

Village of Sheridan
Board Meeting
May 13, 2024

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mayor Wehner nominated Heather Weber to the vacant Trustee position left by Darin Naggs. He then introduced a Resolution Appointing a Village Trustee. Pam Carson motioned to approve Resolution 2024-26, the nomination of Heather Weber. Judy Hinterlong seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Heather Weber was sworn in and took her seat.

Bills for April 2024 in the amount of \$43,740.09 were presented for approval of payment. Wendy Greenrod motioned to approve payment of bills. Marlene Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes from the April 8, 2024, Board Meeting were presented for approval. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Jake Naggs seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes from Police Committee meeting April 4, 2024, were presented for approval. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Jake Naggs seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Marlene Woodward gave the Finance Report for April 2024 with an ending balance of \$2,020,650.53. Pam Carlson motioned to approve the Finance Report as presented. Judy Hinterlong seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Grimwood mentioned approval of liability insurance with IMLRMA for the 4th of July Fireworks. She also reached out to the Mad Bomber for quote for a new contract for upcoming 3 years with fireworks. She will report when it arrives.

MAYORS REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Pam Carlson, Police Committee, gave the Police Report for April 2024. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve the Police Report as presented. Wendy Greenrod seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried. Pam stated that Karl Eccles has turned in his resignation effective June 1, 2024. They will also be working on reimbursement from him for breaking the 2-year contract. She also stated that she has given Cathy Grimwood reimbursement from flowers sent to her brother's funeral services on behalf of the Police Department/Village of Sheridan.

Judy Hinterlong, Parks Committee, stated all planters have been planted. She is also hosting a Community Relations Police Luncheon with the Sheridan Grade School children on Thursday, May 16, 2024.

John Morahn, Village Maintenance, was present to assist in the street report. He mentioned contacting the railroad regarding cleanup near the gates at the west end of town. He requested the village send a Thank you card to them for being prompt in his request of cleanup. He will meet with Heather to assist her in her new position. Cathy will also get her copies of upcoming streets and sidewalk projects. For the tree project this year, Darin had wanted to replace trees as opposed to removal. Marlene has a list of addresses with tree issues. Wendy asked to be mindful of sewer lines when planting trees also.

Wendy Greenrod, Sewer Committee, would like to have a maintenance worker that can run the sewer jetter. She stated John had been doing an excellent job with it as well. There were a few resident issues which were not the due to the village. Village Hall has had issues with our sewer line this month also. John was able to make things operable the first time. The second time a plumber was called in at a cost of around \$500.00. She spoke with the village engineer regarding using a camera on the 10 unlined blocks in town which would cost the village roughly \$25,000.00 plus around \$5,000.00 for engineering fees. She feels we could do this ourselves using our camera with a trained employee. The plumber that was at the Village Hall said we have excellent equipment, and he would be willing to train employees if we were interested in this. She would like the board to consider hiring someone knowledgeable of our equipment and pay them more for doing the work, with possibly 20-30 hours per month, also being on call and doing routine sewer maintenance.

Jake Naggs, Zoning Committee, stated having 2 Reroofs, 2 Fence, 1 Demolition, 1 Deck, and 1 Pool Permit issued in April 2024 for a total of \$536.40. Wendy commented that the State will be offering volunteer water testing to residents near the CCDD facilities. She stated the village has been testing water since 2014 with a major testing of all this winter with no bad results. The board may wish to add this to the upcoming Info Line.

OLD BUSINESS:

Marlene again asked about researching GPS for Village vehicles. She asked for a date for when we could get information for a vote. Pam Carlson stated this will be addressed at tomorrow's Police Committee meeting. They will have answers after the Police Committee meeting tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jennifer Alvarez with SURF Internet was not present.

Stephanie Hall spoke on behalf of the Community Club, with this year's parade route lineup on Church Street, to Si Johnson Avenue, right on Robinson Street and a right on Grant Street to be blocked off. She is also requesting the road be blocked on W Si Johnson Avenue between Robinson St and Bushnell Street from 6-7AM and again in the afternoon for the toilet bowl races on July 4th. The Community Club would like the Village to continue to take over the fireworks show so they are able to offer free children's events for our local community.

Mayor Wehner introduced an Ordinance Granting a Special Use for Food Trailer at 125 W Si Johnson Avenue. Attorney Burton explained the outcome from the Zoning Board hearing May 9th with the Board approving the recommendation to allow the trailer with conditions and findings provided within the Ordinance. There were no questions regarding this. Heather Weber motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-27, allowing the Special Use. Marlene Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Making Annual Committee Appointments. Jake Naggs motioned to approve Resolution 2024-28, Annual Committee Appointments. Pam Carlson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

A Public Hearing was called regarding the Annual Appropriation. Wendy inquired on Police wages. Marlene explained this is only tentative projections. Wages will be discussed with the upcoming annual appointments. Stephanie Hall inquired on whether the fireworks were budgeted into which Marlene stated they were. There were no other comments. The hearing was closed.

