

Village of Sheridan
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 14, 2024

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Village Board met on the above date with the following members present: Dale Green, Judy Hinterlong, Wendy Greenrod, Heather Weber, and Marlene Woodward.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Appointing a Village Trustee. His nomination is David Heubel. Wendy Greenrod motioned to approve Resolution 2024-54, appointing David Heubel to fill the vacant position left by Jake Naggs. Marlene Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

David Heubel was sworn into office and took his seat as Zoning Committee Chairman.

Bills for September 2024 in the amount of \$14,495.95 were presented for approval of payment. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve the bills as presented. Dale Green seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes from the September 9, 2024, Board Meeting were presented for approval. Marlene Woodward motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Dale Green seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes from the Special Workshop Meeting on September 6, 2024, were presented for approval. Marlene Woodward motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Judy Hinterlong seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Marlene Woodward gave the finance report for September 2024 with an ending balance of \$2,222,004.81. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve the finance report as presented. Heather Weber seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Grimwood reminded that election packets would be due back to Village Hall beginning November 12-18th to be placed on the April 1, 2025, ballot. Town Clean Up Day would be October 25th as well as curbside E Waste Pickup. She read a Thank You from Sheridan PTO for assistance with snacks for the grade school children. Also, Village Hall would be closed for vacation October 16th-22nd.

MAYOR'S REPORT- Mayor Wehner read two anonymous letters dropped off in the village drop box.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Judy Hinterlong, Parks Committee, thanked maintenance workers for completion of the walkway to the shelter in Centennial Park. She has spoken with Rob Borschenius regarding tree replacement who quoted her \$350.00 per tree for the two trees that were removed. Judy would like to have the pine tree in Centennial Park lit for the upcoming holidays with a purchase of lights, large ornaments for underneath and possible tree topper. She asked for \$700.00 budget for this. Heather Weber motioned to approve the \$700.00 budget. Dale Green seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion

Carried. Correct Electric has volunteered to hang lights on the tree at no cost. Judy has reached out to the owner of the Sheridan Food & Liquor regarding painting a mural on the east side of the building. He had no issues with this. She is looking for ideas and has someone willing to volunteer to paint. Attorney Burton stated this volunteer could be appointed at a future meeting for this. Judy will reintroduce in the spring. Judy asked for a budget of \$1,200.00 for new flags for the Veterans Memorial and \$500.00 for Veterans luncheon on Veterans Day. The board had no issues with these. Wendy Greenrod commented that Serena School would be hosting a breakfast and ceremony for Veteran's Day in the morning as well.

Wendy Greenrod, Sewer Committee, stated having a major issue on W Grant Street. She is also working on changing some wording in our current sewer codes along with permitting application updates. She stated sewer maintenance is going well.

Heather Weber, Streets Committee, stated the line sprayer has been cleaned and hopes to have it in use again for next year. The John Deere has been in for repairs to the clutch and fuel gauge for an original quote of \$6,200.00-\$6,500.00. Additional work was needed on bearings and bushings for a total cost of \$11,725.92. The board had no issues with this. The maintenance garage door has finally been repaired with a new opener installed. Maintenance has been working on the parks and put a lot of hours in on sewers. Tim has cleaned up the overgrowth on the east side of the grocery store. She also mentioned the mower has gone to John Deere also for repairs.

Dale Green, Police Committee, gave the police report for September 2024. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve the police report. Marlene Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Dave Heubel, Zoning Committee, stated having 1 reroof, 1 concrete pad, 1 sign and 1 sewer line repair permits issued for September 2024 for a total of \$128.40. The sewer line repair and concrete pad permits were waived.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Wehner reintroduced the Speed Trailer purchase. He felt this would be a good way to deter speeding in town. Phil Affrunti felt these trailers do not work. After some discussion, Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve the Speed Scout trailer purchase for a total of \$8,466.00. Heather Weber seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Making Appointment of Part Time Snowplow Driver-Jeffrey Wilhelm. Dave Heubel motioned to approve Resolution 2024-55, Jeffrey Wilhelm as an additional snowplow driver. Judy Hinterlong seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Authorizing the Addition of a Second Full-Time Officer. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve Resolution 2024-56, Authorizing Solicitation for a Second Full-Time Officer. Heather Weber seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried. The Police Committee will advertise in the newspaper and online for this position.

NEW BUSINESS

Larry Ryg, Sheridan United Methodist Church, asked permission for a road closure at the church for their Pork Chop Supper on Wednesday, October 23rd from 4:30PM to 6:30PM. He asked for 6 barricades to be brought to the church. Marlene Woodward motioned to approve the request for road closure. Judy Hinterlong seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried. Maintenance will be instructed to have barricades for them.

A public hearing was held regarding vacating a portion of Burlington Street and Bushnell Street. Attorney Burton stated that historically there has been no setback in regard to a property in the one hundred block of South Bushnell Street. The owner would like to make some much needed repairs to the front entrance to the property. The ordinance would give them a portion to the property from the right of way to make repairs.

