

**REGULAR MEETING
SHELDON TOWN BOARD
July 21, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Sheldon Town Board held July 21, 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 per Governor Andrew Cuomo 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, Zoning Officer Jenna Marley, Ashley Howe, Darryl Howe. 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 Vince Kirsch that the minutes from the June 16, 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:

GLOW Recycling

Household Hazardous Waste Collection, September 18, 2021 at Rock Glen, NY, 9am-12:15pm.

Electronics Collection, September 25, 2021 at Rock Glen, NY, 9am-12:00pm.

Appointments required by visiting www.glowsolidwaste.org or 585-815-7906

Small Claims Assessment Petition

A small claims assessment petition was delivered to the Town Clerk from Ray and Dana Kirsch, Centerline Rd. The Assessor also received notification.

Spectrum

The Town received a build out list from our Spectrum governmental representative, Mark Meyerhofer. The list is far different than the list received in 2019. Supervisor Becker noted that the list does not seem accurate. The Town Board requested that the Town Clerk invite Mark Meyerhofer to the August board meeting.

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 noted that the Board will need to hold further discussions on how to best utilize the funding.

Reports

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

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Highway Superintendent Report

Deputy Highway Superintendent John Herrmann reported on the following:

Oil & Stoning Roads

The Highway Department worked on oil & stoning the following roads:
Humphrey, Perry, Kohler, Humbert, Almeter, Bloecher, Minkel, Schwab, Thomas, Old State.
The Department hopes to get to Royce Rd.

Wash Outs Due to Heavy Rain

The Department has been busy addressing wash outs from the recent heavy rains.

Shared Services

The Department continues to utilize shared service agreements with other Towns. Recently our Town has been working with Bennington, Orangeville and Holland.

Larger Stone

Councilman Kirsch asked if the new aggregate mixture using larger stone is working well. Deputy Supt. Herrmann responded that he believes it makes a courser road surface noting that it may be a bit louder. He said it seems to hold up well without as much black streaks. He believes that once it gets ground down more after winter that it will look even better.

Street Light Out

Deputy Supt. Herrmann reported that there is a street light out near the Gerry & Shirley Fugle residence. The Town Clerk will report it to NYSEG.

Trucks

John Herrmann's truck blew out the radiator. It was five years old and had rotted out. Jimm Crow's truck has a recall that is being taken care of.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Brian Becker reported on the following:

County Fair

The Wyoming County fair is on for this year, however, the Board of Supervisors will not be holding a meeting at the fair this year.

Acceptance of Reports

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

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Old Business:

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Judicial Consolidation with the Town of Wethersfield

Supervisor Becker noted that the judicial consolidation with Wethersfield will most likely not move ahead.

Open Public Hearing – Ashley Howe – Farmcraft Brewery

At 8:08 p.m. a motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Mike Armbrust to open the public hearing for a special use application made by Farmcraft Brewery LLC. owner Ashley Howe, at a portion of 611 Route 20A, Strykersville, NY 14145 to build an 80' x 120' 2-story timber frame barn in order to operate a NYS Farm Brewery & Taproom.

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

The Town received two letters regarding the brewery. One was in favor of the facility and one was against. The special use permit application has been reviewed by the Town Planning Board twice and the County Planning Board once. All neighbors within 1,000 feet of the property received certified letters of the public hearing notice. Ms. Howe supplied the Town Clerk with copies of the certified letter receipts.

Varysburg Water Update

Supervisor Becker reported to the Board that resident Thane Wright has really stepped up to the plate by taking on the Varysburg Water Operator position. There was another leak in the District that had to be addressed. HMR Inc. will be fixing the chlorinator as soon as their schedule permits. Dig Safely requests are now being sent to Supervisor Becker.

CDBG Community Development Grant

All paperwork has been submitted for submission of the CDBG grant.

Generator

There was a short discussion on what to do regarding the broken generator at the town hall. Recently, the power was out during a court session and the Court had to close operations early.

Court Grant

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Vince Kirsch to authorize the Town Justices to apply for a NYS Court grant to purchase a generator and other equipment/supplies needed by the Town Court office.

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

Close Public Hearing – Ashley Howe – Farmcraft Brewery

At 8:49 p.m. a motion was made by Mike Armbrust and seconded by Vince Kirsch to close the public hearing on the special use application made by Farmcraft Brewery, Ashley Howe, owner.

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Approval of Special Use Application – Farmcraft Brewery

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Mike Armbrust to approve the special use application made by Farmcraft Brewery, Ashley Howe, owner, with an operating schedule of 7-days a week, 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Ayes: (4) Becker, Kirsch, Armbrust, Fontaine Abstain: (1) Meyer, Nays: (0) Motion Carried.
The Board noted that all NYS & Wyoming County Building Code requirements must be met, to also include any ADA regulations applicable.

Presentation by Tom Milligan, Solar Farms NY

Tom Milligan from Solar Farms NY was in attendance tonight to address the Board. Mr. Milligan had applied for a solicitor permit from the Town Clerk to be able to go door to door in the Town to sign residents up for electric supply from Solar Farms NY. Mr. Milligan left literature at the Town Clerk's office.

New Business:

ZBA Member Appointment

The Board tabled discussion until next month.

Standard Work Day Lifeguard Position – NYS Retirement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Sheldon hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of this body.

- Lifeguard, 6 hours per day

Approve Budget Transfer

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

Increase revenue account DA3501 (Consolidated Highway Aid) by \$81,192.50 and increase expense account DA5112.2 (Permanent Improvements – Capital Outlay) by \$81,192.50.

Reason: NYS has increased CHIPS, PaveNY and EWR allocation for 2021.

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 Jim Fontaine and seconded by Vince Kirsch that the General Bills #155 to #185 for a Total of \$14,279.09, the Highway Bills #83 to #89 for a Total of \$48,863.72, the Trust & Agency Bills #21 to #24 for a Total of \$592.70, the Varysburg Water District Bills #33 to #41 for a Total of \$1,917.24, and the Lighting District Bills for a Total of \$418.58, be paid.

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

Comments from the Floor

At 9:15 p.m. Supervisor Becker opened the floor to comments. There were none.

Adjournment

At 9:17 p.m. a motion was made by Brian Becker and seconded by Vince Kirsch to adjourn the July 21, 2021 meeting of the Sheldon Town Board.

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