Mayor Wehner introduced the Annual Appropriation Ordinance. Marlene added the revenue allocation page shows where percentages are allocated. The board had no issues. Jake Naggs motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-29, the Annual Budget Appropriation Ordinance. Pam Carlson seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was taken:

Judy Hinterlong-Yes

Pam Carlson-Yes

Wendy Greenrod-Yes

Heather Weber-Yes

Jake Naggs-Yes

Marlene Woodward-Yes

Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced an Ordinance Amending Compensation of Elected Officials. Attorney Burton stated that with this change there would only be one monthly payment to Mayor and Board Members, which would be effective to officials elected on or after April 2025. Marlene Woodward motioned to approve Resolution 2024-30. Heather Weber seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Retaining Auditor. Marlene would like to reappoint Mack & Associates, PC for the next three years audits ending with Fiscal Year 2026/2027. Jake Naggs motioned to approve Resolution 2024-31, retaining Mack & Associates PC. Marlene Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried. Clerk Grimwood mentioned they have been in to complete last fiscal year audit last week.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Approving Pay Request 4 and Final to Visu Sewer, Inc for the 2023 American Rescue Plan Act Funded Sanitary Slip Lining Project. The job has been completed and this would be the final payment from the General Sewer Funds of \$24,816.29. Wendy Greenrod motioned to approve Resolution 2024-32, final payment to Visu Sewer, Inc. Marlene Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2-Board of Trustees Article IV-Committees. The Ordinance adds to the Streets Committee and Sewer Committee Chairman duties allowing each to work with contractors when needed. Wendy Greenrod motioned to approve

Ordinance 2024-33, updating Chairman duties. Marlene Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner began discussion on the Intergovernmental Agreement the village has with the Sheridan Community Fire Protection District. Attorney Burton stated our ongoing agreement with them regarding mowing, snow removal and no sewer fees being charged is up for review again this year. He also mentioned they wanted the village at some point to pursue the idea of getting a water tower in the future. As this is a large costly project, hopefully we can pursue this in the future. Heather Weber motioned to approve the continuation of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Sheridan Community Fire Protection District. Pam Carlson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Wendy Greenrod asked for clarification of village maintenance yard waste pickup. It was stated that Groot currently picks up two bags per week free of charge, but it must be bagged. Village maintenance has picked up brush in the past and has no issues picking up brush that is in piles if he has time and after storms. They will not pick up weeds and dirt. This will be added to the next Info Line going out at the end of the month. Marlene also inquired on cleanup of walnuts, which could also be placed in yard waste bags for Groot pickup.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Ryg, representing the Sheridan American Legion asked permission to host their Annual Memorial Day 5K on again. The board had no issues with this.

There being no further business, Mayor Wehner stated the board would be going into Executive Session as authorized under Section 2(c)(21) for tentative approval of Executive Session minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act and as authorized under Section 2(c)(11) for litigation matters. Judy Hinterlong motioned to enter Executive Session. Pam Carlson seconded the motion.

Upon return from Executive Session, Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Making Annual Appointments. The board reviewed the mayors' appointments. Marlene stated that she would like to see a change in Sheridan and not reappoint Chief Bergeron. Attorney Burton asked Mayor Wehner if these were his nominations to which he replied yes, they were. Marlene made a motion to object to part of the nominations. Attorney Burton asked if there was a second to the motion. Wendy Greenrod seconded the motion because of previous comments made regarding wages. She has done research on averages for police wages in the State of Illinois and Nationwide and that Sheridan is within the average range with increases given to officers last fall with 756 residents. Further discussion on police wages and hiring process was held. Marlene commented that she has spoken with past police officers on reasons why they had left to which she stated they left because of leadership reasons. The Chief's current term is a 4-year term ending in May 2025. Attorney Burton stated they could change the Chiefs appointment. He also gave them different options of contracting with LaSalle County. He added that they may want to investigate an alternate plan before making changes. Marlene clarified her motion was to not reappoint Chief Bergeron after his term was up in May 2025. After discussion, Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve Resolution 2024-34, the mayors' appointments amending the Village Marshall's term to a one-year term ending May 2025. Marlene Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried. A Roll Call Vote was taken:
Judy Hinterlong-Yes

Pam Carlson-Yes
Wendy Greenrod-Yes
Heather Weber-Yes
Jake Naggs-Yes
Marlene Woodward-Yes

Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner asked for a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes from January 8, 2024. Jake motioned to approve the minutes as presented, keeping them confidential. Marlene Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

There being no further business, Judy Hinterlong motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jake Naggs seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Grimwood
Village Clerk