

**BOARD MEETING – OFFICIAL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 2008**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sherman Village Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall with President Trevor J. Clatfelter presiding.

PRESENT: Trustees Hickman, Long, Mitchell, Schultz, Timm & Zibutis

ABSENT: None

The board unanimously approved the agenda for the meeting.

President Clatfelter called Mr. Matt Davidson, who chaired the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting that considered the Grigiski zoning petition, to address the board. Mr. Davidson summarized the public hearing evidence, concerning a variance to create a private stable on R1 zoned land, and reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals was unable to give a recommendation to the Board as it was deadlocked over whether or not to deny the variance. Mr. Rabin, attorney for Ms. Grigiski, spoke in favor of the variance. Fourteen private citizens gave opinions. Mr. Rabin again spoke, and President Clatfelter read several letters from homeowners on the subject. The board then discussed the matter. Trustee Zibutis made a motion, seconded by Trustee Schultz and carried unanimously by the board, to deny Ms. Grigiski the variance allowing for a private stable as it was felt that this is an improper use of R1 zoned land.

A homeowner was present to tell the board about water in his lower level after recent storms. President Clatfelter explained that the drainage committee will be meeting soon to initiate a village wide hydraulic study to determine what drainage problems exist in the village and the solution to them.

A Sebring Road resident was present to express concerns about Sebring Road washing out. President Clatfelter explained that the culvert under the road is eroding. Bids are being solicited to fix it. Final grade and occupancy permits, which will soon be required, will eliminate many problems of this sort.

Mr. Brian Leka was present to ask that the final plat of the second addition of Prairie Lake Estates be approved subject to the receipt of a performance bond for the installation of street lights, which CILCO will do soon. Mr. Leka said CILCO has already been paid for the installation. Trustee Hickman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Schultz and carried unanimously by the board, to approve the final plat of the second addition of Prairie Lake Estates subject to receipt of the performance bond for street lights.

Mr. Brad Welker, president of the Friends of Sherman Parks Committee, told the board that the Springfield Park District will not voluntarily deannex property located in Sherman. Therefore, the committee plans legal action. He asked the village to form a 501C3 foundation, under which the committee could seek grants to fund the legal action. The Parks Committee will meet to consider this.

The board unanimously approved the September 2nd minutes and the September 8th special meeting minutes.

The board unanimously approved the treasurer's report for the month.

The board unanimously approved for payment the bills for the month.

Mr. Booher told the board that the UP Railroad has opened the stopped up railroad culvert as promised. It now needs to be cleaned of all debris.

Trustee Zibutis asked for board members input as to space needs for the Village Hall.

The board unanimously agreed to go into executive session at 9:45 p.m.

The board returned to regular session at 10:00 p.m.

Trustee Hickman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Zibutis and carried unanimously by the board, to approve a year long leave of absence for Police Officer Brown.

Trustee Hickman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Timm and carried unanimously by the board, to approve moving part time police officer Chris Fulscher to full time status.

The board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 10:05 p.m.

**BOARD MEETING – OFFICIAL MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2008**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sherman Village Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, August 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall with President Trevor J. Clatfelter presiding.

PRESENT: Trustees Hickman, Long, Mitchell, Schultz, Timm & Zibutis

ABSENT: None

The agenda was unanimously approved by the board.

The August 5th minutes were unanimously approved by the board.

The bills and treasurer's report were unanimously approved by the board.

Engineer Booher said the railroad has agreed to unplug the culvert behind Pheasant Run Drive, and also to make repairs to the bridge on Meredith Drive.

President Clatfelter told the board that IE Consultants will assist in evaluating the bids for the proposed drainage study, and will be overseeing the project.

On Police Chief Smith's recommendation, Trustee Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Trustee Timm and carried unanimously by the board, to approve hiring Mr. Christopher Fulscher as a part time police officer.

Emergency Management director Moos told the board that a grant from the Department of Justice netted the village training hours, a laptop, tools, a camera, and a GPS rangefinder.

Trustee Zibutis made a motion, seconded by Trustee Long, and carried unanimously by the board, to approve donation of \$1,000 to Teen Court.

The board received a proposed open burning ordinance for review. Action will be taken at the next meeting.

The board unanimously agreed to go into executive session at 8:34 p.m. to discuss salaries.

The board returned to regular session at 9:00 p.m. and agreed unanimously to adjourn.