

Village of Sheridan
Board Meeting
December 9, 2024

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Bills for November 2024 in the amount of \$120,750.93 were presented for approval of payment. Judy Hinterlong made some inquiries which were answered. Marlene Woodward motioned to approve payment of bills as presented. Dave Heubel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes from the November 11, 2024, Board meeting were presented for approval. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Heather Weber seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes from the Police Committee Meeting November 6, 2024, were presented for approval. Wendy asked for a word change within the minutes. Heather Weber motioned to approve the minutes with the wording change made. Dave Heubel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes from the Executive Session Police Committee Meeting May 14, 2024, were presented for approval. Judy Hinterlong motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Dale Green seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes from the December 2, 2024, Finance Committee Meeting were presented for approval. Wendy Greenrod motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Dave Heubel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Marlene Woodward gave the finance report for November 2024, with an ending balance of \$2,062,859.18. Dale Green motioned to approve the finance report as presented. Judy Hinterlong seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Grimwood gave the year end Cemetery Report for Jean McNelis. In 2024, they had 3 burials-1 full and 2 cremains. Three graves were sold. She stated Jeff Tomlin did a great job again this year. Several headstones were installed this year. She thanked maintenance for keeping the driveways clear in the winter. She announced Kris Westvig would be replacing Mary Lou Tomlin as a Board Member as Mary Lou has decided to retire from the board. The 2025 officers are:

President-Jean McNelis
Secretary-Kris Westvig
Treasurer-Sharon Johnson
Board Members-Larry Ryg, Barb Bowen
Caretaker-Jeff Tomlin

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor Wehner read an email that had come in to him thanking Chief Bergeron for his compassion and concern for residents in the community. Mayor Wehner thanked him for doing a great job.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Judy Hinterlong, Parks Committee, thanked maintenance for all their hard work with decorating the park for the recent event. She will continue to decorate for the holiday in the future.

Wendy Greenrod, Sewer Committee, had no major issues this month. She stated maintenance is doing a great job with their routine work. They will complete sewer maintenance in winter months as weather permits.

Heather Weber, Streets Committee, stated maintenance has been putting in a lot of time with the park and sewers this month. No major street issues. They replaced a battery to one of the village trucks.

Dave Heubel, Zoning Committee, reported 2 permits issued in November-1 reroof for \$25.00 and one demolition for \$157.50 totaling \$162.50.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Approving a Personnel Policy Handbook. With further questions on wording, Judy Hinterlong asked to table this again until further review can be made. She questioned vacation times accrued. Mayor Wehner also felt a definition of immediate family for bereavement pay should be defined in the policy. The Resolution will be tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Wehner introduced the Tax Levy Ordinance. Marlene Woodward spoke on this, stating taxes were raised last year and she did not want to do this every year. The Finance Committee proposed not raising taxes for this year. Wendy Greenrod motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-74, the Tax Levy as proposed, remaining the same as last year. Dave Heubel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Appointing a Sewer Revolving Loan Fund Committee. After discussion, the Sewer Committee will take this on and do some research, reporting to the board with their findings. The Sewer Committee is Wendy Greenrod, Heather Weber and Marlene Woodward.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Intergovernmental Agreement for CAPE Sealing Various Streets within the Village of Sheridan and Payment for Work Performed. This Resolution will focus on 6 blocks of W Grant Street with an estimated cost of \$21,646.80. Marlene Woodward motioned to approve Resolution 2024-75, to execute an agreement with LaSalle County Highway Department. Heather Weber seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Authorizing President to Execute a Life Insurance Plan for full time employees. The plan would be through Country Companies, the same as Chief Bergeron's plan. Proposed is for upcoming full-time officer, Robert Brumer to begin with a \$50,000.00 policy and increase to a \$100,000.00 plan after a set probationary period. The proposal also includes Village Administrator/Clerk at a \$100,000.00 policy. Dave Heubel motioned to approve Resolution 2024-76, Life Insurance for full-time employees. Wendy Greenrod seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Resolution Amending Pay of Village Administrator. Marlene Woodward spoke on getting Cathy Grimwood's wages bumped up as most other employees have been in recent years to more competitive wages. She has been an employee for 12 years and proposes Administrator wages to bump to \$27.00 per hour. Judy Hinterlong disagreed and felt she did not need a pay increase, nor did she feel she should be earning more than police officers. She feels Cathy as a full-time employee earns enough with her benefits that part-time employees do not receive. Further discussion was held and Judy Hinterlong proposed to proceed with the Resolution to vote: Wendy Greenrod motioned to approve Resolution 2024-77, amending the pay of the Village Administrator to \$27.00 per hour. Dave Heubel seconded the motion. Judy Hinterlong objected. A ROLL CALL VOTE was taken:

