

Village of Sheridan
Board Meeting
September 13, 2021

The public hearing began at 6:50 PM to consider vacating the alley between Worthy Street and Dwight Street in Block 9 of Rowe's Second Edition to the Village of Sheridan. Present were Donley Larson, Dawn Osborne, representing Peggy Bermel and James and Lisa Cottingim, all of whom would be affected by this. No one present was opposed to vacating the alleyway. James Cottingim inquired as to whether the Village would be surveying. Attorney Burton stated there would not. Attendees were given a Plat of Survey drawn up by the Village Engineer showing the vacated plat. The adjoining property owners would be obtaining seven and a half feet of land. Attorney Burton stated this would go before the Village Board later in the meeting to vote on the Ordinance passage. Any existing structures on the property would be grandfathered in. There was no objection to the vacation of Block 9 in Rowes Second Edition. Jeff Wilhelm motioned to close the public hearing. Peggy Arneson seconded the motion.

The board meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Bills for August 2021 in the amount of \$18,070.73 were presented for payment. Jeff Wilhelm motioned to approve payment of the bills. Tom Wehner seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes from the August 9, 2021 meeting was presented for approval. Jamie Skalic motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Peggy Arneson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Strothman gave the finance report with an ending balance of \$1,869,661.71. Tom Wehner motioned to approve the finance report as presented. Jamie Skalic seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Grimwood stated Fall Clean Up Day would be October 22nd and the next e-waste would be November 13th from 8:00AM-12:00PM. E-waste will not be included in the Clean Up Day.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor Strothman has reached out to MASS regarding services to Sheridan. They have many programs available and do stop in town monthly to the Robert Rowe Library. They are sending brochures to what is offered, and the board will discuss further regarding a donation at the next meeting. Mayor Strothman noted that half of the American Rescue Plan funding, \$171,289.70, has been deposited into a separate account. The injunction orders remain in effect for Sheridan-Joliet Land Development, LLC and the matter is continued for status hearing on November 8, 2021. The village has switched from Getz to Illinois Valley Fire & Safety for annual fire extinguisher checks at a lower rate for each yearly inspection. Mayor

Strothman was informed of a failed water test at Sheridan Grade School. She is looking into this with the school. The Village has quarterly testing done between Jennings Lyon Day Home and Sheridan Grade School. These tests have all come back fine. The fiber optic installation is nearly completed, and they will be soliciting residents about their offerings to the community soon. Mayor Strothman also stated the basketball hoop has been repaired.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Jeff Wilhelm, Streets Committee, stated receiving a bill for the salt shed. There is some work yet to be completed on this. He proposed paying \$3,000.00 of the bill until the work is complete. The Tree Guy has been asked to remove an additional tree, remove stump and trim one more tree for an additional \$1,400.00. They are also working on a list of affected trees from the recent storms. He will have a quote next month for the crack seal work. Jeff also stated there being no striping paint available currently.

Darin Naggs, Sewer Committee, reported the East Grant Street sewer project has been completed.

Jamie Skalic, Zoning Committee, stated having 2 permits issued in August, one reroof and one demolition totaling \$374.27.

Tom Wehner, Parks Committee, is still looking for options to memorial plaques for the three donated trees in Centennial Park. He also mentioned the basketball rim has been repaired.

Peggy Arneson, Police Committee, gave the police report. The squad car has also been sold.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Strothman introduced an Ordinance Amending Chapter 6-Board of Health of the Municipal Code of Sheridan. This Ordinance was missed last month regarding electric to pools. Jamie Skalic motioned to approve Ordinance 2021-39. Tom Wehner seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Bids have been received for the repair work to the Village Hall/Police Department building. Olsson's Roofing submitted a quote for \$4,220.00 and McConnaughay & Sons for \$5,950.00. Jeff Wilhelm motioned to approve Olsson's bid for \$4,220.00 for roof repair. Darin Naggs seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Strothman introduced an Ordinance Vacating the Alley in Block 9 of Rowe's Second Edition to the Village of Sheridan. Tom Wehner motioned to approve Ordinance 2021-40 to vacate the alley. Peggy Arneson seconded the motion. A Roll Call Vote was taken:

Jamie Skalic-Yes

Peggy Arneson-Yes

Tom Wehner-Yes

Darin Naggs-Yes

Jeff Wilhelm-Yes

All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Shelly Figgins was absent from vote.

This Ordinance passed will be recorded with LaSalle County within the next few weeks.

Mayor Strothman had been approached by Serena Sports Boosters regarding holding the Homecoming Parade in Sheridan this year on September 21st. Tom Wehner stated having heard this would be held in Serena. Tom Wehner motioned to approve the Homecoming Parade if held in Sheridan. Jamie Skalic seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried. Tom will find out the location of the event.

