

**REGULAR MEETING
SHELDON TOWN BOARD
December 16, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Sheldon Town Board held December 16, 2020 at the Sheldon Town Hall, 1380 Centerline Rd., Strykersville, NY 14145 and also held via Zoom teleconference was called to order by Town Supervisor Brian Becker at 7:30 p.m. The meeting took place at the Sheldon Town Hall and via Zoom teleconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Present: Supervisor Brian Becker (in-person)
Councilmen: Mike Armbrust (in-person), Vince Kirsch (via Zoom), Joe Meyer (in-person), Jim Fontaine (via Zoom)
Recording Secretary: Town Clerk Carol Zittel (via Zoom)
Absent: Highway Superintendent Dave Ricketson
Also present: There were no other attendees

Minutes

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Joe Meyer that the minutes from the November 18, 2020 regular meeting be approved.

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

Communications

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

Upgrade to Town Website

The Town website was no longer supported by GoDaddy so the Town Clerk had to upgrade the site. Some links aren't working as of today but the Town Clerk will update this month.

Reports

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

Highway Superintendent Report

Supt. Ricketson was unable to attend the meeting due to snow conditions.

Supervisor's Report

No Supervisor report.

Questions on Bills

Councilman Fontaine had questions regarding two invoices in tonight's bills. First question was regarding the Attorney's bill – the bill was reviewed and deemed accurate. The second question was regarding a bill for repairs to the canvas on the new salt building. Supervisor Becker called the Highway Superintendent, Dave Ricketson, for his input. Dave reported that a brown heron flew into the canvas and his snout got caught in the fabric. The heron died and had to be removed.

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Acceptance of Reports

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

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

Old Business

2009 Peterbilt Listed For Sale

There were 98 bids on the truck on Auctions International. The highest was \$29,900.00. A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Vince Kirsch to accept the bid of \$29,900.00 from the highest bidder on Auctions International.

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

Appoint BAR Member

Supervisor Becker has a resident interested in the position and will update the Board next month.

New Business

Senior Group Funding

The two senior groups submitted their expenditures for 2019. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the groups were not able to hold many events so their expenditures were minimal.

A motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Joe Meyer to reduce the 2021 amount distributed to the senior groups after calculating/deducting what they spent in 2020.

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

The Town Supervisor will work with the Town Bookkeeper to calculate the amounts.

Historian Report

The Town Historian submitted a written report to the Town Board. Councilman Joe Meyer and Vince Kirsch made note of what an outstanding job the Town Historian is doing. The Board were unanimous in agreement.

Williamson Law Town Clerk Software

A motion was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Mike Armbrust to authorize the renewal of the annual contract with Williamson Law for the Town Clerk software. (\$421/year)

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

Attorney Agreement for 2021

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Vince Kirsch to table discussion regarding the 2021 attorney agreement until next month.

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

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Hire Don Przybyl – Audit of Town Books

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

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

Judicial Consolidation with the Town of Wethersfield

Supervisor Becker noted that there is not any real benefit to the Town to consolidate with the Town of Wethersfield. It would be a favor to a neighboring Town. The Judges and Court Clerk would see an increase in salary as they would be receiving the Town of Wethersfield payment for services. The Town prosecutor and District Attorney would also benefit as they would have one less Town to visit. Another meeting with the parties will be held and more information will be forthcoming.

Special Use Application – Retail Store in Strykersville

A special use application was submitted by the Broadway Group LLC for a retail store to be located on Route 78 in Strykersville across from the Fit Stop and next to the bank.

Councilman Kirsch abstained from discussion and the vote. Councilman Kirsch is selling the property to the Broadway Group.

A motion was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Jim Fontaine to schedule the public hearing on January 20, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. for the special use application received from the Broadway Group to build a retail store on Route 78 in Strykersville.

Ayes: (4) Becker, Armbrust, Fontaine, Meyer Nays: (0) Abstain: (1) Kirsch Motion Carried.

Adoption of Zoning Contract with Wyoming County

The Town currently uses Wyoming County for zoning officer services. Supervisor Becker explained that the salary of the zoning officers is paid 75% by the Towns that utilize them and 25% by the County. The contract for 2021 reflects a doubling of the per parcel rate.

Supervisor Becker noted that the days of finding someone like Ken Martin (former longtime Zoning Officer for the Town of Sheldon) are over. When Ken passed away his salary was less than \$4500 a year. This new contract would cost the Town \$9,400.00 almost double of last year's contract.

Authorization to Sign the Zoning Contract with Wyoming County

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Jim Fontaine to approve the 2021 contract with Wyoming County for zoning officer services.

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

Budget Transfers

A motion was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Mike Armbrust to approve the following transfers:

GENERAL FUND

- Transfer \$14,796.00 from A1355.4 Assessment Contractual to A1355.1 Assessment Personal Services
- Transfer \$86.19 from A1640.4 Central Garage to A7110.4 Park Contractual

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- Transfer \$42.32 from A1640.4 Central Garage to A8010.4 Zoning Contractual
- Transfer \$112.43 from A1640.4 Central Garage to A8160.4 Garbage Contractual
- Transfer \$29.12 from A9060.81 Hospital insurance copay to A9060.8 Hospital insurance

HIGHWAY FUND

- Transfer \$81,316.67 from DA9730.6 BAN Principal to DA5130.2 Machinery Equipment
- Transfer \$10,330.12 from DA9730.7 BAN Interest to DA5130.2 Machinery Equipment
- Transfer \$10.48 from DA5140.1 Misc. brush and weeds p/s to DA5112.1 Permanent Improvements P/S
- Transfer \$1328.09 from DA5110.4 General Repairs Contractual to DA5112.4 Permanent Improvements contractual
- Transfer \$10180.65 from DA5110.4 General Repairs Contractual to DA5142.4 snow removal Contractual
- Transfer \$9757.19 from DA5110.4 General Repairs Contractual to DA5148.4 Services to other governments Contractual
- Transfer \$1500.00 from DA9060.8 Hospital and Medical Insurance to DA5130.1 Machinery P/S

VARYSBURG WATER DISTRICT

- Transfer \$156.50 from SW1-8320.4 Source of Supply /Power/Pumping Contractual to SW1-9010.8 NYS Retirement

Appropriation

- Transfer \$2962.13 from TA20 Group Insurance to DA9060.8 Hospital and Medical Insurance

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

Spectrum Bill/Internet Connection

Councilman Armbrust asked if the internet at the Town Hall was ever updated. The Town Clerk responded that it was not due to the fact that it would have increased our monthly bill by hundreds of dollars. Supervisor Becker noted that Attorney DiMatteo was going to reach out to a contact at Spectrum to see if there was anything that could be done. More information will be provided at the January meeting.

Bills:

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

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Mike Armbrust that the General Bills #241 to #275 for a Total of \$16,825.22, the Highway Bills #171 to #187 for a Total of \$324,915.69, the Trust & Agency Bills #39 to #41 for a Total of \$523.66, the Varysburg Water District Bills #61 to #66 for a Total of \$1,090.60, and the Lighting District Bills for a Total of \$964.23 be paid.

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

Comments from the Floor

At 8:44 p.m. Supervisor Becker opened the floor to comments. There were no comments.

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Adjournment

At 8:45 p.m. a motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer to adjourn the December 16, 2020 meeting of the Sheldon Town Board.

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