

**REGULAR MEETING
SHELDON TOWN BOARD
July 17, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Sheldon Town Board held July 17, 2024 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, Mike Armbrust, Vince Kirsch
Absent: Councilman Jim Fontaine
Recording Secretary: Town Clerk Carol Zittel
Also present: Highway Superintendent Luke Metz, ZBA member Mike Pfohl and resident Deanne Siemer.

Supervisor Becker and the Town Board extended their condolences to Mike Pfohl on the recent passing of his wife Elaine.

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

Communications

The Town Clerk Carol Zittel reported the following:

DEC Hunting Licenses

Changes to hunting licenses: licenses will be printed on plain white paper and not valeron. The Town will need to provide the paper, printer and ink.

Dog Enumeration

A county-wide postcard dog enumeration will be taking place this year.

A motion was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Mike Armbrust to authorize the Town's participation in a postcard dog enumeration.

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

Award from Pomeroy Foundation – Pioneer Cemetery

Town Historian, Jeanne Mest, has received another grant from the Pomeroy Foundation for a historical marker at the Pioneer Cemetery on Route 20A. The highway department's assistance in erecting the marker is requested again.

Sale of St. Mary's Church in Strykersville – Request from Peter Pilc

Peter Pilc, President of the Strykersville Seniors Group, has requested the Town's assistance in obtaining funding to purchase the St. Mary's church property to convert it to a senior center.

The Town Board is not interested in purchasing the property.

Translators Bills for Court

The Town Board questioned the vouchers for translators on court nights. The rates for different nights were for different rates. The Town Clerk will ask the court clerk for an explanation.

Reports

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

Wyoming County Zoning Report

The Wyoming County Zoning Report was distributed via email prior to the meeting and hard copies distributed tonight. There was an address incorrectly listed on the report that is not in the Town of Sheldon. The Town Clerk will contact the County for clarification. The report is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Paving Valley View Lane

The department will be paving Valley View Lane tomorrow.

Western Star Truck

Valley Fab has still not given an estimate on delivery.

Rain Issues

There has been a lot of rain recently (worst day June 29th) which resulted in trees down and wash outs.

Retirement in Department – Creation of Trainee Position

Due to retirement, the highway department will have an opening at the beginning of 2025. The highway superintendent would like to have someone hired by the end of November to have a month of training. Luke will be writing an ad for the papers.

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer to create a trainee/apprentice position beginning December 1, 2024.

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

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Mike Armbrust to authorize the Town Highway Superintendent to advertise the position in local newspapers.

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

Supervisor Becker will give Luke the contact information for the County Human Resources Director, Dan Farberman. Councilman Kirsch asked Luke to give the new hire a copy of the Teamsters agreement. Councilman Kirsch also asked Luke to compare the last two teamster contracts to review changes that were made between the two.

Supervisor Report

Supervisor Brian Becker reported the following:

Wyoming County Community Hospital

The hospital received critical access designation on May 16th. A \$3 million increase in Medicaid payments is expected. Hospital CEO, David Kobis, has submitted his resignation and gave a 6-month notice.

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Acceptance of Reports

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

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Old Business:

ARPA Funding

Nothing new to report.

Varysburg Water – Income Survey Door to Door

On July 31st at 5:30 p.m., the Town Clerk, Town Supervisor, a representative from RCAP and volunteers will be going door to door in the water district to conduct income surveys for a CDBG grant.

Tank Inspection Report

The Town Board received a copy of the tank cleaning report from Pittsburg Tank & Tower Group. Pittsburg Tank sent a list of suggested maintenance items however, the Board is not interested in pursuing these suggestions at this time. The Board may consider power washing the bottom of the tank at a future date.

Boxler Water Extension

Supervisor Becker met with Ella & Warren Boxler regarding their initial interest in having the water district extended to their new maple house. Due to the cost of extension, the Boxler's are no longer interested. Supervisor Becker believes this is a dead issue.

Mills Zoning Violation

Nothing new to report.

Schoolhouse Museum Repairs

Laury Lakas submitted a quote for the porch repairs. Supervisor Becker asked that the Town Clerk ask Laury for three quotes which include prevailing wage.

New Business:

FMLA Policy

The Town Supervisor will request a copy of the County's FMLA policy which can be revised to work for the Town of Sheldon.

Bills:

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

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A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Mike Armbrust that the General Bills #150 to #170 for a Total of \$16,111.99, the Highway Bills #83 to #95 for a Total of \$35,779.51, the Lighting District Bills #7 to #7 for a Total of \$691.84, the Trust & Agency Bills #9 to #10 for a Total of \$270.88, and the Varysburg Water District Bills #34 to #39 for a Total of \$1,362.99 be paid.
Ayes: (4) Becker, Kirsch, Armbrust, Meyer Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Fontaine Motion Carried.

Comments from the Floor

At 8:00 p.m. Supervisor Becker opened the floor to comments.
Mike Pfohl commended Wyoming County Emergency Services for the quick response to his house, stating that they did an excellent job and were very professional.

Adjournment

At 8:05 p.m. a motion was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Vince Kirsch to adjourn the July 17, 2024 meeting of the Sheldon Town Board.
Ayes: (4) Becker, Kirsch, Armbrust, Meyer Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Fontaine Motion Carried.