

Village of Sheridan
Board Meeting
November 13, 2023

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Bills in the amount of \$60,161.58 were presented for approval of payment. Wendy Greenrod motioned to approve payment of the bills as presented. Marlene Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes from the October 9, 2023, meeting were presented for approval. Marlene Woodward motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Wendy Greenrod seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Marlene Woodward gave the Finance Report for October 2023 with an ending balance of \$1,982,767.77. Wendy Greenrod motioned to approve the finance report as presented. Darin Naggs seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Grimwood reported the .gov email account should be up and running within the next few weeks. She also informed that village officials and employees have been given copies of the new drug and alcohol policy and to return the signed acknowledgement to Village Hall.

MAYORS REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Wendy Greenrod, Sewer Committee, stated having a committee meeting in October regarding issues on the 800 block of W Si Johnson Avenue where the committee was in agreement to offer Michel Walker a grant in order to make repairs from a 40plus year old issue with a backflow valve installed by the village. Michel will get back to Attorney Burton once she speaks with her plumber regarding the best way to make this repair. This will go before the board in the near future. She mentioned issues with another resident on W Si Johnson Avenue. Attorney Burton added she will have the line cleaned out in early spring of 2024. She mentioned that Visu Sewer had told her that as long as there is an issue on this line, it should be professionally cleaned out again within 6-12 months and until the issue is cleared up. She has contacted Village engineer Jeff Snape regarding maintenance of manholes in town who suggested checking one quarter of them per year routinely. There are current concerns on Si Johnson and Robinson Streets as well as at the end of Bushnell Street. She received a patching quote on the issue at the end of Bushnell Street from Grand Rapids for \$1,700.00-\$1,800.00 and repair quote from Teenie's for \$5,600.00. She will wait until spring and work with Michael regarding maintenance and upkeep.

Mayor Wehner gave the police report in Pam's absence. Marlene Woodward motioned to approve the police report as presented. Darin Naggs seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Judy Hinterlong, Parks Committee, was absent.

Darin Naggs, Streets Committee, stated further striping had been completed in the alley by maintenance. He also mentioned another tree in need of trimming on Worthy Street. Christmas decorations will be hung the week following Thanksgiving by Stephens Tree Service.

Mayor Wehner gave the permits for the month of October with 1 reroof, Historical Society expansion and the salt shed permits being issued. The Historical Society and salt shed permit fees were waived for the village. The total collected for permits this month was \$25.00 for the reroof.

OLD BUSINESS

Darin Naggs commented that the permit has been issued for the salt shed. They have poured additional concrete for the pad for a cost of \$462.24 to Western Sand & Gravel. Andy Laesch has submitted a bid for \$2,500.00 to install the tarp that was purchased. He will have Andy complete this work. The board had no issues with this.

Darin Naggs stated the Historical Society expansion is nearly complete. The electrician will be here Tuesday or Wednesday this week to complete and ready for final inspection. The village has purchased supplies for this project through Golden Rule Lumber and Menards totaling \$7,985.43 so far and made payment to Andy Laesch and the electrician for \$6,378.10 thus far. Total payouts for these should be \$22,100.00 or less. Midwest Heating will also be paid the remaining \$7,500.00 of the approved bid of \$15,000.00 as well. There were no issues on this.

Attorney Burton would like to schedule a zoning hearing regarding trailers, possibly in January. The board was in agreement with this.

Matt Woodward, who was appointed last month, was present and sworn in as the village plumbing inspector.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Appointing a Village Trustee. His nomination is Jake Naggs. Wendy Greenrod motioned to approve Resolution 2023-59, nominating Jake Naggs as Zoning Chairman for the village. Darin Naggs seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried. Jake Naggs was sworn in to office as Zoning Board Chairman.

Darin Naggs would like to rescind an indemnity agreement made years ago on trees on Worthy Street as they are a hazard, and 2 trees need to be removed. He also would like to have a limb taken down on a walnut tree on a Thompson rental property as it is causing damage to the tin roof. The board agreed to remove the limb. Attorney Burton will send notice to the homeowner on Worthy Street regarding removal of the trees and canceling the agreement.

Mayor Wehner asked for an update regarding squad car dash cams and body cams. Chief Bergeron stated courts currently require digital dash cams currently and two of our squad cars have them already. The previous finance committee plan was to upgrade one each year. This year he is looking to update the third

squad to the digital dash cam. The mentioned the past costs of each has been \$6,000.00 to \$7,000.00. As far as the body cameras are concerned, this is Illinois law now with certain departments having to have them before other departments, depending on their size. Sheridan would be required to have these by July 1, 2025. The original plan from the previous finance committee was to bring in body cam vendors for recommendations of these to coincide with the dash cameras for the village police department. Attorney Burton pointed out the added administration that goes along with these cameras. Chief Bergeron stated that some vendors have contractors that store the data as well. He added that currently the dash cameras do not require storage as of yet but will become mandatory as body cameras come out. Attorney Burton suggested adding these costs to our next budget. Marlene Woodward inquired about any grant funding being available. Chief Bergeron replied that he hasn't seen any that would coincide with our current dash cameras. Mayor Wehner would like to find out if there would be continuous recordings with body cams or dashcams. Chief Bergeron will inquire with several vendors. Mayor Wehner would like to set in motion the progression to obtaining what is still needed.

Mayor Wehner introduced the Tax Levy Ordinance. Marlene Woodward spoke on different options for the tax levy. She gave board members this year's revenues and expenditures thus far, also mentioning the possibility of losing revenue in the future for the prison population. She proposed to increase the village taxes by 4.5% this year. Wendy Greenrod motioned to approve Ordinance 2023-60, increasing taxes by 4.5%. Marlene Woodward seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was taken:

Wendy Greenrod-Yes

Darin Naggs-Yes

Jake Naggs-Yes

Marlene Woodward-Yes

Motion Carried.

Don McNelis suggested the board members be proactive and write to local politicians regarding the prison population revenue.

Marlene also mentioned having found a grant finder website to search for funding for the village. She will set up a village account.

Mayor Wehner introduced an Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of Sheridan Establishing Paid Leave Act. The Paid Leave Act becomes Illinois Law on January 1, 2024, giving employees one hour of paid time off for every forty hours worked with no more than 40 hours earned in one year. Marlene Woodward motioned to approve Ordinance 2023-61, establishing Paid Leave Act for village employees. Jake Naggs seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced an Ordinance amending Chapter 6-Board of Health of the Municipal Code of Sheridan as to Definition of Nuisance Conditions. Marlene Woodward motioned to approve Ordinance 2023-62, adding in maintenance of lateral sewer line blockage and clean up to the Municipal Code of Sheridan. Wendy Greenrod seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Wendy Greenrod would like to form a CCDD committee. Mayor Wehner felt this should fall under zoning. Mayor Wehner nominated Jake Naggs to be chairman of the committee with Wendy Greenrod and Don McNelis. All trustees agreed to appoint the CCDD committee. A Resolution will go before the board in December for approval of this committee. Wendy will be going through village communications regarding this.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There being no public comment or further business, Marlene Woodward motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jake Naggs seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Grimwood
Village Clerk