

**REGULAR MEETING
SHELDON TOWN BOARD
September 18, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Sheldon Town Board held September 18, 2019 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.

Present: Supervisor Brian Becker
Councilmen: Jim Fontaine, Vince Kirsch, Joe Meyer
Recording Secretary: Town Clerk Carol Zittel
Also present: Highway Superintendent David Ricketson
Absent: Councilman Mike Armbrust

A signed list of all present is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Minutes

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer that the minutes from the August 21, 2019 regular meeting be approved.

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

Communications

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

Bipartisan Chicken Barbeque

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Vince Kirsch to authorize the advertisement of the bipartisan chicken barbeque on the Town facebook page.

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

NYS Dept. of Labor Notification

The Town has received notification from the NYS Department of Labor that all citations have been abated and that the Town is in compliance with regulations.

Reports

Financial Reports were presented for the months of July and August 2019 from the Town Clerk and Town Court. Financial Reports were presented for the month of August 2019 from the Town Supervisor. The cash flow and payroll reports were also presented.

Highway Superintendent's Report

The Highway Superintendent reported on the following:

Highway Schedule

8/21 Bennington delivered excavator to dig footers for salt building

8/22 Rain day. Hauled stone, shop work, went to Eagle Silo to check on coated rebar in walls of salt building – ok.

8/26-8/27 Dig footers salt building

8/28 Dig footers bigger by one foot

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8/29 Prep Maxon for paving
9/3-9/5 Prep Maxon for paving
9/9 Finish prep on Maxon
9/10 Pave Maxon
9/11, 9/12, 9/16 Backfilled footers on salt building. 3 trucks to County (Cascade Rd.)
9/17-9/18 Put shoulders on Maxon Rd.

Salt Building

The salt building will be completed this week. There was a short discussion between Councilman Kirsch and Superintendent Ricketson regarding the need to spray the inside concrete – they will verify if contractor is responsible per specs. There was also discussion regarding the install of lights – the contractor will be contacted on how to proceed with light install.

Maxon Road Paving

The paving of Maxon Rd. from Schwab to Route 20A went well. Paved with type 2 dense binder. Not the prettiest stuff but will hold up best. Will oil and stone next year.

Bloecher Rd. Paving

No more will be done on Bloecher this year. It should winter fine – may have to skim coat with millings next spring.

Water Softener

The water softener needs repairs. Councilmen Fontaine and Kirsch suggest calling Strykersville Plumbing and Heating.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Becker reported the following:

Route 20A Traffic

Supervisor Becker informed the Board that he was contacted by Debbie Almeter regarding concerns with the amount of traffic on Route 20A. Supervisor Becker expressed his concerns about the risk to public safety but expressed to Mrs. Almeter that the matter is out of the Town's hands.

Maxon Road Paving Bill – County Line

The Town has not received the bill from County Line for materials used to pave Maxon Rd., however, the bill needs to be paid as soon as it is received for CHIPS reimbursement. A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Joe Meyer to authorize the prepayment of the County Line bill for materials for Maxon Road in order to facilitate the reimbursement from CHIPS.

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Weatherbee Residence – Varsyburg Water

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Ed Zehler went to Mr. Weatherbee's residence to inspect the site. No digging has been performed yet. The Town Clerk gave Supervisor Becker the draft agreement drawn up by the Town Attorney – some wording needs to be updated before the parties can sign it. Supervisor Becker will meet with the Town Attorney to update the agreement wording.

Highway Pickup Truck

The Town will budget for a new pickup truck for 2020.

Acceptance of Reports

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

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

Assessor Presentation

Mary Kern and Jim Kirsch were present to review the revaluation.

