

Village of Sheridan
Board Meeting
September 11, 2023

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Village Board met on the above date with the following members present: Wendy Greenrod, Pam Carlson, Judy Hinterlong, Darin Naggs, and Marlene Woodward.

Bills from August 2023 in the amount of \$38,038.13 were presented for approval of payment. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve payment of the bills. Marlene Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes from August 14, 2023, were presented for approval. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Wendy Greenrod seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried. Marlene inquired as to whether a letter, requested by Don McNelis, was sent regarding cleanup of the CCDD site. Attorney Burton will reach out to Mr. McNelis regarding this. She also asked if the village has heard back from Representative Jed Davis regarding the cleanup status of the CCDD sites. Mayor Wehner stated that he had.

Marlene Woodward gave the Finance Report for August 2023 with an ending balance of \$2,482,735.40. Pam Carlson motioned to approve the finance report as presented. Judy Hinterlong seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Grimwood announced Fall Clean Up day would be Friday, October 13, 2023. She also asked to set the Trick or Treat hours for October 31, 2023, from 4:00-7:00PM. The board had no objections.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Wehner read a resignation letter from Jeff Werner. The Zoning Trustee position is open. He has a few people to contact regarding this and would also like anyone else interested in the position to contact him. He mentioned a refund for unused timbers from the playground installation would be coming after these are picked up for a total of \$1,288.00. He has also received a request from Hope for the Day Suicide Prevention to pass a Proclamation in the village. He will look into this further.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Wendy Greenrod, Sewer Committee, stated having three calls this month, none of which were on the village's end. One other incident occurred with Visu Sewer lining project which Visu Sewer will be taking care of. She mentioned on the sewer lining project, all American Rescue Plan Act funding will be used on the project. An additional \$10,319.89 could be used from General funding to complete additional street lining. The amount could possibly be less.

Pam Carlson, Police Committee, gave the police report for August 2023. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve the police report as presented. Darin Naggs seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Judy Hinterlong, Parks Committee, stated the basketball court has been sealed and striped, additional hostas have been planted by the fence and the Mike Walker Memorial bench has been installed. She is still awaiting the memorial plaque. Lights have been added to the gazebo and shelter this month. She would need two more boxes of them to complete this. She also stated having a request for new hoops and nets at the basketball court. Michael Morel stated those were just put up this year. She will reach back out to her requestor.

Darin Naggs, Streets Committee, stated the sidewalk work has been completed. S & K will return to reseed grass soon. Street work has also been completed. Michael will be dropping off the paint sprayer to have repairs completed. Once this is done, maintenance will stripe the alley and roads. He is also looking into a 2024 seal coating project with LaSalle County Highway Department.

Mayor Wehner stated having one fence permit for the Sheridan Cemetery which the fee was waived, along with one chicken coop permit for a total of \$25.00 for August.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing new was reported regarding the salt shed construction. Darin Naggs had asked Jeff Snape to see if he could have an engineer review the plans but hasn't heard back. Darin also mentioned that he has a lead on an arched top for the salt shed for a cost of \$3,000.00. He is waiting to hear back on this but would like to purchase. There were no objections. He may also use the existing blocks for the base as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Bergeron requested the purchase of two Motorola VHF portable radios for the police department to replace older ones. He quoted pricing was \$1,814.00 with an addition to program them. Darin inquired as to whether the police department still used radios to which Chief Bergeron replied yes, they do. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve the request for no more than \$2,200.00. Pam Carlson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Darin Naggs requested a village credit card for purchases. The previous streets chairman had been issued one as well. Marlene Woodward motioned to approve the village credit card for Darin Naggs. Judy Hinterlong seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Clerk Grimwood stated having issues with sending messages through the village email account. She is asking board permission to pursue a .gov account, which is a long process to obtain. She would like to work with Marlene Woodward on this. The board had no objections.