Regarding the Burlington Street vacate, Attorney Burton stated that previous roadway improvements to the alleyway on Burlington Street were opened back up to conditions as they were prior to village work. The vacation proposes that it would give approximately five feet across the alley to property owners. This also contemplates deeds given to property owners for the vacated portions. Greg Thompson addressed the board regarding the alleyway issue. He feels the village has not properly restored the area to its previous condition before blacktopping was done in 2023. He feels the engineering firm and contractor are responsible to repair. He stated the problem will not go away by vacating the alley and giving property owners the responsibility of repairs. Marlene Woodward would like to hold a separate meeting regarding the Burlington Street vacation for further discussion. Dale Green motioned to table this ordinance to look at other options. Marlene Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced an Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Bushnell Street and Alley in Block 5 of Rowes Addition. There was no public comment regarding this vacation. Dale Green motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-57, vacating a portion of Bushnell Street. Marlene Woodward seconded the motion. A Roll Call Vote was taken:

Judy Hinterlong-Yes

Marlene Woodward-Yes

Dale Green-Yes

Heather Weber-Yes

Wendy Greenrod-Yes

Dave Heubel-Yes

Motion Carried.

Kumar Mainali of Sheridan Food & Liquor, LLC had inquired on return of his gaming license fee of \$300.00 as they had never put in gaming machines prior to closing. Marlene Woodward motioned to approve the refund of \$300.00. Heather Weber seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Authorizing Improved Medical and Dental Insurance Plan for Full Time Employees. After some discussion of high medical rates, Wendy Greenrod motioned to approve the dental portion of Resolution 2024-58. Dale Green seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried. The board will table the medical portion for further review.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Approving Renewal of Insurance Coverage and Payment of Annual Contribution to IMLRMA. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve Resolution 2024-59, payment

of \$31,650.83 to IMLRMA for 2025. Heather Weber seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Approving Recommendation for Pay Request #1 to S & K Excavating & Trucking, Inc. for 2024 Sidewalk Repairs. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve Resolution 2024-60, payment to S & K Excavating in the amount of \$18,715.71. Marlene Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Approving Recommendation for Payment Request to D Construction, Inc. for 2024 Street Work. Dale Green motioned to approve Resolution 2024-61, approving Pay Request of \$93,222.34 to D Construction, Inc. Marlene Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced the new Personnel Handbook that Clerk Grimwood has been working on. Judy Hinterlong would like to table this as she hasn't completely reviewed its entirety.

Wendy Greenrod, with a recent sewer issue, had called Performance Pipeline, Inc. to televise the block of sewer line for a total cost of \$15,129.50. The board had no issues with this.

Attorney Burton mentioned updates coming to Illinois Building Codes. The village has currently scheduled a ZBOA hearing for November 4, 2024, to discuss the updates to the 2018 codes. Clerk Grimwood has ordered updated books for both Village Hall and the Robert Rowe Library. Jamie Walker asked for copies of the Zoning Codes for board members. Clerk Grimwood will have copies for all members on November 4th.

Wendy Greenrod would like to move forward with the completion of lining the remaining ten blocks of sanitary sewers now. She estimates the cost to be roughly \$300,000.00 plus engineering fees of \$30,000.00-\$50,000.00. She would like to work on half of the project in next year's budget and the remaining half in the following year's budget. She would like to know if the board is interested in proceeding with the project. Wendy would like to have investigated loans for the project. All board members were in agreement to pursue funding to have the remaining unlined sanitary sewer lines lined.

Wendy Greenrod would like to have the low interest loans or grants to residents reintroduced. She is unaware of how to go about this and move forward. She stated having learned a lot this past year regarding sewer repairs and seeing many lateral line conditions. She would like the board's approval to have Attorney Burton look into options for this assistance if it is needed. He suggested a possible committee meeting to discuss options. Board members would be interested to see options.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Ryg thanked the maintenance workers for trimming the trees on Si Johnson and Barr Streets.

Chief Bergeron asked the board if the new full time officer's starting wage would be at \$60,000.00 per year. The resolution passed was \$56,000.00.

Judy Hinterlong stated that Pam Carlson has recently passed away. There were no services held for her. Judy sent a sympathy card from the village board to her family members.

Jason Crose stated with recent sewer issues on his block, televising was done on the entire block and all laterals were looked at, his being one of them. He received a letter from Wendy Greenrod on behalf of the Board of Trustees regarding roots in the lines. He dug a hole in his back yard and Wendy came to his home asking if a permit was issued to him. He felt he did not need a permit to dig a hole and do maintenance. He was going to have a licensed plumber out to install a clean out which was never there. Attorney Burton will speak with Jason Crose after the meeting adjourns to get his contact information to get this resolved.

There being no further business, Marlene Woodward 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