Dale Green-No

Judy Hinterlong-No

Wendy Greenrod-Yes

Heather Weber-No

Dave Heubel-Yes

Marlene Woodward-Yes

Resolution Not Passed.

Further discussion on an alternate pay increase was held. Heather stated that she was not opposed to giving her a raise, just not that amount. Marlene proposed removing her \$1,800.00 Clerk pay per year from the \$27.00 per hour which would be \$26.13 per hour. More discussion followed. Wendy Greenrod motioned to amend Resolution 2024-77, approving a pay increase to \$26.13 per hour for the Village Administrator. Dave Heubel seconded the motion. Judy Hinterlong objected. A ROLL CALL VOTE was taken:

Dale Green-No

Judy Hinterlong-No

Wendy Greenrod-Yes

Heather Weber-Yes

Dave Heubel-Yes

Marlene Woodward-Yes

Resolution Passed.

Judy asked if Cathy's clerk pay of \$1,800.00 per year was being removed. Mayor Wehner replied that the Resolution had passed at \$26.13 per hour. Marlene added that the \$1,800.00 had been subtracted from the yearly pay from the initial proposal to come to \$26.13 per hour.

Mayor Wehner introduced a Consideration of Granting Variance for Private Sewage Disposal System. Attorney Burton stated this was the development behind the Dollar General which there is construction currently going on. They approached the village regarding sanitation there. The Dollar General is hooked up to the village lines. He stated a low-pressure pump could be used to pump sewerage to the sewer but there could only be one user for that. He has previously spoken to Howard Hamilton regarding this and has been unsuccessful in getting specifications thus far on granting a variance on this. Their main concern is that this has been approved as a 2-lot subdivision, the Dollar General being one and the rest being the other lot. Discussion on any further development, and

would the village require connection to our sewer line. He suggests granting a variance for sewer at the next board meeting, after approaching the owner with a letter granting sewer at that location. LaSalle County would be the one approving this. If further development would happen, this would need further review. A letter would be needed prior to voting. Attorney Burton will again reach out to Howard Hamilton regarding this prior to the next meeting.

Mayor Wehner introduced an Ordinance establishing Meeting Dates for 2025. Dave Heubel motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-78, approving meeting dates. Heather Weber seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced a clarification of patchwork on a reroof project. Attorney Burton stated that at the last Zoning Board Hearing, it was brought up that we needed clarification. They determined that patchwork is two squares 200 sq feet or less, which is reflected on the reroof permit. Dave Heubel approved the addition. Judy Hinterlong seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Wehner introduced the discussion of repair to the 2006 Arctic Cat. Chief Bergeron has heard the ATV has a warped head on the engine, after working on this for awhile at a cost of \$1,200.00. He doesn't feel this is worth spending that money on. They are willing to take this out of our hands and cut our current bill in half by \$600.00. Chief Bergeron will need the room in the garage for the speed trailer. Dale Green motioned to get rid of this with them. We will only owe \$600.00. Wendy Greenrod seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Wendy Greenrod has spoken with the building inspector regarding residents installing cleanouts to sewer lines. They both feel charging only a \$25.00 fee for this permit would be better than a \$150.00 charge and Jim Castelli could issue permits and complete these inspections. Wendy would work on putting something together to present to the board at a future meeting if the board was ok with her proceeding. The board approved for her to proceed.

Mayor Wehner wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

There being no further business, Judy Hinterlong motioned to adjourn the meeting. Marlene Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Grimwood
Village Clerk