

Village of Sheridan  
Board Meeting  
September 14, 2020

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A Roll Call was taken with the following members present: Peggy Arneson, Jay Waldvogel, Jamie Skalic, Maggie Strothman, Judy Hinterlong and Jeff Wilhelm.

Bills for August 2020 in the amount of \$50,457.69 were presented for payment. Jamie Skalic motioned to approve payment of the bills. Maggie Strothman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes from the August 2020 meeting were presented for approval. Jay Waldvogel motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Peggy Arneson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Judy Hinterlong gave the finance report for August 2020 with an ending balance of \$1,531,162.42. Jeff Wilhelm motioned to approve the finance report as presented. Peggy Arneson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Grimwood stated having petitions available at Village Hall for the upcoming elections. They may begin circulating them on September 22, 2020.

#### MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor Figgins announced that with the rescinding of our contract with Safebuilt, Illinois, LLC, our building inspection service, we should be expecting a fee increase with them. She will let the board know when this is sent. She also asked the boards thoughts on Trick or Treating this year. It was decided to hold Trick or Treat on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 4-7PM.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Jeff Wilhelm, Streets Committee, stated things have been quiet and D Construction will begin the TARP and street work very soon.

Maggie Strothman, Sewer Committee, stated the sump pump on E Grant Street has still not been disconnected. Attorney Burton will send another letter to the homeowner for disconnection. The Village Engineer is still working on getting a second bid for the E Grant Street project also.

Jamie Skalic, Zoning Committee, stated having 2 demolitions, 2 garages and 1 reroof permits issued for a total of \$559.64 in August. He also spoke about the Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing on the Dollar General's request to subdivide. It was discussed on the village taking over jurisdiction of the roadway for the entrance to the store. With the meeting, they have recommendations for the village board to take control of the roadway, to recommend a request of the sidewalk continuation to the store and to recommend no other access to Lot Two without knowing the plans for its use. He also stated his concerns in regards to the CARES Act also on the agenda. He stated this is a Federal Grant to assist municipalities with Covid-19 expenses. He is skeptical of using this money. Mayor Figgins will have Chief Bergeron and

Clerk Grimwood review expenses incurred thus far. She will then report to the board and proceed from there. The deadline to sign on to the program is October 1, 2020.

Jay Waldvogel, Parks Committee, reported that he would like to begin working on new signs on the train in Centennial Park.

Peggy Arneson, Police Committee, gave the Police report for August 2020. Jay Waldvogel motioned to approve the report as presented. Peggy Arneson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried. Chief Bergeron also commented that he is currently working on setting up a Board of Health Meeting in regards to nuisance properties in town. The meeting will be posted soon.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Bergeron stated on August 10<sup>th</sup> when he tried setting of the weather siren, it was not functioning properly. He called for servicing, repair work has been done and he was informed the batteries had exploded. We currently have no remote access to this. The cost for replacement would be approximately \$2,500.00. He would also like to ask the board for permission for a yearly maintenance service for the siren which would cost roughly \$1,000.00 per year. The board would like to table the replacement of the remote access until spring. Jamie also motioned to approve the yearly maintenance of the siren with a cost of \$1,000 per year. Jeff Wilhelm seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Figgins introduced a Resolution Retaining Auditor for FY 2020/2021. Mayor Figgins would like to retain services from Mack & Associates for the audit for one year at a cost of \$8,350.00. She stated with the upcoming elections, a bid could go out at a later date for a new three-year contract at that time. Peggy Arneson motioned to approve Resolution 2020-46 to Mack & Associates for a one-year audit service. Jay Waldvogel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Figgins introduced an Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Jurisdictional Transfer Documents for a Portion of Robinson Street from LaSalle County to the Village of Sheridan. This resolution is for the roadway transfer from county to the village for the Dollar General. LaSalle County typically does not grant access from the roads. Attorney Burton identified the three suggestions from the Zoning Board of Appeals being the road jurisdiction, sidewalk and no other road access before disclosing what they plan on using the remainder of the property for. They will have access to the north of the property, however Dollar General has expressed wanting their own private access to the store. Ryan Swanson, with ARC Design, representing the Dollar General, was present to answer any questions. He stated that Dollar General would be willing to only add sidewalk at their frontage, the remainder would fall on the developer. They are good with the no further access to the remainder of the lot. Jay Waldvogel mentioned sales tax revenue that would come to the village from this with respect to the maintenance of the additional roadway the village would be acquiring. He also commented on the extra expense of the additional sidewalk and how this will affect the current businesses in town. David Bardson inquired on their water. Ryan stated they would have a private well. Jeff Wilhelm stated that he would like to see the full plan of the entire property and has concerns of any entrance going off Bushnell Street. Jamie Skalic does not feel comfortable taking over jurisdiction of the roadway at this time. Don McNelis stated that there are several Dollar General stores available to shop in nearby towns. Ron Vaughn agreed that this would hurt the Sheridan Food Mart especially. Attorney Burton stated that the village issue is strictly a subdivision issue and not a zoning issue, the property is currently zoned manufacturing. Jamie Skalic motioned to deny the

jurisdictional transfer of the roadway. Maggie Strothman seconded the motion. A no vote would be to deny the resolution to begin work on a jurisdictional transfer of roadway. A Roll Call Vote was taken:

Peggy Arneson-no

Jay Waldvogel-no

Jamie Skalic-no

Maggie Strothman-no

Judy Hinterlong-no

Jeff Wilhelm-no

All opposed the jurisdictional transfer of roadway from LaSalle County. Motion Carried.

