

#1 Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Shiocton for the month of December 2019 was called to order by Village President Terri James at 6:00 p.m.

#2 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

#3 Roll Call

Roll call was taken and present were Village President Terri James, Trustees Bunnell, Gomm, Dawes and Van Straten. Trustees Schmooch and Winterfeldt were excused. DPW Corny Van Voorhis, DPW Dan Nabbefeld, DPW Dan Conratt, Sgt. Sara Knapp, Library Director Shay Foxenberg, Chief George, Judge Glen Bunnell, Deputy Clerk Tammy Free, Court Clerk Tina Immel, Brian Holbrook and Village Clerk Laurie Sweeney.

#4. Acceptance of minutes from previous meeting

Village President Terri James made a correction to the November 11, 2019 regular Board meeting. #18 stated that President James did not hear back from the County regarding Smith St. it should have read President James did not hear back from the County regarding weight limits.

President James would also like to add that Chief George handed out the 2020 budget to the Board.

President James had one correction from the December 2, 2019 minutes. The minutes stated that the Library budget, Range budget and Police budgets were approved by the Board at earlier meetings. It should be revised to state the Library budget, Range budget and Police budgets were approved by the **committees** at earlier meetings.

M/S/P Bunnell/Dawes to approve the minutes from the previous meetings with the corrections as stated.

#5. Bird's Eye Aviation

Brian Holbrook owns Birdseye aviation and presented a photo of the Village of Shiocton from 1982. He asked the Board if they would be interested in purchasing a framed picture. Village president Terri James stated that the Board would consider it but was not in a position to make that decision at that time.

#6. Municipal Judge Glen Bunnell -Bond Schedule

Municipal Judge Glen Bunnell handed out copies of the updated bond schedule. He stated that he had worked with Chief George to make some of the changes. Some of the changes he went over were 10-1-40, default for speeding, abandon vehicles, possession of THC for juveniles. Some second offences were changed to be mandatory appearances. Judge Bunnell has not seen the updated ordinance on adult drug paraphernalia and requested that the bond schedule be approved for January 1, 2020 so the Chief has time to put the changes in her system.

M/S/P Bunnell/Dawes to approve the updated bond schedule to start January 1, 2020.

#7. Municipal Judge Glen Bunnell-2020 Court Budget

Judge Bunnell was present to ask the Board questions about why they chose to lower the court budget from what he turned in to the Village Clerk.

Judge Bunnell read part of an email he received from Clerk Sweeney asking for the 2020 budget by October 31, 2019. He asked when the Board start requiring the budgets be presented to the Board at the meeting. He stated that he and President James had emailed several times about the budget and was never told it would be lowered or that he needed to be present to go over it at a meeting. President James stated the departments are not required to come to the Board to go over their budgets but if there were concerns, they should have been asked at the pre-budget meeting and the actual budget hearing. President James stated that Judge Bunnell presented the previous year's budget in person, Judge Bunnell did not recall that.

Judge Bunnell then asked President James why she chose to use a non-court employee's 2020 wages to figure the numbers. (he reminded the Board that his previous clerk had resigned) President James explained that they were talking about the 2020 budget and the previous Court Clerk's wages/benefits and subtracting the difference of the new Court Clerk who is part-time with no benefits. The previous clerk had eight hours that went to other departments and her wages/benefits were added to those budgets. The Board expected to see the Court budget lowered for that reason.

Trustee Bunnell stated he wanted to correct the fact that President James did not lower the Court budget, the entire Board did.

Judge Bunnell stated that Clerk Sweeney had told him if the jail fee budget went over the difference would be taken out of the Court budget. Clerk Sweeney admitted she was not aware that jail fees could not come from the Court budget. The jail budget has never gone over budget but if it does in 2020, as Judge Bunnell suggested it might, the overage will not come from the Court budget.

Judge Bunnell then asked President James "when does this stop?" President James replied with the same concern and stated that is her job to look into things that don't look right and report it to the Board.

Judge Bunnell made a statement that President James had made past comments about his position on the fire dept and public safety not being as important as attending Village meetings. James responded that if an individual request a meeting, it is expected that you remain at that meeting.

#8. Approve Resolution 02-19 for \$225,000 Line of Credit with Wolf River Community Bank

M/S/P Dawes/Gomm Approve Resolution 02-19 for \$225,000 Line of Credit with Wolf River Community Bank

#9. Street/Utilities Reports- Director of Public Works Corny Van Voorhis

DPW Van Voorhis reported that they replaced tires on the tractor and the garbage truck, two each.

The hydrant behind the school was replaced. It was from 1972. The new one has a 6" LDH hook up.

