

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

Bills for the month of December, 2009 in the amount of \$251,148.72 were presented for payment along with 4 additional bills – 2 from Hupp, Lanuti, Irion & Burton totaling \$1,550.50 and 2 from Sheridan BP totaling \$958.91. Bill Clemens motioned payment of all bills including the 4 additional bills. Shelly Figgins 2nd. Motion carried.

Minutes of the December 14, 2009 Regular Meeting were presented. Jim Allen motioned to accept the Minutes as presented. Bill Clemens 2nd. Motion carried.

Shelly Figgins gave the Financial Report for the month of December, 2009 showing a balance of \$352,180.09 as of December 31, 2009. Jeff Wilhelm motioned to accept the Finance Report for the month of December, 2009. Bill Clemens 2nd. Motion Carried.

Correspondence:

Veronica Clemens reported the Village received a letter from the North Central Illinois Council of Governments thanking the Village for all their support of the Economic Development District along with a Certificate of Appreciation. Clemens further reported the Village received a letter from the Illinois Municipal League which included information and copies of publications explaining the 2010 revisions to the Freedom of Information Act and the Open Meetings Act.

Committee Reports:

Jeff Wilhelm, Streets Committee, reported he had received information from IDOT for a grant available to the Village to fund the purchase of new high intensity reflective traffic signs which the Village will submit the necessary paperwork.

Wilhelm further reported he had received a load of salt this morning and also reported some problems with the snow plow equipment but that has all been repaired.

Jim Allen, Parks Committee, reported the Veterans Memorial Park committee is starting to sell raffle tickets for their new rifle. Chief Bergeron reported that the rifle being raffled is a Colt Model AR15 223 Caliber Rifle and as in the past the rifles the Committee members choose to raffle are actual arms that have been used by our soldiers to defend our Country. Bergeron further reported that this particular rifle represents veterans from the Viet Nam era and is currently used by our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. Bergeron also reported that after hearing about our cause and project, this rifle was completely donated by Colt Manufacturing along with approximately \$2,000.00 worth of other military firearms for our next raffle. Allen reported that there is approximately \$20,000.00 of work needed to complete this project and these raffles are helping the Park reach it's goal.

Mike Walker, Sewer Committee, reported the State Plumbing Inspector came to inspect the food establishments' grease traps. Chief Bergeron reported that the Inspector found 3 of the restaurants were not in compliance and they will be given 60 days to be in compliance and after that 60 days if they are not in compliance, then citations will be written.

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

Peggy Arneson, Zoning Committee, not in attendance.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Annual Freedom of Information Act Ordinance – Attorney Burton indicated that the State of Illinois came up with new statutes regarding the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act which became effective as of January 1, 2010. Burton distributed copies of An Annual Freedom of Information Act Resolution which identifies basic information about the Village. Burton further indicated listed on this Resolution is an “Index of Records Maintained” for when people come in to make a Freedom of Information Act request, we are supposed to give some basic idea of what records are available. Burton also indicated that listed on this Resolution are the Freedom of Information Act Officers in Training which identifies Veronica Clemens and Shelly Figgins as appointed Freedom of Information Act Officers. Burton indicated that the Village needs to include the Freedom of Information Act Officers in the annual appointments. Burton further indicated that the officers identified must receive certain training and a Certificate of Training by June 30, 2010 and every year thereafter. Burton indicated if a new Officer is appointed, they would have 30 days to receive training. Burton also indicated that online training will be available as soon as the end of this month through Attorney General Lisa Madigan’s office.

Burton indicated that some general information listed in this Resolution that we must follow is about how we are going to treat requests for information. Burton indicated that we have the right to request that people request information in writing because our response time has been shortened. Burton further indicated that we now have 5 normal days to complete a response as opposed to the 7 days previous and not making that time deadline carries some impact. Burton explained that if we do not reply in that time deadline and there is some reason that we cannot comply, we have given up some rights under the Act by not timely responding. Burton indicated that the fees we can charge have changed and the basic copying fee is now waived for first 50 pages and after that the fees have been capped to a lower rate. Jim Allen motioned to accept Resolution #2010-01 - An Annual Freedom of Information Act Resolution. Jeff Wilhelm 2nd. Motion Carried.

Chief Bergeron reported that a Board of Health Department hearing was scheduled for earlier this evening at 6:00 PM however that meeting was canceled. Bergeron indicated there is a multi-unit home which when one tenant moved out and shut off the electricity, it left the other tenants without water for some time. Bergeron further indicated he tried to work with the homeowner and the tenants to resolve the issue to no avail. Bergeron reported that earlier today it was found that the Seventh Day Adventist Church, which is located next to this home, had a water line that connected to this house and was able to supply water to these tenants in the mean time. Bergeron indicated this remedied this situation at least temporarily.

Bergeron also reported that he was just informed today that there is another home that is located on Robinson Street which is in the process of being foreclosed and when the electricity is shut off on this property, it will shut down the water to the house next door because these homes are on a common well. Bergeron further reported that the Health Department will continue to monitor these situations.

Resolution #2010-02 A Resolution to Appoint Randy Murley to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Plan Commission at a Pay Rate of \$15.00 per Meeting. Bill Clemens motioned to accept Resolution #2010-02. Jeff Wilhelm 2nd. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

There being no further business, Jeff Wilhelm motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bill Clemens 2nd. Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Veronica R. Clemens
Village Clerk