

The Sheridan Village Board of Trustees met on the above date with the following Trustees present: Peggy Arneson, Bill Clemens, and Shelly Figgins. Mike Walker and Jeff Wilhelm were absent. In Mayor Anderson's absence, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Allen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Bills for the month of January, 2010 in the amount of \$25,234.42 were presented for payment along with 1 additional bill from Hupp, Lanuti, Irion & Burton totaling \$917.25. Bill Clemens motioned payment of all bills including the additional bill for Hupp, Lanuti, Irion, & Burton. Shelly Figgins 2nd. Motion carried.

Minutes of the January 11, 2010 Regular Meeting were presented. Peggy Arneson motioned to accept the Minutes as presented. Bill Clemens 2nd. Motion carried.

Shelly Figgins gave the Financial Report for the month of January, 2010 showing a balance of \$353,049.89 as of January 31, 2010. Peggy Arneson motioned to accept the Finance Report for the month of January, 2010. Bill Clemens 2nd. Motion Carried.

Correspondence:

Veronica Clemens reported the Village received a letter from the USDA stating that Area Specialist, Chris Moore, has retired from the USDA as of January 30, 2010 and that our new contact with the USDA will be Nicki Morgan.

Committee Reports:

Jeff Wilhelm, Streets Committee, not in attendance.

Jim Allen, Parks Committee, nothing to report.

Mike Walker, Sewer Committee, not in attendance.

Bill Clemens, Police Committee, gave the police report for the month January, 2009.

Peggy Arneson, Zoning Committee, reported no building permits were issued in January. Arneson also reported the she received a call from the Doll's regarding the vacating of Third Street and indicated to them that the issue had been tabled and no further action will be taken at this time.

Attorney Burton added that there is currently a petition for the next Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing for the potential erection of new cell tower.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Village Engineer, Tim Juskiewicz, was present and indicated the Village had applied for USDA grant funding for two projects, one was for finishing the storm sewer project and one was for lining the sanitary sewers. Juskiewicz further indicated that when our application was submitted, the USDA indicated we needed to complete a study first and the cost of the study would be 100% reimbursable as part of the project. Juskiewicz continued that he then met with the Sewer Committee and they requested a cost estimate for this study which he submitted. Juskiewicz indicated the estimate included smoke testing for illegal connections and video taping of all the sewer lines to see which sewers are the worst and anything else as far as cracks and broken tiles then we would rate the street based on the condition. Juskiewicz explained that he would review the video tape and smoke testing and put a report together ranking the streets and the cost to fix each section and that report would then be submitted to the USDA along with the application. Juskiewicz indicated he prepared the cost estimate for the sewer study to include all the sewers in town with an approximate cost of \$90,000.00. Figgins asked if that \$90,000.00 was reimbursable and Juskiewicz acknowledged that was correct. Juskiewicz indicated that the USDA informed him they had the money and there were no foreseen problems and Sheridan was eligible for funding in the form of a loan with a lower market interest rate.

Juskiewicz explained the reason for the study is to get a feel of the conditions of the sanitary sewers because right now we are just guessing as far as how much money we can afford to spend and not really sure of the conditions of the streets. Juskiewicz further explained that we don't know where the worst sewers are in town and the last whole town camera work was completed back in the 1970's. Juskiewicz indicated that the Village does qualify for funding in the form of a loan from the USDA however it does not qualify for a grant because the requirements for the program required the household income to be at or below average and also required the Village charge a sufficient sewer rate fee for sewer maintenance to residents that they feel would cover the cost of maintaining the sewers which is 1-1/2% of the median household income which comes out to about \$55.00 per month which could include the amount the Sanitary District charges per month which only came to about \$20.00 to \$30.00 per month and raising the maintenance fee from \$10.00 per month was not an option the Village wanted to consider. Burton asked if this study was necessary for the Village to receive any kind of funding from the USDA. Juskiewicz said that was correct. Burton asked if it was possible for the Village to just request funding to fix maybe 1 or 2 blocks, would a study still need to be completed. Juskiewicz said that may be a possibility but then again the USDA may say for such a small project, the Village could use their own funds and a whole new application would need to be submitted.

After further discussion, Bill Clemens motioned to table this issue and refer it to the Finance Committee to make a recommendation. Peggy Arneson 2nd. Motion carried.

Chief Bergeron indicated the Village of Sheridan has always provided single coverage health insurance for it's full time police officers, however, recently both officers have been seeking family coverage as one is married with a child and the other will be getting married which would be a bigger cost to the Village for family coverage. Bergeron further indicated that he has spoke

with Bill Clemens and Attorney Burton and they agreed a Police Committee meeting should be called to lay down a foundation for future insurance issues as there have never been any policies written in reference to family coverage. Clemens indicated most employers will cover the employee but when it comes to family coverage, they require the employee to pay for some or all of that coverage and we could look into how other municipalities handle this situation. Burton indicated that one of the problems with our insurance company is that we don't have an individual Agent that the Village is working with and trying to call for information is difficult because you call an 800 number and speak with a customer service representative. Clemens indicated we could try a few different insurance agencies and get quotes and try someone local. Bill Clemens motioned to table this issue and refer it to the Police Committee for a recommendation. Shelly Figgins 2nd. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Paul Brennan was present and requested a copy of the Village's Financial Report which he received.

There being no further business, Bill Clemens motioned to adjourn the meeting. Peggy Arneson 2nd. Mayor Pro-Tem Allen adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Veronica R. Clemens
Village Clerk