Speedy Clean cleaned the lift stations. They do it every six months. They also cleaned out the catch basin at the fire hall. Speedy Clean is still working on televising the sewer lines. They are at \$14,000 of the \$25,000 max for this year.

The aeration tank supply line broke. So that was repaired.

The starter at the lift station on Park Ave. failed. It is a three phase and was only running on one phase. The DPW had it repaired.

There is a property on the corner of Second St and Oak St that requested their water be shut off but the DPW was not able to get it shut off. They had it dug up and found a bent part so they fixed the issue.

The DPW welded the target frames at the range and graveled the 500 yd range.

The cross connections are almost done. There were some businesses that needed to make some changes to be compliant and only two on the cut off list but since then said they would take care of the issues.

There is an environmental company doing work on Smith Street and asked if the Village would provide them with water. Van Voorhis said he would check with the Board if the can hook up to the hydrant. The company would pay for the water, the DPW's time and the antifreeze to re-winterize the hydrant. The Board agreed to allow the company to get water from the Village.

Village President James asked about the plowing on Mill St. The road is plowed very narrow and with the bar visitors parking on the street it makes it hard to get to the homes. Van Voorhis said that the ground is not frozen yet so they try not to plow too wide so they don't tear up the grass but he will take care of it.

Dan Conradt mentioned that the pulley on the flag pole at the Library was broken. They have already fixed it.

#10. Shiocton Police Department November Activity Report- Chief George

Chief George reported that Office Kincaid now has a full-time position in Waupaca County but will remain on Shiocton Police Dept. to help with special events.

#11. Range Report

Chief George reported that there were 1931 users last month. That is an increase in numbers from 2018. She will report on the final 2019 numbers in January.

Chief George will be looking at doing some work on the roads in the spring and is looking at a grant for that.

#12. Approve Class B Liquor License for Jennifer Baltz

M/S/P Dawes/Gomm to Approve Class B Liquor License for Jennifer Baltz

#13. Approve/Deny Operator License for Anita Mannino and Jeromy Van Dyke Jr.

M/S/P Dawes/Van Straten Approve Operator License for Anita Mannino and Jeromy Van Dyke Jr.

#14. Committee Reports

Shay reported that the Library is working on the 2019 financials. They are fixing the sewer issues with new toilets and traps, etc.

Shay stated that she would like to recognize her staff. She had recently taken some time off to deal with a family matter and her staff stepped up. She is proud of the excellent customer service they always provide.

#15. Veteran's Memorial request for light repairs

The Veteran's Memorial Committee asked the Clerk to present a quote to the Board for replacing the burned-out lights at the Memorial. The quote was for \$1,500 and for less than \$2,000 they can replace all the lights to LED instead of just replacing the ones that are out right now.

M/S/P Bunnell/Gomm to take \$2,000 from the Parks budget to upgrade the lights at the Veteran's Memorial.

#16. Clerk- Misc.-computers

The IT company the Village uses informed the Clerk that windows 7 is not available after January 14 so some of the computers have to be upgraded or replaced. The Clerk has two computers one needs to be replaced, Tammy's computer needs to be upgraded, the public works is fine and the police department needs one replaced and is looking at what the others need.

The Clerk updated the Board on some email communication she had with Martenson & Eisele regarding the Park Ave and Elm St. grants/projects.

The Clerk also state she will be getting quotes on a new village website. The current one is a free one that was started many years ago and times out when trying to post anything.

#17. Village President- update on street weight limits and spear fishing issue

Village President James updated on the weight limits. The County Highway Dept. and they suggested putting a Class B weight limit on the Village streets. It would allow deliveries and 60% of a legal load, that would take care of the resident at the end of Park Ave who parks his semi on his own property.

Village president James had contacted the DNR and was given some clarification on the spear fishing issue that was discussed at the November meeting. If the water is high the boat can be in someone's yard. If the home owner wants to put a fence up it must be done while the water is low. You can not create an ordinance for just one type of fishing, it would have to be no fishing of any type in Village limits not just no spear fishing so that would not work. The only thing a property owner could do if their property is being damaged is a nuisance ordinance but then you would need the proof they were in your yard, boat Id and a picture of who was driving it.

#18. Finance Committee examination of bills & vouchers

Trustee Bunnell reviewed the bill in Trustee Schmoock's absence.

M/S/P Bunnell/Dawes to approve the bills as presented

#19. Forthcoming Events

The Clerk reminded the Board that there is a bake sale at the fire hall on the 15th.

#20. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Posted and dated December 11, 2019

Laurie Sweeney, Village Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes are a condensed version of all of the conversations that took place at the meeting. These minutes are a draft and will not be approved until the next regular Board meeting.