The Sheridan United Methodist Church will be hosting their annual pork chop supper and request the road closure on Bushnell Street from Church Street to Grant Street on September 25th from 3:30-7:30PM. Jeff Wilhelm motioned to approve the road closure for the pork chop supper. Jamie Skalic seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried. Maintenance will have barricades for their use.

Calico Café would like permission to host their annual Oinktoberfest on October 9th. Jamie would like to use the same route as the previous Torch Run route. This is a private family party with no alcohol sales. Tom Wehner motioned to approve Calico Café Oinktoberfest. Peggy Arneson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

The Community Club has canceled their Fall Fest on October 2nd. They would still like to host the Witches Night Out on October 16th from 3-9:00PM with a Scavenger Hunt with businesses in town for 21 and over. They would like permission to close Burlington Street off for a vendor show. Madonna Wheeler stated there would be no alcohol on village property and wristbands would be used for those consuming alcohol. She also requested the need for more garbage receptacles. Jamie Skalic motioned to approve the Witches Night Out event. Peggy Arneson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Chief Bergeron stated with the recent storms that went through town, several support cables holding the antenna on the tower of the building have snapped. An estimate was given for approximately \$2,000.00. He is working on getting this repaired as quickly as possible. Another company will be out later in the week to hopefully complete repairs. They will also look into whether this will be able to deduct from the insurance.

Mayor Strothman introduced a Resolution Authorizing Trailer Jetter Purchase. Darin Naggs held a Sewer Committee meeting regarding this purchase on August 23rd. He stated with this purchase, the village would be able to take care of issues that arise ourselves. He is still unsure if this would be an allowable expense for the American Rescue Plan funding. Jeff Wilhelm motioned to approve Resolution 2021-41, the purchase of the trailer jetter. Jamie Skalic seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Darin Naggs suggested the village complete the sewer lining using the American Rescue Plan funding. The board will reach out to the village engineer to look into this option and ask for feedback.

Mayor Strothman announced that the village has asked Hamilton Engineering to send an application for the Safe Routes to School Grant funding opportunity again this year. If granted, the project would be 80% funded with 20% village cost. The cost to apply is approximately \$2,000.00.

Mayor Strothman introduced a Resolution Approving Recommendation for Payment to Grand Rapids Enterprises, Inc. for East Grant Street Sewer Repairs. The project has been satisfactorily completed for a total cost of \$8,500.00. Darin Naggs motioned to approve Resolution 2021-42, payment to Grand Rapids Enterprises, Inc. Jeff Wilhelm seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Strothman introduced a Resolution Approving Bid for 2021 Street Project. This project is using MFT funding. Two bids were received. D Construction, Inc. was \$142,696.97 and Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc. was \$99,528.17. Jeff Wilhelm motioned to approve Resolution 2021-43, to award the bid to Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc. Darin Naggs seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Strothman introduced a Resolution Approving Bid for 2021 Sidewalk Project. Three bids were received: Grand Rapids Enterprises, Inc. for 31,584.00, Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc. for \$34,625.06 and S&K Excavating, & Trucking, Inc. for \$41,260.00. Peggy Arneson motioned to approve Resolution 2021-44, to Grand Rapids Enterprises, Inc. to complete this year's sidewalk repairs. Tom Wehner seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Strothman introduced a Resolution Retaining Auditor. Mack & Associates has given pricing for audits for three fiscal years: FY2022-\$8,600.00, FY2023-\$8,850.00 and FY2024-\$9,100.00. Jeff Wilhelm motioned to approve Resolution 2021-45 retaining Mack & Associates for the next three audits. Jamie Skalic seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tara Kowalski requested to have a food truck vendor at the Corner Tap on Wednesday September 29th and inquired on permitting. Attorney Burton stated he would have to get back to her on this as there have been updates to the Ordinance regarding food truck vendors. Tara also requested to host a tailgating party on the first four Sundays in October. Attorney Burton felt police staff would need to be available for the event with outdoor alcohol consumption. Tara is reconsidering hosting the events on their property as opposed to on village streets. She is also willing to pay the \$200.00 for the extra policing. Mayor Strothman will get back to Tara on this.

Lisa Cottingim inquired on the white paint on a tree in front of her home. Jeff Wilhelm stated these were on trees for trim work. There were also some marked from the fiber optic work in town. She has issues with the tree growing toward her home. Jeff Stated that they were able to trim these trees. The village only focuses on the street side of the trees.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Grimwood
Village Clerk