

**REGULAR MEETING
SHELDON TOWN BOARD
December 15, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Sheldon Town Board held December 15, 2021 at the Sheldon Town Hall, 1380 Centerline Rd., Strykersville, NY 14145 was called to order by Town Supervisor Brian Becker at 7:30 p.m. A Zoom meeting was also held.

Present: Supervisor Brian Becker (in-person)
Councilmen: Joe Meyer, Vince Kirsch, Jim Fontaine (in-person)
Mike Armbrust (via Zoom)
Recording Secretary: Town Clerk Carol Zittel (in-person)
Also present: Highway Superintendent David Ricketson (in-person)

Minutes

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer that the minutes from the November 17, 2021 regular meeting be approved.

Ayes: (5) Becker, Armbrust, Meyer, Fontaine, Kirsch Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

Communications

The Town Clerk, Carol Zittel, reported on the following:

Town Historian Grant Received

Town Historian, Jeanne Mest, received a grant from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation in the amount of \$1,140.00 from their Legends and Lore Marker Grant Program. The Foundation liked the story about the Strykersville Willow Tree that was in recent newsletters. Ms. Mest plans to apply for historical signs for the Schoolhouse Museum and St. Cecilia's Church. She would also like to apply for a sign at the Pioneer Cemetery. She asks that the Town Board let her know if they have any suggestions for additional sites.

NYS Association of Towns Annual Meeting

The Association of Towns will be holding their annual meeting in New York City February 20-23, 2022.

Strykersville Seniors Financial Report

Peter Pilc, President of the Strykersville Seniors, submitted a 2021 financial report. The group was very active hosting luncheons, dinners and events. The Town Board was impressed with the report and the number of activities offered to our senior residents.

Reports

The Town Supervisor financial report, cash flow report, Town Clerk report and Town Justice reports were distributed.

Highway Superintendent Report

Highway Superintendent Ricketson reported on the following:

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Surplus Equipment

The paver and snowblower are listed on Auctions International. Bids will be accepted until January 17th and the bid must be accepted or rejected by January 29th. The Highway Superintendent will consult with the Board to determine a lowest acceptable bid price.

Wind Storm Damage

The Town experienced a wind storm over the weekend. Seven trees were down and the department was busy overnight until 4:30 a.m. cleaning up the debris. The Superintendent thanks the local volunteer fire departments for their assistance.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Becker reported on the following:

Demolition of Dilapidated Structures

Supervisor Becker gave an update on an issue that has been discussed off and on for the last six years. There had been some disagreement between Town Supervisors regarding who is financially responsible to pay for the demolition, whether it should be the Town or the County. It has been determined that Wyoming County will pay for the demolition of unsafe buildings.

Town Equalization Rate

The Town of Sheldon equalization rate is 100%. The Town Board commends the Town Assessor, Mary Kern for her efforts.

Acceptance of Reports

A motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Jim Fontaine to accept all reports as presented.

Ayes: (5) Becker, Armbrust, Meyer, Fontaine, Kirsch Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

Old Business:

Varysburg Water

Supervisor Becker met with Joe Heidelberg from HMR Inc. regarding repair of the chlorinator. Joe strongly urged that the chlorine containers be removed from the building as the chlorine is evaporating and causing corrosion issues on the expensive equipment. Supervisor Becker contacted Steve Beechler who was immediately able to start work on building a storage unit for the chlorine. Councilman Armbrust asked if the enclosure would have to be locked. Supervisor Becker responded that yes, it will need to be locked. Joe Heidelberg also let Supervisor Becker know that the generator is working as he heard it running when he was at the site working. Mr. Heidelberg offered to find someone to service the generator.

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Varysburg Water Assistance

Supervisor Becker asked the Town Clerk to send a thank you card on behalf of the Town Board and the Town of Sheldon to Brian Krawczyk for the assistance he has given to the Water District. Mr. Krawczyk declined compensation for his time and mileage.

CDBG Community Development Block Grant

Matthew Zarbo from Barton & Loguidice informed Supervisor Becker that the Town did not receive a CDBG grant. Only ten grants were awarded. Mr. Zarbo will continue looking for grant opportunities for the water district. This item will be removed from next month's agenda.

Spectrum Update

The Town received a quote for an upgrade in internet and phone services from Spectrum. The cost to the Town will increase by approximately \$40 per month but the speed of the internet will be substantially improved and new phone equipment will be installed. There is a one-time set up fee of \$500.00.

ARPA Funding

Supervisor Becker will have more information on the ARPA funding at future meetings.

Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Training

The Town Highway Department and Councilman Fontaine attended a webinar presented by NYMIR. A sign in sheet is on file in the Town Clerk's office. This will be a yearly requirement.

New Business:

Registrar and Deputy Registrar Appointments

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Mike Armbrust to appoint Carol Zittel as registrar and Donna Almeter as Deputy Registrar for the 2022 calendar year.

Ayes: (5) Becker, Armbrust, Meyer, Fontaine, Kirsch Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

End of Year Meeting

A motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Joe Meyer to schedule a year-end meeting on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sheldon Town Hall for the purpose of paying year-end bills.

Ayes: (5) Becker, Armbrust, Meyer, Fontaine, Kirsch Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

The Town Clerk is not available on the 29th but will ask Deputy Town Clerk Kate Meyer if she can attend in-person to take the minutes.

Bills:

Supervisor Becker confirmed that the Board had a chance to review the abstracts. The Board commented on the number of new tires the Highway Department purchased.

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer that the

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General Bills #281 to #305 for a Total of \$41,782.89, the Highway Bills #137 to #156 for a Total of \$64,907.92, the Trust & Agency Bills #39 to #41 for a Total of \$549.20, the Lighting District Bills for a Total of \$149.78, and the Varysburg Water District Bills #68 to #73 for a Total of \$1,492.62 be paid.
Ayes: (5) Becker, Armbrust, Meyer, Fontaine, Kirsch Nays: (0) Motion Carried.

*Lighting District Bills – there was only one lighting district bill for SL2 as the billing is still in the process of being transferred to Common Energy.

Comments from the Floor

At 8:20 p.m. Supervisor Becker opened the floor to comments. There were none.

Adjournment

At 8:20 p.m. a motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Joe Meyer to adjourn the December 15, 2021 meeting of the Sheldon Town Board.

Ayes: (5) Becker, Armbrust, Meyer, Fontaine, Kirsch Nays: (0) Motion Carried.