

Village of Sheridan
Board Meeting
August 14, 2023

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Bills from July 2023 in the amount of \$49,515.02 were presented for approval. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve payment of the July bills as presented. Pam Carlson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes from July 10, 2023, and Special meeting July 20, 2023, were presented for approval. Marlene motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Jeff Werner seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Marlene Woodward gave the finance report for July 2023 with an ending balance of \$2,439,986.09. Jeff Werner motioned to approve the finance report as presented. Judy Hinterlong seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Grimwood announced the American Legion would hold their annual Tractor Cruise on August 27th from 1-4PM with the parade at 3:30PM. Also, the Sheridan Community Club would have their annual Labor Day Cruise Night Friday, September 1st from 5-8PM downtown. The board had no objections.

MAYORS REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Judy Hinterlong, Parks Committee, stated the bike rack and dog waste stations have been installed. She thanked Michael Morel and Tim Hall for getting this completed. She mentioned the additional table and village sign were completed with a materials cost of \$320.00 for the table materials and \$200.00 cost for the sign. Pam Carlson motioned to approve the cost of these. Marlene Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried. Judy would like the village to sponsor Fall Soccer League for \$300.00 to come from parks community relations fund. Pam Carlson motioned to approve the donation. Judy Hinterlong seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried. Judy would also like to have the basketball court blacktopped. She has a bid from Platinum Asphalt for \$2,500.00 to be taken from the park improvement fund. Pam Carlson motioned to approve the blacktop bid for \$2,500.00. Darin Naggs seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Darin Naggs, Streets Committee, stated the tree work has been completed and he was pleased with their work. S & K has been working on this year's sidewalk work and should be completed soon. For sewers, he mentioned the televising had begun today on Si Johnson Avenue. They located where the issues in the

800 block were coming from. They have cleaned out the village's main line, but roots were coming in from a lateral line going off the main line which is causing issues. There will be continual issues if this is not rectified. Attorney Burton will begin by sending a letter to the homeowner of the line which it is from. Attorney Burton discussed the possibility of setting up a revolving loan fund of sorts for possible loans to residents who are unable to pay for such repairs to the lines. Marlene feels this is an issue that needs to be taken care of now. She would like to set up a finance committee meeting regarding setting up possible funding for resident loans for repairs.

Jeff Werner, Zoning Committee, stated having two fence permits issued in July 2023 for a total of \$136.40.

OLD BUSINESS

Darin Naggs stated Andy Laesch will begin work on the Historical Society expansion on August 28th. After speaking with Jean McNelis, they would also like to change the plans by taking the two garage doors out and installing windows in their place. Additional cost would be roughly \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00 for the changes. Darin Naggs motioned to approve the work with the changes and additional cost. Judy Hinterlong seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

The Salt shed work is on hold as we are having trouble finding an architect or structural engineer. Attorney Burton has a few names he will send to Darin to contact. This will be tabled until next month.

Mayor Wehner reintroduced A Resolution Authorizing Payment of Sewer Damages and accepting Assignment of Claim. The board feels these sewer issues with SURF Broadband installation should be up to the homeowner and Surf Broadband. A representative from Tri County Management was in attendance regarding this latest issue. SURF Broadband had asked for a Right of Way permit from the village to install lines for internet services-the village did not ask for this. Attorney Burton recommends the homeowner file a suit against them for damages. Judy Hinterlong motioned to reject the resolution of payment. Jeff Werner seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Authorizing Sheridan Community Club to Retain Funds for Future Community Events. He would like this resolution amended to add "Subsequent years" and not only 2023 road collections. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve Resolution 2023-34, for Community Club to retain all road collections with Mayor Wehner's amendment. Marlene Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Ron Schmoker stated he had submitted paperwork for the trailer's building permit however the plans were not acceptable for the building inspector. Mr. Schmoker will try to locate another architect to complete the work as his current architect has not been available to complete the work. Attorney Burton stated there are trailer provisions in our village codes and we currently are working on a zoning board of appeals hearing which a variance could be considered at which would give neighbors a chance to speak regarding this. Jeff Werner made a motion to conduct a zoning board of appeals hearing regarding a variance for the trailer. Judy Hinterlong seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Wehner nominated Wendy Greenrod to fill the trustee position vacated by Jeff Wilhelm. He then introduced a Resolution Appointing a Village Trustee. Jeff Werner motioned to approve Resolution 2023-

35, appointing Wendy Greenrod as Village Trustee. Judy Hinterlong seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried. Wendy Greenrod was sworn into office and took her seat as Sewer Committee Chairman.

