

**REGULAR MEETING
SHELDON TOWN BOARD
March 17, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Sheldon Town Board held March 17, 2021 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 (via Zoom arrives at 7:50pm), Vince Kirsch (via Zoom),
Jim Fontaine (via Zoom)
Absent: Councilman Joe Meyer
Recording Secretary: Town Clerk Carol Zittel (via Zoom)
Also present: Highway Superintendent Dave Ricketson (via Zoom), Marissa Newell,
applicant for Youth Recreation Director

Minutes

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Jim Fontaine that the minutes from the February 17, 2021 regular meeting be approved.

Ayes: (3) Becker, Kirsch, Fontaine Nays: (0) Absent: Armbrust, Meyer Motion Carried.

Communications

The Town Clerk, Carol Zittel, had no communications this month.

Reports

The Town Supervisor financial report, Town Clerk February report and Town Justice's February reports were distributed prior to the meeting via email.

Appointment of Youth Recreation Director

Marissa Newell applied for the youth recreation director position and attended tonight's meeting via Zoom.

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Jim Fontaine to appoint Marissa Newell as the Town Youth Recreation Director for 2021.

Ayes: (3) Becker, Kirsch, Fontaine Nays: (0) Absent: Armbrust, Meyer Motion Carried.

Ms. Newell left the meeting.

Highway Superintendent Report

Superintendent Ricketson reported that the department is busy getting summer equipment out, refilling the salt building for next winter and doing early spring work. He reported that the department plans on oil and stoning right away this year because the price for oil is going up.

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Supervisor's Report

Certificates of Deposit

The Certificates of Deposit will remain with Five Star Bank.

Internet at Town Hall

The internet speed at the Town Hall is a Spectrum issue – they are keeping us at 2009 speed because of our billing plan. Supervisor Becker will check with the County IT department to see if they can assist.

Pioneer Cemetery Trees

Asplundh Tree Service was hired by the electric company to remove trees near lines overhead. A Java resident contacted Supervisor Becker asking if he could have a burl from one of the trees. Supervisor Becker reached out to cemetery caretaker, Joe Yox, for his thoughts. Joe responded that he would rather sell the burl and use the money to purchase equipment for the cemetery.

Acceptance of Reports

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

Ayes: (3) Becker, Kirsch, Fontaine Nays: (0) Absent: Armbrust, Meyer Motion Carried.

Old Business

Appoint BAR Member

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Vince Kirsch to appoint James Kirsch to the Board of Assessment Review with a term of 3/24/21 to 9/30/25.

Ayes: (3) Becker, Kirsch, Fontaine Nays: (0) Absent: Armbrust, Meyer Motion Carried.

Senior Group Funding

The Supervisor has been in contact with the senior groups and the other Towns that fund the groups. He will have more information for the April meeting.

Town Audit

Don Przybl completed the Town audit and will submit a report to the Supervisor.

Judicial Consolidation with Wethersfield

Nothing new to report. The Town of Wethersfield has agreed to pay all of the Attorney fees on this matter.

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NYSEG LED Light Conversion

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Jim Fontaine to authorize the transfer of \$3,816.00 from General Money Market fund to the appropriate lighting district funds to cover the up-front charge for the LED light conversion.

Ayes: (3) Becker, Kirsch, Fontaine Nays: (0) Absent: Armbrust, Meyer Motion Carried.

New Business

Councilman Armbrust logs in to the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Fund Transfer

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Vince Kirsch to authorize the transfer of \$100,000.00 from General Money Market to Highway Money Market.

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

Lawn Services for the Town

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Jim Fontaine to authorize the Town Supervisor to hire Maple Tree Environmental for lawn care services if the owner, Dennis Eley maintains the contract rate at 2020 rates. If Maple Tree is raising their rates then the Supervisor is authorized to advertise for bids.

Ayes: (4) Becker, Kirsch, Fontaine, Armbrust Nays: (0) Absent: Meyer 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 Mike Armbrust that the General Bills #45 to #74 for a Total of \$13,51804, the Highway Bills #27 to #37 for a Total of \$19,381.92, the Trust & Agency Bills # to #6 for a Total of \$549.20, the Varysburg Water District Bills #12 to #14 for a Total of \$651.70, and the Lighting District Bills for a Total of \$4,359.65, be paid.

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

Comments from the Floor

At 8:44 p.m. Supervisor Becker opened the floor to comments.

Recycling Events

Councilman Kirsch asked if there are any recycling events coming up in the County. Supervisor Becker said he will check at the County meeting tomorrow. Sunn King is the local company that holds the events. The Town Clerk gets many inquiries regarding recycling events. The Sunn King website lists events that are open to the public and the Town Clerk tries to make the Town residents aware of such events via the Town Facebook page and website.

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Federal Money from COVID Relief Bill

Superintendent Ricketson asked if the Town would be receiving any federal aid, and if so, if the funds could be used to rebuild the Town Hall parking lot. Supervisor Becker responded that he will reach out to Assemblyman DiPietro and Senator Gallivan. Superintendent Ricketson asked if he should reach out to Senator Gallivan's office as well. Supervisor Becker responded that yes, he should reach out to the Senator's office.

Adjournment

At 8:10 p.m. a motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Jim Fontaine to adjourn the March 17, 2021 meeting of the Sheldon Town Board.

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