Judy Hinterlong would like to host a Veteran's Day lunch on November 10th this year following a ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial Park. She requested a budget of \$1,200.00 to have food catered by Calico Café. This would be taken from the Community Relations Parks Fund Account. Wendy Greenrod motioned to approve the \$1,200.00 expenditure from parks for the luncheon. Pam Carlson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced an Ordinance Granting a Variance for Property of Gregory J. Hubert. Attorney Burton stated that a Zoning Board hearing was held on September 5, 2023, regarding this with all interested parties given the chance to speak. A variance was approved for a pole style foundation and to allow a non-compliant setback to the side yard which is consistent with the location of his garage. Greg

also had letters from neighbors stating they were fine with this. Marlene Woodward motioned to approve Ordinance 2023-38, Granting a Variance for Greg Hubert. Wendy Greenrod seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced an Ordinance Granting a Variance for Property of Ronald Schmoker. Attorney Burton stated that a zoning hearing was held regarding this per the request of the village board at their August meeting which would give neighboring property owners a chance to speak. No adjoining property owners were present at the hearing. Architectural drawings have been an issue with this project and discussion was held on changing this to a temporary structure with a variance being granted for Municipal Code provisions and Zoning Code provisions regarding trailers. Discussion had been held regarding the use of the trailer. Mr. Schmoker had agreed that he would use the trailer for his retained entertainment on occasion and would not be a public venue. He would also serve food and/or beverages with no patrons allowed inside the trailer. Health, safety, and life issues were also discussed at the zoning hearing and Mr. Schmoker agreed to this type of provision. The Ordinance recites these provisions and grants permission to allow the trailer to remain for occasional entertainers use. Mr. Schmoker would have the tie downs to secure the trailer and assurance of a fire extinguisher on site, emergency lighting and an electrical inspection completed. Findings included no neighbors objecting, additional exterior improvements, unique circumstance trying to maintain the unique character of the property and that there have been no significant complaints in the time the trailer has been on the property. Judy Hinterlong asked about the completion date. Attorney Burton stated there had not been a date set by the zoning board. Ron Schmoker then stated that he has removed everything from the trailer, disconnected the power and is unsure what he will do at this point with it. He would like to table the variance until October 2023. Ron thanked the board for their help in this matter. He will let them know at the next board meeting his decision.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Approving and Authorizing Financial Commitment in the Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program. He explained this was authorizing the village's commitment to funding for possible grant funds to improve the walkways for our children to get to school. A zoom meeting was held with NCICG regarding the process to apply for the funding opportunity. The board feels this would be a great opportunity to help complete some of the village's sidewalks on the route. Darin Naggs stated the only village cost for this would be engineering cost. The school is also involved with sending out parents' surveys and teacher tallies which would also need to be submitted in order to apply for the funding. Darin spoke on the map that was provided by Jeff Snape with his recommendations of sidewalk improvements most in need with his cost estimate. The board reviewed the engineer's proposal and approved the recommendation. Attorney Burton stated this is a very competitive program that we have previously submitted applications for. The board feels we need to move forward in applying for funding assistance. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve Resolution 2023-39, to proceed with the Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program. Pam Carlson seconded the motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Wendy Greenrod-Aye

