

Village of Sheridan
Board Meeting
November 9, 2020
Sheridan American Legion/Webex

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Property Tax Levy

Mayor Figgins opened the public hearing for the proposed tax increase. Attorney Burton explained the property tax code requires the public hearing to provide explanation of the increase and then would provide for public comment. increase of 15.6589% would cover additional funding for audit and liability insurance for the village. Mayor Figgins stated the audit funding would increase to \$8,350.00 and the liability insurance would increase to \$27,006.00.

Mayor Figgins opened the floor up for Public Comment. There being no public comment, Jay Waldvogel motioned to close public comment. Maggie Strothman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Bills for October 2020 in the amount of \$193,030.48 were presented for approval of payment. Maggie Strothman motioned to approve payment. Peggy Arneson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

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

Mayor Figgins gave the Finance Report in Judy's absence with an ending balance of \$1,401,607.61. Jay Waldvogel motioned to approve the Finance Report. Jeff Wilhelm seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Grimwood reminded that the village would begin filing petitions on December 14th at 8:00AM at the Village Hall for the upcoming election on April 6th. The final day to turn in petitions would be Monday December 21st until 5:00PM.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor Figgins stated having a small turnout for the cookout on Halloween. She thanked the Sheridan Food Mart for the donation of food and drinks. She also thanked the Corner Tap for a donation of \$700.00 from the 50/50 drawing at the Fall Fest to help offset the cost of the picnic tables purchased by the village over the summer. Mayor Figgins asked the board for thoughts of a reduced liquor licensing fee for 2021 due to Covid-19. After discussion, Jay Waldvogel motioned to reduce the Class A and Class B liquor licenses by 50% for 2021, waive the fee for beer gardens in 2021 and waive video gaming license fees in 2021. Peggy Arneson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Jeff Wilhelm, Streets Committee, mentioned the street lights have been changed over to LED except for those located on poles with our meters on them. He would like to call and speak with Ameren regarding this. The Tree Guy will work with the village on the tree trimming bid and spread over 3 years. He would like to begin at the end of November. Jeff also stated equipment is winter ready and we currently have plenty of road salt.

Maggie Strothman, Sewer Committee, had no report.

Jamie Skalic, Zoning Committee, reported 1 driveway, one shed, one reroof and one sewer permit had been issued in October totaling \$323.50. He also mentioned the plan commission hearing on the Wathen property was held November 2nd where they discussed a proposed alternate entrance off Bushnell Street for the Dollar General Store with their trucks entering from the north.

Jay Waldvogel, Parks Committee, thanked our maintenance department for stabilizing the basketball back boards and hoops at the park. He would also like to add a few flat park benches near the basketball courts in the spring. He will look into bids for the next meeting but is guessing between \$500.00 and \$1,000.00. Three trees were donated in honor of Elda Michelson that will be placed in Centennial Park also. Norway Nursery will plant. Jay also mentioned with the new parking lot, we may want to look into adding a light on the pole that is currently nearby. He will also look into new signs for the train in the park through IDOC.

Peggy Arneson, Police Committee, gave the police report. Peggy Arneson motioned to approve the police report. Jay Waldvogel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried. Chief Bergeron added with a Village Trustees windows shot out of his vehicle recently, they are investigating looking into cameras in the area. He encourages cameras and stated they are a great investigative tool for police. Jamie Skalic inquired on cameras at the police department. Chief Bergeron stated that Judy Hinterlong was still working on quotes for such.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Sheridan Community Club would like to host a "Light Up Sheridan" event on December 11th at 6:00PM. They would like to have a parade with Santa and close off the 100 block of Si Johnson and to Centennial Park. They are asking for police and fire fighter escort down the street to the park where they will stop for a tree lighting event and possibly see Santa on the gazebo from a distance. The board and Chief Bergeron had no issues with this. Mayor Figgins & Jay Waldvogel thanked Mackenzie Harris and the Community Club for the wonderful scarecrows on display through town in October. Mackenzie will meet with Cathy and Chuck with any further details next week. Community Club meetings are held at the Sheridan Fire Station on the 3rd Wednesday each month at 6:30PM.

Mayor Figgins introduced the Tax Levy Ordinance. A Roll Call Vote was taken:

Peggy Arneson-Yes

Jay Waldvogel-Yes

Maggie Strothman-Yes

Jeff Wilhelm-Yes

Jamie Skalic-Yes

Judy Hinterlong-Absent

Jay Waldvogel motioned to approve Ordinance 2020-57 Tax Levy Ordinance. Peggy Arneson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Figgins introduced an Ordinance Approving One Lot Subdivision. Jeff Wilhelm stated that it would be cheaper for us to have their entrance on Bushnell rather than taking over jurisdiction of more roadway. The Zoning Board of Appeals/Plan Commission recommended the board approve the subdivision with a single road access off of Bushnell Street subject to condition that the owner extend the sidewalk to the Commercial Lot and no further road break be granted until possible consideration upon the owner providing further development plans for the remainder of the property. Discussion on amount of truck traffic was discussed. Trevor Larson stated typically one truck delivery per week and would enter from the north of town. David Bardson stated concerns of the amount of traffic in the future in the area being very congested. Jay Waldvogel mentioned a possible traffic study. Jeff Wilhelm motioned to approve Ordinance 2020-58 for Subdivision subject to bonding requirements for sewer and sidewalks to be dedicated to the village. Jay Waldvogel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Figgins introduced a Resolution Amending Pay of Part Time Maintenance Employee Tom Gaffney. Jay Waldvogel motioned to approve Resolution 2020-59 a pay increase to \$15.00 per hour with his six-month review. Maggie Strothman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Figgins introduced a Resolution to Adopt the 2020 LaSalle County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Jeff Wilhelm motioned to approve Resolution 2020-60 to adopt the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Peggy Arneson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Figgins introduced a Proclamation for the Village of Sheridan's School Choice Week. Jay Waldvogel motioned to approve the Proclamation addressing School Choice Week January 24-30, 2021. Jeff Wilhelm seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Figgins introduced a Resolution Approving Request of Approval of Change Order to D Construction, Inc. for TARP Street Work. Maggie Strothman motioned to approve Resolution 2020-61, the deduction of \$1,949.23 for TARP Street Work. Jamie Skalic seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Figgins introduced a Resolution Approving Recommendation for Payment to D Construction, Inc. for 2020 Street Work. Jeff Wilhelm motioned to approve Resolution 2020-62, Pay Request #2 for \$16,651.50 to D Construction, Inc. Jay Waldvogel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Figgins introduced a Resolution Approving Recommendation for Final Pay Request to S&K Excavating & Trucking, Inc. for the Library/Village Parking Lot. The total cost to S&K Excavating for this project was \$66,590.90 with the library contributing \$30,000.00. Jeff Wilhelm motioned to approve Resolution 2020-63, the final pay request to S&K Excavating for \$1,287.82. Jamie Skalic seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Wendy Greenrod stated that the village board has not informed residents of the case against the CCDD sites in town. She feels more transparency is needed and there should be a board member involved in

this. Mayor Figgins replied that updates are sent when things change with the proceedings. She will see to updating the public.

There being no further comments, Jeff Wilhelm motioned to adjourn the meeting. Maggie Strothman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Grimwood
Village Clerk