

Village of Sherman

Regular Board Meeting of the Sherman Village Board of Trustees

Sherman Village Hall, 401 St. John Drive, Sherman, IL

Tuesday, August 26, 2014

President Trevor J. Clatfelter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the assembly in The Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPENING:** Clerk Oller presented Roll Call with five members present: Trustee Hahn, Trustee Long, Trustee Sherrock, Trustee Timm and Trustee Zibutis. Trustee Schultz had an excused late arrival and arrived at 6:07 p.m. and was present for all votes.

Also present: Eric Smith, Angela Fyans-Jimorez, Jeff Jurgens, Sandra Walden, Chris Walden, Judy Cooper, Mr. Cooper, Becky Finley, Barbara Sullivan, Karen Hoffek, Jane Vanhoos, John Miller, Jodi Miller, Travis Penman, Cheryl Penman, Bill Shepard, Adam Thelke, Lis Foster, Greg Moredock, Randy Burge, Dan Underwood, Dana Underwood, Anne Rayhill, Tracy Shaw, Byron Painter, Ryan Keith, Bruce Beal, Sean Newton, Dave Booher and Mike Moos.

President Clatfelter requested to set the Agenda. Trustee Zibutis made a motion to set the Agenda. Motion was seconded by Trustee Timm and was unanimously carried by the board. Motion passed.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** Presentation of the Minutes and Approval were brought to the board. Trustee Sherrock made a motion to approve the Budget Hearing Minutes of Tuesday, July 15, 2014. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hahn and was unanimously carried by the board. Motion passed.

Official Minutes of Tuesday, August 5, 2014 were brought to the board. Trustee Long made a motion to approve the Official Minutes of Tuesday, August 5, 2014. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sherrock and unanimously carried by the board. Motion passed.

The presentation of bills for approval was brought to the board. Trustee Sherrock made a motion to approve all bills to be paid. Motion seconded by Trustee Zibutis and was unanimously carried by the board. Motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** No report presented.

**ENGINEERING REPORT:** Engineer Booher updated the board on the Municipal Park Project. Otto Baum is working on the Rail Fence Drive and will be working on drainage

work soon. Vanhuss Concrete is currently working on the multi-use trail. Egzi Electric will be starting the installation of the light poles in the next week.

Booher also stated that the Street Sign Grant paperwork has progressed and the village will have to sign the agreement with IDOT in order to start receiving those signs. Old Tipton Road has no paved shoulders at this time and the road is crumbling in areas so Engineer Booher explained a few different options of repair to the road for the board to consider for future decisions. Also, Booher informed the board that a building permit was approved for a nail salon opening in the strip mall.

**LEGAL REPORT:** No report presented.

**ZONING OFFICER REPORT:** Trustee Zibutis reported a total of \$4,445 in building permits.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR REPORT:** No report presented.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** A Resolution establishing rules on public comment for Village of Sherman public meetings was brought to the board. This Resolution will be set in place to better accommodate anyone wanting to speak during public comment and limit the time to a maximum of three minutes per person so everyone who wishes to speak, gets an adequate amount of time to do so. Trustee Sherrock made a motion to approve a resolution establishing rules on public comment for Village of Sherman public meetings. Motion seconded by Trustee Timm and was unanimously carried by the board. Motion passed.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with IDOT for section 12-00016-00-SP for the use of HSIP Grant funding for regulatory sign replacement for 9 communities has been tabled for a future meeting.

A Resolution to purchase Light Poles Single Source from Phillips Lighting for Rail Fence Dr. and multi-use path was tabled for a future meeting.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign Agreement for Electrical Service with Menard Electric for electrical service to Rail Fence Drive and the new Village Park was tabled for a future meeting.

An Ordinance authorizing the Village to borrow money for mowing equipment was presented to the board. The Ordinance authorizes the Village to purchase a mower in an amount not to exceed \$14,000 which was appropriated in the FY 15 budget. Trustee Long made a motion to approve the Ordinance authorizing the Village to borrow money for mowing equipment. Motion seconded by Trustee Hahn and was unanimously carried by the board. Motion passed.

Approval of Change Order for multi-use path project was tabled for a future meeting.

**COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** No report presented.

**SHERMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** No report presented.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY REPORT:** Director Mike Moos informed the board that he and Administrator John Swinford was in Menard County last weekend helping them with evaluation of a full scale exercise where they also received a lot of good ideas. Moos also stated that he is working on an Incident Action Plan for the Sherman Fall Festival. Moos recognized that Administrator Swinford is a State Certified Professional Emergency Manager and recognized the fact that there are very few Administrators that are certified.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** President Clatfelter complimented the Public Works Dept. on all of their hard work and staying on top of tasks especially in the heat.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS:** Becky Finley addressed the board on her concerns regarding the limit on time during Public Comment. She stated that she hopes the board will be lenient with important issues in the future.

Karen Hoffek stated her concerns about Officer Phil Brown being reprimanded for not removing a sticker off of the squad car. She stated that she feels the situation at hand is not something that cannot be dealt with professionally and that it has been drug out and that it's beginning to blow out of proportion. Someone approached her in public and asked if it was true that Officer Brown lost a gun and it was found on school property by the principal. She stated that it wasn't true and said nobody knows because it's all being kept quiet. Mrs. Hoffek also spoke in reference to the programs, years of service and good things that Officer Brown has done for the community.

Travis Penman stated that his thoughts of Officer Brown as being a good man and he thinks the situation should be handled more professionally and that Officer Brown has done good things for the community.

Cheryl Penman stated that Officer Brown has done a lot for the community and with the years of service he has, he is a good officer.

Dan Underwood stated that the village was stepping on his toes by doing what the village is doing to this man. He stated the village needs to spend their money elsewhere.

Dana Underwood stated that she thinks the village has turned on our veterans that have fought for our country. She mentioned that \$50,000 for a sticker was outrageous and she helped pay for that car and she should have a right to say what goes on that car.

Anne Rayhill stated that she is an attorney who deals specifically with litigation matters. She stated that litigation leads to more litigation. Knowing the amount of hearings involved on both sides, that amount sounds very reasonable although \$50,000 for decals makes her disgusted. She also included that the Village will be paying for lawsuits for a long time and she hopes it stops soon so the village has money to pay for nice things.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Trustee Zibutis made a motion to adjourn the regular open meeting and proceed into executive session regarding Potential litigation under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11). Motion seconded by Trustee Hahn and was unanimously carried by the board. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The board took a short recess and entered into executive session at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Long made a motion to adjourn executive session. Motion seconded by Trustee Zibutis and was unanimously carried by the board. Motion passed. Executive session ended at 7:58 p.m.

Trustee Sherrock made a motion to return to the regular village board meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Timm and was unanimously carried by the board. Motion passed. The board went back into the regular board meeting at 7:59 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Clatfelter called the regular village board meeting to adjourn. Trustee Hahn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sherrock and carried unanimously by the board. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.