

**REGULAR MEETING  
SHELDON TOWN BOARD  
August 18, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Sheldon Town Board held August 18, 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 not held as the COVID-19 restrictions for NYS have been lifted and no residents requested Zoom log-in.

Present: Supervisor Brian Becker  
Councilmen: Mike Armbrust, Joe Meyer, Vince Kirsch, Jim Fontaine  
Recording Secretary: Town Clerk Carol Zittel  
Also present: Deputy Highway Superintendent John Herrmann. No others were in attendance.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Vince Kirsch that the minutes from the July 21, 2021 regular meeting be approved.

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

**Communications**

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

**American Legion Liquor License**

A motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Joe Meyer to accept notification of the American Legion Six Star Post's liquor license renewal with no objections.

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

**Appoint Whitney Kehl – Deputy Town Clerk**

The Town Clerk requested authorization to appoint Whitney Kehl as a third Deputy Town Clerk. Ms. Kehl is already trained on hunting license sales.

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Vince Kirsch to approve the appointment of Whitney Kehl as a third Deputy Town Clerk.

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

**Reports**

The Town Supervisor financial report, cash flow report, Town Clerk report and Town Justice reports were distributed prior to the meeting via email.

**Highway Superintendent Report**

Deputy Highway Superintendent John Herrmann reported on the following:

**Highway Work**

The Department was busy mowing, chipping and working on shoulders.

**Equipment**

No breakdowns. Waiting for truck #235 to come back from Fleet Maintenance.

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**Cutting Shoulders**

The Department is cutting as many shoulders as possible.

**Supervisor's Report**

Supervisor Brian Becker reported on the following:

**Honoring Frontline Workers**

The Wyoming County Board of Supervisors recently honored County employees and volunteers who have worked through the pandemic this past year and a half.

Supervisor Becker noted that most of his communications are listed under agenda items this month.

**Acceptance of Reports**

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

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

**Old Business:**

**Judicial Consolidation with the Town of Wethersfield**

Supervisor Becker noted that the judicial consolidation with Wethersfield will most likely not move ahead but he has not heard this definitively yet from our Town Attorney.

**Varysburg Water Update**

The District is still waiting on HMR Inc. to make repairs to the chlorinator.

**CDBG Community Development Grant**

All paperwork has been submitted for submission of the CDBG grant. Nothing new to report.

**Town Hall Generator**

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Vince Kirsch to authorize the repair of the generator by M&M Holland per their repair quote. Supervisor Becker will reach out to M&M to coordinate repair.

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

**ARPA**

The Town of Sheldon received \$233,916.00 in ARPA funding. The payment will be made in two payments, half this summer and the other half in summer 2022. Supervisor Becker will gather more information on how the money can be spent mentioning that there are upcoming webinars that will explain how the funds can be used by municipalities.

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**ZBA Member Appointment**

Councilman Meyer reached out to George Mest regarding the ZBA position.

A motion was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Vince Kirsch to appoint George Mest to the Zoning Board of Appeals to replace Norm Kehl's remaining term of: 8/18/21-12/31/25

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

**Spectrum Representative**

The Town Clerk invited Mark Meyerhofer, Spectrum Government Representative, to the September meeting.

**New Business:**

**Harris Corners Fire Contract Public Hearing**

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer to schedule a public hearing for the Harris Corners Fire Contract on September 15, 2021 at the Sheldon Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

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

**Strykersville Fire Contract Public Hearing**

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer to schedule a public hearing for the Strykersville Fire Contract on September 15, 2021 at the Sheldon Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

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

The Town Clerk noted that a joint meeting with Java may be scheduled. The Town of Holland has expressed that they may no longer contract with Strykersville for fire protection which has delayed the scheduling of a joint meeting.

**Strykersville Ambulance Contract Public Hearing**

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer to schedule a public hearing for the Strykersville Ambulance Contract on September 15, 2021 at the Sheldon Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. This ambulance contract is to cover the Harris Corners Fire District portion of the Town.

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

**Williamson Law Books – Accounting & Budget Software**

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Joe Meyer to authorize the renewal of the Williamson Law Books accounting & budget software at an annual cost of \$1,007.00.

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

**Budget Transfer**

A motion was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Mike Armbrust to authorize the transfer of \$200,000.00 from General Money Market to Highway Money Market.

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

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**Painting of Town Hall Parking Lot**

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer to authorize the Town Supervisor to hire a company to paint the disabled and car parking lot lines at the Town Hall at an approximate cost of \$525.00.

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

**Intersection of Route 78 & Chaffee Road – Town of Java**

Supervisor Becker has been in touch with Town of Java Supervisor Angie Brunner in regards to the intersection of Route 78 & Chaffee Road in the Town of Java. The Town of Java is working on a resolution to request that the NYS DOT make a change to the traffic flow of this intersection. Supervisor Becker noted that this intersection is a “Y” intersection and that this particular intersection has been the site of numerous accidents including one that killed the brother of a former Town of Sheldon councilwoman. Supervisor Becker noted that many of these “Y” intersections were upgraded in the 1980s and these upgrades resulted in almost eliminating all accidents.

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Mike Armbrust to support the Town of Java’s resolution to change the traffic flow at the intersection of Route 78 & Chaffee Road.

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

**Bills:**

Supervisor Becker confirmed that the Board had a chance to review the abstracts.

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer that the General Bills #186 to #209 for a Total of \$15,096.68, the Highway Bills #90 to #100 for a Total of \$245,477.56, the Trust & Agency Bills #25 to #27 for a Total of \$549.20, the Varysburg Water District Bills #42 to #48 for a Total of \$1,004.53, and the Lighting District Bills for a Total of \$423.92, be paid.

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

**Comments from the Floor**

At 8:29 p.m. Supervisor Becker opened the floor to comments. There were none.

**Adjournment**

At 8:30 p.m. a motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer to adjourn the August 18, 2021 meeting of the Sheldon Town Board.

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