

**Regular Meeting
Sheldon Town Board
March 18, 2026**

The Regular Meeting of the Sheldon Town Board held March 18, 2026, at the Sheldon Town Hall, 1380 Centerline Rd., NY 14145 was called to order by Town Supervisor Brian Becker at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Brian Becker
Councilmen: Joe Meyer, Jim Fontaine, Vince Kirsch and Jim Kirsch
Also present: Highway Superintendent Luke Metz
Recording Secretary: Town Clerk Kate Bulera
A signed list of all present is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Minutes

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Joe Meyer to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2026 regular meeting with the change to the Strykersville Hardware Sign.

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

Communications:

Historical Society

Jeanne Mest, Town Historian has asked permission to switch location of the Veteran Dedication on May 30, 2026.

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Joe Meyer to approve the change of location for the dedication ceremony.

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

Planning Board

Two resignations were given to the Town Clerk from the Planning Board first being from Mary Kehl it was effective immediately on March 11, 2026 and the other from Kathy Roberts who will have her last meeting on April 8, 2026.

2025 Annual Financial Report

Received by Town Clerk and it has been sent to the state by Lisa Perz. The public notice has been posted to the website and clerk bulletin board.

Reports

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

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Wyoming County Zoning Report

The Wyoming County Zoning report was distributed and is on file in the Town Clerk's office. Matthew Creps was issued a letter by Wyoming County Zoning on February 5, 2026 to remove his 2nd story deck.

Warren Boxler project is waiting on a public hearing from the ZBA on the matter of the pond. No date has been set yet. Then it will come to Planning Board for the site plan review.

Highway Superintendent Report

Highway Superintendent Luke Metz reported the following:

Tree Clean Up

Due to recent wind storms the crew has been out cleaning up down trees in the area. They have gotten them all cleaned up without issue.

Road Patchwork

They will begin to work on fixing roads with some patch work.

Roadside Clean Up

Working with the County to do some roadside clean up. The County Sign Forman did an audit of our signs, and we were all clear and suggested using GPS too.

Supervisor Report

Supervisor Brian Becker reported the following:

Intermunicipal Ambulance Agreement

They have already reached the allotment of \$20,000.00 for gas. They are gassing up at the Red Apple in Strykersville. We need to get a new budget, or they can fill up in Rock Glen. We should look into installing a tank here at the hall, they are stationed at the Sheldon Fire Hall. It would only be their tank and would be contracted under insurance. Would need card readers to track who filled up the ambulance and when. Would they only be using our electricity? Legal paperwork would need correct language to protect town and them. The tank could be by the Salt Building, so it is out of the way.

Auditing

Don Przybyl has been here for the last two weeks working on the audit. He will complete it by the end of the week.

Speedy Cow

Projections from the County on money needed. Tower on Maxon will be the lead tower! Sheldon residents will be the first to get access to the new internet. All municipalities will receive free internet.

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Farm Bureau

Supervisor Becker reports that a young lady did a 4H presentation on farm emergency mapping, It was very informative and feels like our farmers should maybe take a look into something like this for their farms.

ARPA

The account is now closed out. Supervisor Becker has been doing the paperwork for the last three years.

Acceptance of Reports

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Jim Kirsch to accept all reports as presented.

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

Old Business:

Varysburg Water Update

Supervisor Becker gave a detailed update on the Varysburg Water Project. All the connections on lines are complete. The pump house project will be a two-phase process. We will tear down the old one and the new building will be a prefab 23x12.6 pump house. The placement of the pipes are an integral part. Supervisor Becker presented a set of blueprints for the board Councilman Meyer asked about insulated doors and if the generator needs to be moved. It will not need to be moved nor the fire hydrant. We will be able to sell water too. We will have to bid this all out we have funding from the grant.

Mills Zoning Violation

Supervisor Becker has reached out to the junk removal company and there still has been no response on the matter.

Windmill Decommissioning

Councilman Vince Kirsch has obtained three phone numbers of demolition companies. We will gather the three quotes and then send our findings back to Invenergy. Initially Supervisor Becker was mistaken; it is up to the town to review the decommissioning every five years. We have 12 more years on these windmills.

New Business:

Legion Six Star Post

Permit was granted from Wyoming County Zoning Officers to allow a monument park be built. Resident Ray Swan was present and vocal concerning how this could be done considering they were denied a variance to begin with for road frontage. Mr. Swan was under the impression that the town had granted this permit. We as a town did not grant the permit. The legion changed their application completely for the County. Since they are not putting up a building and calling

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it a community center and having only a monument park they were allowed by current town law to do so. Mr. Swan is very passionate about his home and privacy with concerns of the driveway.

Permission for Town Supervisor to sign contract for Williamson Law Payroll Software \$1,159.00 for 2026

A motion was made by Joe Meyer and Seconded by Vince Kirsch to sign the paperwork for Williamson Law Payroll Software.

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

Resolution to add Kate Bulera to the Water Bank Account

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Vince Kirsch to add Kate Bulera to the Water bank account

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

Resolution for Kate Bulera to set up online banking with Five Star Bank

A motion was made by Jim Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer for Kate Bulera to set up online banking with Five Star Bank.

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

Budget Transfers

TRANSFER TO HIGHWAY MONEY MARKET ACT. FROM GENERAL ACT.

1/23/2026	\$100,000.00
2/21/2026	\$50,000.00
3/16/2026	\$50,000.00

\$200,000.00 TOTAL TRANSFERS

\$ 853,276.38 TOTAL MONEY BUDGETED FOR HWY FROM INVENERGY

\$ 653,276.38 BALANCE OF MONEY LEFT FROM HWY

TRANSFER FROM A1083	WIND POWER PAYMENTS DUE TO HWY	\$	100,000.00	
TRANSFER TO DA1083	WIND POWER PAYMENTS DUE TO HWY			\$ 100,000.00 \$ 100,000.00

*ISSUE ON AUD IN HIGHWAY FUND. FUND BALANCE DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH MONEY IN IT, NEED TO AMEND 2026 BUDGET TO INCREASE WINDMILL REVENUE FOR HIGHWAY AND DECREASE GENERAL BY \$100,000.00

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Joe Meyer to approve budget transfers.

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

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Bills:

Town Supervisor Becker confirmed that the Board had a chance to review the abstracts. A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Jim Fontaine that the General Bills #46 to #60 for a Total of \$11,822.92 the Highway Bills #32 to #44 for a Total of \$18,799.98 the Lighting District bills #6 for a Total of \$733.55 the Trust & Agency bills #6 for a Total of \$258.00 the Varysburg Water District bills #10 to #12 for a Total of \$782.62 the Varysburg Water System Improvement bills #6 to #8 for a Total of \$52,951.50 be paid

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

Comments from the Floor

Supervisor Becker opened the floor to comments.

It was brought to the attention that two light bulbs are out in the chandelier. Can those get replaced.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Joe Meyer to enter into executive session at 7:52 pm to address personal issues. The board has invited Town Clerk and Thomas Jorgensen to stay.

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

A motion was made by Jim Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer to exit executive session at 8:29 pm.

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

Adjournment

At 8:42 p.m. a motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer to adjourn the March 18, 2026 meeting of the Sheldon Town Board.

Ayes: (5) Becker, Meyer, Kirsch, Fontaine, Kirsch Nays: (0) Absent: (0)