

**REGULAR MEETING
SHELDON TOWN BOARD
February 21, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Sheldon Town Board held February 21, 2024 at the Sheldon Town Hall, 1380 Centerline Rd., Strykersville, NY 14145 was called to order by Town Supervisor Brian Becker at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Brian Becker
Councilmen: Vince Kirsch, Jim Fontaine
Absent: Joe Meyer, Councilman Mike Armbrust (Councilman Armbrust video called in for the meeting but did not participate in voting)
Recording Secretary: Town Clerk Carol Zittel
Also present: Highway Superintendent Luke Metz

Minutes

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Vince Kirsch that the minutes from the January 24, 2024 regular meeting be approved.

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

Communications

The Town Clerk Carol Zittel reported the following:

ZBA Variance Meeting

The Zoning Board of Appeals has a March 6th meeting to hear the variance request of Patrick & Melody Almeter. The Almeters would like to build a wrap-around porch but will not meet the setbacks in the Town Zoning Law.

Wyoming County Farmland Protection Workshop

April 2nd 6-7:30pm at the Wyoming County Ag & Business Center, 36 Center St., Warsaw. Farmers must attend to be eligible for farmland protection grants.

Restore NY Grants

Senator Borrello is holding a Zoom meeting for municipalities interested in Restore NY grants.

Tri-Town Senior Report

The Tri-Town Senior 2023 financial report was received.

Sheldon Fire Department Financials & Officers

The Sheldon Fire Department submitted their financial report for 2023 and their 2024 list of officers to the Town Clerk.

Reports

The Town Supervisor financial reports, Town Clerk report and Town Justice reports were distributed.

WYOMING COUNTY ZONING MONTHLY REPORT

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Date: February 2024 – Report for January 2024

Town: Sheldon

Open Projects: No open projects this month

Permits Issued: No permits issued this month

Special Use Permits Renewed & Inspected: No SUP permits renewed or inspected

Property Maintenance Violations:

- **Dennis Mills - 1907 Route 20A (SBL: 56.-2-26)** Decision of order was received and within order it stated that Don Roberts was to go out to the property and take inventory of the unlicensed unregistered motor vehicles. Don Roberts did the inspection on February 2, 2024. The next court date is scheduled for February 27th, 2024.

Highway Superintendent Report

Superintendent Luke Metz reported the following:

Plow Truck

The Western Star plow truck has arrived. Superintendent Metz stated that the truck will stay in the Town highway garage until Valley Fab has the equipment.

Ditching Roads

The department has been ditching roads using the County Highway excavator.

Pickup Truck

The Superintendent distributed a spreadsheet with quotes from 10 auto dealers.

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Jim Fontaine to authorize the Town Highway Superintendent to purchase a 2024 Ford F-150 XLT SuperCrew 4x4 from Van Bortel Ford, 71 Marsh Rd., East Rochester, NY 14445 for the se price of \$52,066.80 as described in Quote #35400.

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

Purchase of Millhead

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Vince Kirsch to authorize the Town Highway Superintendent to purchase a Bradco HP600 cold planer millhead off of Auctions International for the price of \$6,600.00.

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Supervisor Report

Supervisor Brian Becker reported the following:

Fire Department Installation Dinners

Supervisor Becker attended the Varysburg Fire Department installation dinner and will attend the upcoming Strykersville Fire installation.

Wyoming County Community Hospital

The hospital recorded a profit again in January. The rural critical access designation should be coming soon.

Supervisor Becker Chair of Human Resources Committee

Supervisor Becker has been named chair of the Board of Supervisors Human Resource Committee.

Acceptance of Reports

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

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

Old Business:

ARPA Funding

Balance = \$14,489.04.

Varysburg Water

The new owners of the former Chris Siracuse buildings will be demolishing one of the buildings. The new owner of the Varysburg Hotel, Keith Berlinski, would like additional water meters installed. Mr. Berlinski is charged for four EDUs and would like four water meters. Supervisor Becker was called to a residence that had water puddling in the backyard. The water was subsequently turned off to prevent further flooding.

Varysburg Water Income Survey

The Town Clerk is working with RCAP to send out the income surveys to Varysburg Water residents.

Authorization for Town Clerk to work with RCAP for RFQs

At the previous board meeting, the Town Board authorized the Supervisor to hire Attorney David DiMatteo to send out RFQs to prospective engineers for the Varysburg Water project. After the meeting, the Town Clerk was made aware that RCAP could assist the Town with this project, at no cost to the Town.

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A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Jim Fontaine to authorize the Town Clerk to work with RCAP on the process to obtain RFQs from prospective engineering firms for the Varysburg Water project.

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

2024 Intermunicipal Agreement with Wyoming County Zoning

Supervisor Becker spoke with Assessor Mary Kern, Codes Enforcement Officer Don Roberts and Wyoming County IT and is satisfied that the Town Assessor is able to access the zoning documents she requires.

A motion was made by Jim Fontaine and seconded by Vince Kirsch to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the 2024 intermunicipal agreement for Countywide zoning.

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

Varysburg Water Tank Cleaning

Councilman Meyer obtained a quote from Atlantic Underwater Services Inc for tank cleaning. The quote is higher than the quote from Liquid Engineering, however, there are questions regarding the Liquid Engineering quote in regards to the small print on the contract that states bottom sediment in excess of three inches or cubic yards will be removed at \$880 per hour. Supervisor Becker will reach out to Liquid Engineering to inquire as to what that means.

Schoolhouse Repairs

Supervisor Becker and Councilman Kirsch will meet with Historical Society members to inspect needed repairs.

New Business:

No new business

Bills:

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

A motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Jim Fontaine that the

General Bills #23 to #42 for a Total of \$20,566.59, the

Highway Bills #12 to #28 for a Total of \$205,863.03, the

Lighting District Bills #2 to #2 for a Total of \$768.33, the

Trust & Agency Bills #3 to #3 for a Total of \$234.00, the

Harris Corners Fire contract #1 to #1 for a Total of \$35,745.75, the

Harris Corners Ambulance contract with Strykersville Fire for a Total of \$1,500.00, the

Java Fire contract for a Total of \$21,424.74, the

Sheldon Fire contract for a Total of \$129,530.25, the

Strykersville Fire contract for a Total of \$59,005.00, the

Varysburg Fire contract for a Total of \$33,451.74, and the

Varysburg Water District Bills #4 to #10 for a Total of \$2,745.93 be paid.

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

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Enter Executive Session

At 8:09 p.m. a motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Jim Fontaine to enter executive session regarding the employment of a particular individual.

The Town Clerk was invited to stay for the executive session.

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

Exit Executive Session

At 8:20 p.m. a motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Jim Fontaine to exit executive session.

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

Comments from the Floor

None

Adjournment

At 8:20 p.m. a motion was made by Vince Kirsch and seconded by Jim Fontaine to adjourn the February 21, 2024 meeting of the Sheldon Town Board.

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