will direct this to the Board of Health. Mayor Figgins reminded all of the Statement of Economics forms mailed out this week need to be completed and returned to LaSalle County. She then thanked Oakley Whalen for her t-shirt fundraiser idea with profits of \$1,580.00 for purchase of gift cards to local businesses with a drawing for those cards from those purchasing. Mayor Figgins stated having received calls from a few businesses regarding the Downstate Small Business Grant Opportunity. They are currently looking into this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Jeff Wilhelm, Streets Committee, stated mowing has begun for the year. Maintenance is also working on pothole repair. The village engineer will be in town this week to review road issues also. He will be purchasing a used mower for the brush for \$900.00 from his equipment budget.

Maggie Strothman, Sewer Committee, mentioned an issue with a sump pump on East Grant Street being connected to the sewer lines as being part of the problems in the area. She also mentioned an issue at the dead end of Bushnell Street. Fast Pipe was called out to televise the area to Park Avenue. They believe this to be caused by a void or sinkhole not filled in from a gas line repair. Repair work was completed by Teenies.

Jamie Skalic, Zoning Committee, reported 1 shed renewal permit issued for \$33.00.

Jay Waldvogel, Parks Committee, reported brackets were purchased for the basketball hoop repair. In response to Covid-19, he also would like to purchase 4 mini hand sanitation stations for the park areas. Jeff would like to place on cement pads and mount to them from April to November. Jay will look into costs and availability of these.

Peggy Arneson, Police Committee, had Chief Bergeron give the police report. He also stated the new full time officer, Collin Fischer has resigned effective April 2, 2020. A current part time officer is interested in the position.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Figgins reintroduced an Ordinance Directing Sale of Real Estate at 425 W Pleasant Street in Sheridan. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve Ordinance 2020-22, the direction to sell the property. A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Peggy Arneson-yes

Jay Waldvogel-yes

Jamie Skalic-yes

Maggie Strothman-yes

Judy Hinterlong-yes

Jeff Wilhelm-yes

All were in favor. Motion Carried. This will be published in the newspaper for 3 consecutive weeks with a bid opening at the June 8th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Figgins introduced Kevin Lindemann with NCICG who asked for updated conversation pertaining to the Village of Sheridan's Risk Assessment. Mayor Figgins began discussion from the 2015 Mitigation Activities.

First, to continue to remove trees impacted by the Emerald Ash Borer. Jeff Wilhelm stated that this has been completed.

Second, to develop and implement an Emergency Operations Plan for Snow Removal. A plan is still being worked on for this to assure efficient removal of snow to ensure emergency responders can access all parts of the village during and after snowstorms.

Third, to develop emergency shelter plans. Chief Bergeron has access to several businesses in case of emergency needs in a power outage. They are further continuing to look at other aspects.

Fourth, to purchase backup generators for emergencies. The village has generators in both municipal buildings for power outages.

Fifth, to consider utilizing Code Red, an emergency alert notification system to increase awareness and preparedness of severe weather. The village uses a siren as indication of tornados to which the fire chief has access to using it as well. They will also look into utilizing social media also.

Sixth, to engage in regional discussion on the implementation of best practices for activating early warning sirens during storm events. These are updated as needed. Chief Bergeron also has use of cell phone to set off the siren.

Seventh, to improve local hazardous weather operations by becoming a Storm Ready Community. The village will look into use of cell phones for getting such information to residents.

Eighth, to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System to help residents save on flood insurance.

Another possible addition would be for the physical protection of our wastewater treatment plant, placing a berm around for possible flood protection.

There was no public participation at the meeting.

Jeff Wilhelm has only received 1 quote for extending the salt shed from S&K Excavating. He would like to try for a few more bids before deciding. He will contact other places. He also mentioned needing the tarp repaired or purchase a new one for sheltering the salt while in storage. He will look into this for the next meeting. Jeff also stated the village is under contract to take 1 more load of salt by June 30th this year which we may need to have someone store for us.

Mayor Figgins signed a Declaration of Local State of Emergency coinciding with Governor Pritzger's declaration of disaster area and President Trumps Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). The Village of Sheridan is taking the preventative measures to slow the spread of the virus.

Mayor Figgins introduced a Resolution Appointing a Part Time Maintenance Person-Tom Gaffney. Several board members were present interviewing all applicants. Jay Waldvogel motioned to approve Resolution 2020-23, the part time appointment to maintenance. Jeff Wilhelm seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried. Tom will begin working once the shelter in place has been lifted by Governor Pritzger with a review after 60 days.

Mayor Figgins introduced a Resolution Adopting Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021. She reviewed the expenditures for each department. She also stated transferring \$14,145.00 from streets fund to streets reserve fund to help fund the tractor/loader purchase. She also reviewed the percentage allocations for revenues. Jay Waldvogel motioned to approve Resolution 2020-24, the tentative budget. Jamie Skalic seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Figgins introduced a Resolution Authorizing Tractor/Loader Purchase. Three bids were received, AHW LLC for \$65,898.00, Kelly Sauder for \$70,193.79 and an alternate bid from Holland & Sons, Inc. for \$71,815.44. Jeff Wilhelm motioned to approve Resolution 2020-25 and purchase from AHW LLC for \$65,898.00. Maggie Strothman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Figgins introduced a Resolution for Improvement under the Illinois Highway Code. This is for approval for use of MFT funds of \$75,000.00 for the Robinson Street rehabilitation project using the TARP Grant. Jeff Wilhelm motioned to approve Resolution 2020-26, for the use of MFT funds. Maggie Strothman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Figgins introduced an Ordinance amending Chapter 17-Miscellaneous Offenses Prohibiting Reckless Conduct. Attorney Burton described reckless conduct as causing another person harm. Jay Waldvogel motioned to approve Ordinance 2020-27. Jeff Wilhelm seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Attorney Burton commented on drawings of proposed site at 415 N Bushnell Street with the potential for a Dollar General store, 4-plex units and storage units. Discussion was held on lots and the requirement of subdivision of the lots. Attorney Burton stated there would need to be a subdivision hearing held which could be held at the same time as the zoning hearing. Additional comments were made regarding a sewer usage. Jeff Wilhelm mentioned a lift station may be needed in the area.

Mayor Figgins added additional comments regarding the hazard mitigation. She wondered about the possibility of a funding opportunity for storm sewers on Park Avenue as this area's water retention is significant after a storm.

Mayor Figgins also commented on the possibility of lightning detections systems being placed atop certain buildings that would allow a siren to sound if lightning is detected within so many miles alarming citizens to leave parks, school grounds, etc. as a mitigation strategy.

Jamie asked if street work included in the budget included any patch work over on Barr Street as there is a significant spot that needs attention. Jeff Wilhelm commented that the engineer would be in town this week and that they would take a look at it.

There being no further discussion, Jeff Wilhelm motioned to adjourn the meeting. Judy Hinterlong seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Grimwood
Village Clerk