

Town of Sherman
Board of Selectmen
Regular Monthly Meeting
25 Oct. 2018
7:00 p.m. Mallory Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Don Lowe, Selectman Bob Ostrosky, Selectman Kevin Keenan.

AUDIENCE AND INVITED: E. Holub, L.LaVia and an audience of approximately 9 were in attendance.

CLERK: Linda Whitney

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Lowe Called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

A. Motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes from 27 Sept. 2018 made by B. Ostrosky.

Seconded by K. Keenan

Vote: Unanimous

Motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes from 9 Oct. 2018 made by K. Keenan.

Seconded by D. Lowe

Vote: Unanimous

B. TAX REFUNDS:

A Motion to Approve the 13 tax refund requests totaling \$1,577.92 was held.

Motion to Approve: D. Lowe

Seconded by: K.Keenan

Vote: Unanimous

C. MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY REVIEW:

L.LaVia spoke to the Monthly Financial Review and the costs of ongoing litigation.

D. APPOINTMENTS TO THE ZBA:

A motion to approve Ann Chiaramonte as a full commissioned member to the ZBA for a term of 5 years, expiring 1/1/2024, was made by D. Lowe

Seconded by K. Keenan

Vote: Unanimous

A motion to approve Victoria Gentile and David Raines as ZBA alternates for a term of 2 years, expiring 1/1/2021 was made by D. Lowe

Seconded by B. Ostrosky

Vote: Unanimous

E. HOLIDAY CALENDAR APPROVAL:

A motion to approve the Town of Sherman designated Town Holidays for 2019 was made by K. Keenan

Seconded by D. Lowe

Vote: Unanimous

F. 2019 BoS MEETING CALENDAR APPROVAL:

A motion to approve the BoS 2019 Meeting Calendar was made by D. Lowe

Seconded by B. Ostrosky

Vote: Unanimous

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

A. SVFD Monthly Report:

C. Fuchs reported on the success of the Interagency Emergency Operations Training last Saturday. The Vehicle Exhaust System will be installed in November. The key fob system is in the works. This Saturday all hoses will be tested.

B. Status of Emergency Equipment on Aquarion Tower and Approval of License Agreement with Aquarion to Use Their Water Tower:

A motion to bring to town meeting the approval of the lease allowing the Town's emergency equipment to be installed on the Aquarion Water Tower for a period of 5 years at a cost of \$1,000.00 per year was made by D. Lowe.

Seconded by B. Ostrosky

Vote after discussion confirming that the lease had been reviewed by the town attorney was unanimous.

C. Funding of SVFD/PW Radio Communication System:

A motion to bring to town meeting the funding of SVFD/PW radio communication systems Phase 3 site buildout, not to exceed \$59,000.00, from the Capital Non-Recurring fund was made by D. Lowe.

Seconded by B. Ostrosky

Vote: Unanimous

Public Comment:

G.Maletz, 2 Pepper Pond Rd, commended C. Fuchs for his perseverance and diligence in ensuring that the town emergency services has the communication access it needs to communicate with all areas of the town.

D. Eagle Scout Project:

James Day presented his Eagle Scout Project. He discussed the report he prepared showing the plans to build a Corn-Hole Game near the tennis courts at Veteran's Field. A discussion followed and the First Selectman suggested that perhaps building the game at the town beach would be a better location. J.Day said he will investigate the space and report back to the First Selectman.

E.Sidewalks:

B. Ostrosky reported on the state regulations for a sidewalk (it must be 5 feet wide) . The approximate cost for a sidewalk from across the street from the school to the firehouse, a distance of approximately 225 feet, is \$20,000.00. The application to the state is ready to be signed and submitted. The funding for the sidewalk will come from the Capital Non-Recurring Fund.

F. Fox Run Detention Basin:

The Fox Run Detention Basin is now complete and was within budget.

G. Wells/Water Update:

G.Robbins has submitted a 2 page summary of the water/well analysis at 5 town wells that was done in August and Sept. The wells analyzed were: the 2 wells at the school, the Firehouse, the Senior Center and Town Hall. In mid November a comprehensive report is expected from Gary Robbins. The well/water analysis came in approximately \$10,620.00 under budget. In the process, two well pumps have been replaced since the study began, one at Town Hall and one at the Senior Center.

H. New Playground Update:

There was discussion about the school's idea of consolidating its playgrounds and replacing the small playground located at the front of the school. E. Holub questioned if the funding for a new playground could include money from the Student Activity Fund surplus. D. Lowe has requested that the community be invited to share input on this project.

I. Happy Acres Farm Report:

J. Motsinger reported that the cows will be on hay soon as the weather is getting colder. He has sold some animals to down-size for the winter. The Chili Cookoff was a success last weekend.

J. CIRMA LAP Aggregate Change of Coverage:

L.LaVia explained the increase in the Extra Expense limits cover things such as temporary lodging, busing and other emergency expenditures in the event, for example, the school had to be temporarily held elsewhere. A motion to approve the Annual Additional Premium of \$900.00 for \$1,000,000.00 of coverage was made by D. Lowe.

Seconded by K. Keenan

Vote: Unanimous

K. Change Employee Policy Manual Verbiage for Health Insurance Eligibility:

Currently, an employee must have 30 hours per week to be eligible for health benefits. Union members have to work 24 hours per week to automatically qualify for health benefits. An employee may opt out of the health insurance benefits in exchange for one week of paid vacation time. A motion to change the verbiage to include all employees who work 24 hours per week and omit the option to exchange benefits for paid vacation time was made by D. Lowe.

Seconded by K. Keenan

Vote: Unanimous

L. LoCIP Funds:

A discussion was held as to how to allocate the LoCIP funds. Some suggestions were:

Fix the valves and midboard heaters in Town Hall.

Use some for the sidewalk project.

Upgrade the electricity in the Playhouse. Perhaps this could be a cost-sharing project with the Playhouse.

Use some to deal with the recommendations of the well study results.

The BoS will collect quotes on the suggested projects.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to Adjourn: B.Ostrosky at 8:15PM

Seconded: K.Keenan

Vote For: Unanimous

The next meeting is scheduled for 29 Nov. 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Whitney