- The Town's equalization rate went from 80% to 100%
- An average of a 20% increase in assessed value
- Councilman Fontaine asks what happens after 20 year wind farm project contract? Supervisor Becker responds that he has been told that renegotiation takes place in year 16 of the PILOT agreement. The Town is in year 11 so we have some time before that takes place. Ms. Kern advises that the County Real Property Office also assesses for Eagle and Wethersfield so they will be well versed on wind turbines
- Ms. Kern advises that Donna Almeter now works in the Real Property Office three days a week
- STAR program is now handled and administered by the State of New York
- The fee for assessment services is \$16.50 per parcel. An increase of 2.8% over last year

Authorization to Sign Contract with Real Property Office

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Joe Meyer to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the contract with the Wyoming County Real Property Tax Services for Town of Sheldon assessment services. Contract dates: October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2022.

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

Varysburg Water – Tank Cleaning

AJ Dyrbala, Varysburg Water District Operator, was present at tonight's meeting. AJ has reached out to the company Liquid Engineering for a quote on cleaning the water tank. The company sends divers down in scuba suits with a vacuum-like device to clean out any sand or grit. Estimated cost is \$2,700.00. A two-page report is immediately given to the District and in 8-10 days a detailed full report is issued. AJ was asked to forward the quote to the Town Clerk so she can forward it on to the Town Board. Supervisor Becker will reach out to two other companies for price quotes and then the District will proceed with hiring a company.

Varysburg Water – Generator

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AJ advised that the generator has not been exercised and the oil has not been changed yet. Supervisor Becker noted that the unit is only 2-3 years old.

Varysburg Water Pump Issues

AJ reported that the pump is very unbalanced. There are concerns that there is too much heat in the building and relays are getting tripped. Atwell will call NYSEG and see what can be done on their end. Supervisor Becker stated that the pump is less than seven years old. Councilman Kirsch said he thinks they will need an exhaust fan.

DASNY Funding – Salt Building

The Town Clerk reached out to DASNY and was told we should reach out to our Sponsor, Senator Gallivan, to ascertain when funding would be released.

Solar Law – Attorney Spitzer

The Town has not heard back from Attorney Spitzer as to whether he will be able to represent us in regards to the solar law re-write.

Solar Law

Jimmy Moreland from ConnectGen notified the Board that the public involvement plan has been filed. There is a 30-day review period.

Reisdorf Road Abandonment

No updates to report.

Budget Workshop

The budget workshop is scheduled for September 25th at 7pm.

Appoint Dan Henneberger – Board of Assessment Review

A motion was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Jim Fontaine to re-appoint Dan Henneberger to the Board of Assessment Review with a term of October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2024.

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

Set Date Public Hearing – Sanfilippo Dog Kennel

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer to set the date for the public hearing on the Sanfilippo Special Use Permit for a dog kennel for October 16, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Set Date Public Hearing – Windy Brew

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer to set the date for the public hearing on the Bill & Michelle Snyder dba Windy Brew Special Use Permit requesting an expansion of business hours and the construction of a storage building for October 16, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

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

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Set Date Public Hearing – Zoning Map Changes

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Joe Meyer to set the date for a public hearing on the proposed zoning map changes for October 16, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: (3) Kirsch, Fontaine, Meyer Nays: (0) Absent: (1) Armbrust Abstain (1) Becker
Motion Carried.

Bills:

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

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Vince Kirsch that the General Bills #230 to #268 for a Total of \$25,651.26, the Highway Bills #133 to #144 for a Total of \$11,763.78, the Trust & Agency Bills #26 to #28 for a Total of \$525.28, the Varysburg Water District Bills #58 to #63 for a Total of \$717.43 and the Lighting District Bills for a Total of \$810.57 be paid.

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

Enter Executive Session – Schofield Zoning Violation

At 8:50 p.m. a motion was made by Joe Meyer and seconded by Jim Fontaine to enter into Executive Session to review legal communication regarding the Schofield zoning violation. The Town Clerk was invited into the Executive Session.

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

Exit Executive Session – Schofield Zoning Violation

At 9:12 p.m. a motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Jim Fontaine to exit from Executive Session regarding the Schofield zoning violation.

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

Adjournment

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Jim Fontaine to adjourn the September 18, 2019 meeting of the Sheldon Town Board.

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