

**SPECIAL YEAR END MEETING  
SHELDON TOWN BOARD  
December 29, 2021**

The Special Year-End Meeting of the Sheldon Town Board held December 29, 2021 at the Sheldon Town Hall, 1380 Centerline Rd., Strykersville, NY 14145 was called to order by Town Supervisor Brian Becker at 6:30 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 (via Zoom)  
Also present: Deputy Town Clerk Kate Meyer (in-person as Zoom Administrator)  
Absent: Highway Superintendent David Ricketson

**New Business:**

**Certificates of Deposit (CD)**

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer to authorize the Town Supervisor to put \$500,000.00 in a CD for six months, \$150,000.00 in a CD for three months and \$100,000 in a CD for one month with Five Star Bank who provided the highest interest rates for the three and six month CDs.

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

**Audit of 2021 Books**

A motion was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Mike Armbrust to authorize the Town Supervisor to hire Don Przybyl to audit the 2021 financial books.

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

**Budget Transfers**

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Joe Meyer to approve the following budget transfers:

Transfer from A1640.4 central garage contractual \$1452.72 to A3310.4 traffic control contractual

Transfer from A1640.4 central garage contractual \$208.41 to A7510.4 historian contractual

Transfer from A1640.4 central garage contractual \$5388.16 to A8010.4 zoning contractual

Transfer from A1640.4 central garage contractual \$3143.90 to A9010.8 state retirement

Transfer from A7310.4 youth programs contractual \$2568.75 to A7310.1 youth personal services

Transfer from DA5110.4 general repairs contractual \$1817.20 to DA5112.4 permanent improvements contractual

Transfer from DA5110.4 general repairs contractual \$1386.67 to DA5130.4 machinery contractual

Transfer from DA5110.4 general repairs contractual \$3604.41 to DA9060.8 hospital & medical ins.

Transfer from DA5140.1 misc. brush & weeds \$2876.01 to DA5112.1 permanent improvement personal services

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Transfer from DA5140.1 misc. brush & weeds \$393.06 to DA5110.1 general repairs personal services

Transfer from SW1-8320.4 source of supply/power/pump contractual \$500.00 to SW1-8310.4 water admin contractual

Transfer from SW1-8320.4 source of supply/power/pump contractual \$1300.00 to SW1-8310.4 purification contractual

Transfer from SW1-8320.4 source of supply/power/pump contractual \$1.97 to SW1-9730.7 BAN interest

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

**Bills:**

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

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Vince Kirsch that the

General Bills #306 to #317 for a Total of \$2,995.33, the

Highway Bills #157 to #160 for a Total of \$492.75, the

Trust & Agency Bills #42 to #42 for a Total of \$164.53, the

Lighting District Bills for a Total of \$649.77, and the

Varysburg Water District Bills #74 to #79 for a Total of \$1,492.58 be paid.

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

\*Lighting District Bills – there were three lighting district bills for SL1,3,4 as the billing is still in the process of being transferred to Common Energy.

**Opting to Forego 467 and 459-c Renewals for Assessment Exemptions**

Town Assessor, Mary Kern, contacted Supervisor Becker regarding Executive Order No. 11.1 issued by Governor Hochul. This executive order makes it possible for senior citizens and persons with disabilities to have their 2022 property tax exemptions renewed without filing renewal applications. This measure is optional for assessing units. The Town Board discussed the issue and decided to approve this measure.

A motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Joe Meyer to forego 467 and 459-c exemption renewals for 2022.

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

**Raise the Classification for Low Income in the Town of Sheldon**

Supervisor Becker informed the Board that the Town of Sheldon classifies low-income as \$10,000.00 yearly while Wyoming County classifies low-income at \$24,000.00. After speaking with Assessor, Mary Kern, Supervisor Becker asked the Board to consider raising the Town's classification for low-income to \$24,000.00.

\*Supervisor Becker and the Town Clerk will look into if a more formal resolution or Local Law is required to raise the income level.

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A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Vince Kirsch to raise the classification for low-income to \$24,000.00.

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

**Highway Surplus Equipment**

**Paver**

Supervisor Becker notified the Board that the paver was sold on Auctions International at a price of \$5,800.00.

**Blower**

The Highway Superintendent rejected the bid for the blower as it was below the minimum that the Board had set.

**Comments from the Floor**

Supervisor Becker opened the floor to comments.

**Highway Equipment Insurance Coverage**

Councilman Meyer asked Supervisor Becker to check with our insurance company as to whether the Town Highway plows were insured for not only the truck but also all added equipment on the plow trucks. Recently, the Town of West Seneca had a fire in their highway garage which prompted this concern regarding adequate coverage on our equipment. Supervisor Becker is waiting on a response from our insurance representative, Mike Hardie.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Vince Kirsch to adjourn the December 29, 2021 meeting of the Sheldon Town Board.

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