Pam Carlson-Aye

Judy Hinterlong-Aye

Darin Naggs-Aye

Marlene Woodward-Aye

All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Adopting Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan under Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as Amended. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve Resolution 2023-40, Adopting the Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan. Pam Carlson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced an Ordinance Establishing an Equal Employment, Non-Discrimination, and Sexual Harassment Policy Including Provisions to Benefit Handicapped Individuals. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve Ordinance 2023-41, Establishing an Equal Employment, Non-Discrimination, and Sexual harassment Policy. Marlene Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Approving Payment to Visu-Sewer, Inc. for the 2023 American Rescue Plan Act Funded Sanitary Slip Lining Project. Wendy Greenrod motioned to approve Resolution 2023-42, Payment to Visu Sewer for Pay Request 1 for \$161,815.87 payable with American Rescue Plan Act Funding. Judy Hinterlong seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Approving Recommendation for Pay Request 1 to S&K Excavating & Trucking, Inc. for 2023 Sidewalk Repairs. Darin Naggs mentioned a Change Order of an additional \$14,763.55 to the contract for additional aggregate base and sidewalk removal. Marlene Woodward motioned to approve Resolution 2023-43, approving Pay Request 1 to S&K Excavating & Trucking Inc. for a total of \$76,328.15 payable from general funds. Darin Naggs seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Approving Recommendation for Pay Request 1 to Advanced Asphalt Co. for the MFT/Rebuild Illinois Street Work Project. Darin Naggs mentioned a Change Order of an additional \$982.50 for additional asphalt milling and hot mix asphalt lever binder. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve Resolution 2023-44, Pay Request 1 to Advanced Asphalt for a total of \$225,595.60 payable with MFT/Rebuild Illinois Funds. Marlene Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced an Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of Sheridan Establishing Drug and Alcohol Policy. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve Ordinance 2023-45, Establishing a Drug and Alcohol Policy. Pam Carlson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Amending Pay of Part Time Police Officers. Marlene asked if the police committee felt there would be animosity from our current officers being paid the same as a new incoming officer. Chief Bergeron stated that current part time officers would benefit as well, except for one-who is making more than \$25.00 per hour currently. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve Resolution 2023-46, Amending Pay of Part Time Officers. Wendy Greenrod seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Re-Establishing Compensation of Full Time Officer Karl Eccles. Pam Carlson and the police committee would like to propose increasing Karl's wage to \$56,000.00 now and to \$60,000.00 in the spring. Darin Naggs felt this was too much. Marlene would like to just vote on the current increase to \$56,000.00 and review in the spring any further increases. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve Resolution 2023-47, increasing Karl Eccles pay to \$56,000.00 per year. Wendy Greenrod seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Authorizing the Addition of a Second Full Time Police Officer. Pam Carlson stated having potential break in's in her neighborhood, the police committee is proposing a third full time officer. Darin Naggs asked if there would be 24/7 police coverage in the village then. Chief Bergeron stated coverage would be close to 24/7, that a third full time officer would help relieve the need for part time officers to which we only have one currently working. Darin stated that he would not agree

to this unless there was guaranteed 24/7 coverage. Judy Hinterlong stated this was in the budget currently, it would just need to be redirected. Mayor Wehner brought up insurance coverage for the additional full-time employee which would add to those costs as well. Marlene feels we should not approve everything at once and would like to revisit in spring. Others agreed. A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Wendy Greenrod-No

Pam Carlson-Yes

Judy Hinterlong-Yes

Darin Naggs-No

Marlene Woodward-No

This Resolution will be revisited in the spring.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Amending the Pay of Chief Bergeron. The police committee would like to increase Chief Bergeron's yearly wage to \$80,000.00. Marlene Woodward stated from the finance committee meeting it was discussed for only part time police officer's wages to increase. She feels that Chief Bergeron has other perks which add up to \$80,000.00. Wendy asked to revisit this for the next fiscal year as this budget has been set for the year by the previous board. A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Wendy Greenrod-No

Pam Carlson-Yes

Judy Hinterlong-Yes

Darin Naggs-No

Marlene Woodward-No

This Resolution will be revisited in the spring.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Authorizing Improved Health Insurance Plans for Full Time Employees. Marlene Woodward stated the finance committee discussed proposing the village paying 85% for health, dental and vision insurance costs to help retain employees. Judy noted there was currently funding budgeted in for health insurance costs. The new plan would not take effect until December 1, 2023 for a cost of \$32,283.72 for the upcoming year. Wendy Greenrod motioned to approve Resolution 2023-48, improved health insurance plan for full time employees. Judy Hinterlong seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Appointing a Sewer Revolving Loan Fund Committee. Attorney Burton stated that he had previously mentioned at the last meeting a Revolving Loan Fund that other municipalities have and possibly looking into this as well to assist residents with loans to make repairs to their lateral lines when they are unable to do so. This requires an established committee within the village to research the idea. Marlene asked if this wasn't paid back, what would happen. Attorney Burton stated this would more than likely be a junior mortgage as opposed to a promissory note. Wendy Greenrod feels this would not be a good idea to pursue with the use of taxpayer dollars. Others agreed with Wendy. This resolution will be tabled for the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Mott stated the trailer at the Sheridan Elevator would have been a good asset to the village. He would like village officials to encourage Mr. Schmoker to continue with the project.

There being no further business, Judy Hinterlong motioned to adjourn the meeting. Darin Naggs seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Grimwood, Village Clerk