Mayor Figgins introduced a Resolution Approving Recommendation for Pay Request 2 to S&K Excavating & Trucking, Inc. for the Library/Village Parking Lot. Jeff Wilhelm motioned to approve Resolution 2020-47, Pay Request 2 to S&K Excavating in the amount of \$28,552.03. Maggie Strothman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Figgins introduced a Resolution Approving Recommendation for Pay Request 2 and Final Payment to S&K Excavating & Trucking, Inc. for the 2020 Miscellaneous Sidewalk Repair Project. Jay Waldvogel motioned to approve Resolution 2020-48, to S&K Excavating for final payment of \$6,184.06. Peggy Arneson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Figgins introduced a Resolution Accepting the Lowest Bid for Removal of Trees as a Public Works Project. She stated bids had been opened at 10:00AM with the lowest bidder being The Tree Guy/Larry Fleming with a bid of \$15,200.00 for 2 removals and 97 trims. Discussion was held on the expense. Jay Waldvogel motioned to approve only up to \$4,000.00 of tree work for the current budget with The Tree Guy/Larry Fleming. The board would like to complete this over several years. Jeff Wilhelm seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried. Jeff will compile his list of the ones most in need and contact Larry.

Mayor Figgins introduced the Local Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency Support Program (Local CURE Program). Jamie had discussed this in his committee report. The Mayor would like to get the list compiled of current Covid related expenses. Jeff Wilhelm motioned to compile a list of current expenses and make a decision once the list is compiled before the October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Maggie Strothman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Figgins introduced a Resolution Approving Six Month Extension to Current Four Year Contract for Residential Garbage and Other Services. This Resolution would extend the current contract through July 31, 2021 with the current fees associated with the contract. Jamie Skalic motioned to approve Resolution 2020-49, to extend the current Groot contract through July 2021. Peggy Arneson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ken Thompson inquired on the open positions for the upcoming election for the village. Mayor Figgins stated that there will be three trustee and the mayoral position up for election in April which are all four year terms. He also inquired on the work on Church Street. Jeff Wilhelm stated that work will begin soon on Church Street and Robinson Street from D Construction. Church Street will be ground down. Work should be completed by the end of September.

Marlene Woodward inquired on licensing and insurance for anyone that works for the village. She would like to receive a copy of Mike McGee's certification, license and insurance for electrical work done to the village maintenance building.

Mark Woodward inquired on when the minutes from the police committee meeting in June 2020 would be available. Mayor Figgins stated that those are approved at the next committee meeting and would be available after that time. Marlene asked about why there was no call in information for this meeting. Mark then inquired about forms dropped off in the box pertaining to Chief Bergeron. Mayor Figgins stated that if they are not signed they are not paid attention to. Mark then inquired on how the village got stuck providing a school crossing guard. He feels the school could provide their own crossing guard and not the village. Chief Bergeron stated that ever since he's been in Sheridan that the village has paid the crossing guard. He is unsure when this began prior to that.

Patti Smith expressed a big thank you to the village and anyone else who had a hand in the new parking lot. They are very grateful to have it.

Pam Carlson inquired on when the road work would begin on Church Street. Jeff Wilhelm stated that it would begin very soon.

Wendy Greenrod stated that the parking lot does look nice. She also commented on when Park Avenue was last worked on, there are rocks on the roadway that shoot out from the surface when driven on. Jeff will look at this.

Jamie Skalic would like to have a small private party at the Calico Café on October 10<sup>th</sup> with a hayrack ride through town for children. There would be no drinking involved. He stated they would have hayrack ride completed before dark. He will finalize the road path at the next meeting. The board had no issues with this.

Mackenzie Harris stated that she, Mindy Sweeney and Lori Friel would like to host a Fall Fest on Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> from 5-8PM. They would also like to barricade Bushnell Street in front of the laundromat and also on Si Johnson Avenue for this. Vendors will be socially distanced and sanitizers will be provided. Lori also would like to host a wine tasting. Attorney Burton stated that portion would need to have a special Dram Shop license listing the Village as insured. They would also like to provide carriage rides. Jay Waldvogel inquired about the annual Village Cookout and possibly hosting that event the same day. The board had no issues with this event.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Grimwood  
Village Clerk