Mayor Wehner brought up sewer backup issues from July at Michel Walker's home. He feels check valves should be placed in her basement as opposed to replacing them outside. He would also like to have this area of the road regularly checked by village maintenance. Michel stated that she has had licensed contractor out and they also feel this is the village's responsibility and the check valve should be put back in where it was. Mayor Wehner stated the village stance was the lateral sewer lines were the homeowner's responsibility from their home to the street. She also stated the village had installed the check valve in 1982 and the village was responsible for maintenance of this. Attorney Burton replied that his understanding from the minutes from 1982 that the village installed the check valve and the sanitary district was to maintain this. Michel said that was backwards. Attorney Burton asked Michel to stay after the meeting and he would show her those minutes from 1982. Wendy Greenrod wondered if current boards would be responsible for past village board decisions. Attorney Burton stated this would hold if there were intergovernmental agreements in place regarding any decisions made but were not responsible otherwise. Pam Carlson inquired on the potential loans to residents for repairs to which Attorney Burton replied that a fund could be established which also involves an application with a review process. Attorney Burton offered to put together a Resolution to introduce at the September meeting regarding a revolving fund. Wendy Greenrod would also like to hold a sewer committee meeting to help her become more familiar with things. Wendy Greenrod motioned to table this until a sewer committee meeting can be held later this month. Judy Hinterlong seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner asked for board approval for a raffle license for the Trevor Wehner Memorial Scholarship, Inc. to hold a raffle selling \$10.00 chances for a ½ beef and freezer or \$500.00 cash prize ending October 30th. He requested the filing fee be waived. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve the raffle license and waiving the fee. Pam Carlson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Judy Hinterlong requested to purchase a bench in memory of Mike Walker to be placed at Centennial Park. Concrete would need to be poured for placement as well. Wendy Greenrod motioned to approve a budget of \$2,500.00 for this. Pam Carlson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Clerk Grimwood read a letter requesting the village board to reconsider their portion of payment for full time employee health insurance for the upcoming 2024 enrollment to assist these employees. She mentioned reaching out to other local municipalities regarding such. All pay at least 80% of health insurance costs for full time employees. Marlene Woodward stated that she has reached out to other companies regarding insurance for small groups. She also would like to contact other municipalities regarding their insurance which Cathy will provide for her. Chief Bergeron added that he will need family insurance as well and feels he won't stay in Sheridan with what is currently offered. This will be revisited next month.

Chief Bergeron stated he had been approached by the American Legion on getting certified as a BASSET trainer for alcohol server training. The cost of this would be \$500.00 for his training. Marlene Woodward, Jeff Werner, and Darin Naggs did not feel this was necessary for the village to provide, that it should be each business's responsibility. Wendy Greenrod would like to table this and obtain further information.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Authorizing Lease for Vacant Land for Village of Sheridan Outside Storage. The land lease would be with Maddend Group, Inc. for outside storage and enforcement on the property southeast of the intersection of Church Street and Wensland Road and approximately 350' by

350'. The yearly cost for the lease would be \$10.00 per year. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve Resolution 2023-36, the land lease agreement. Pam Carlson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

The board reviewed paperwork from Helping Hands Recycling. They were all in agreement that they were not interested in this at this time.

Mayor Wehner introduced an Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of Sheridan regarding Financial Controls. The Ordinance sets spending limits before approval is needed. Jeff Werner motioned to approve Ordinance 2023-37, setting expenditure limits. Marlene Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don McNelis spoke to the board regarding the CCDD sites. He stated the property owners had been court ordered to clean up by December 23, 2023, and haven't begun yet. He mentioned a list of products dumped on the site per a Shaw Media report and has concerns of this getting into our water. He would like the board to send a message that this needs to be cleaned up now. Don stated the last time the EPA has been to the site was in 2020. Wendy Greenrod mentioned that she also has information regarding this and has presented to the state senators if any current board members would like to view. Mayor Wehner asked how the board could assist. Don will contact the Illinois EPA to see if they will meet with the current board. State Representative Jed Davis was in attendance and will make phone calls on the status of the CCDD sites.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Grimwood
Village Clerk