

#1 Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Shiocton for the month of July 2019 was called to order by Village Clerk Laurie Sweeney at 6:00 p.m.

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

M/S/P Van Straten/Winterfeldt to have Trustee Bunnell run the meeting in Village President James absence

#3 Roll Call

Roll call was taken and present were Trustees Bunnell, Gomm, Dawes, Winterfeldt and Van Straten. Village President Terri James and Trustee Schmoock were excused. Also present were, DPW Corny Van Voorhis, Dan Conradt, Gary Bunnell, Ron Herman, Sgt. Sara Knapp, Chief George, Library Director Shay Foxenberg and Village Clerk Laurie Sweeney.

#4. Acceptance of minutes from previous meeting

M/S/P Van Straten/Winterfeldt to approve the minutes from June's meeting

#5. Anthony Springstroh-Cemetery Update

Anthony was not able to make it.

#6. Decision on Outdoor warning siren

Trustee Bunnell had given information to the Board at the June meeting. They discussed that the siren in Shiocton is only a couple years old and will last for a while. The Board decided to continue to use the siren until it dies and then decide if they will replace it at that time.

M/S/P Winterfeldt/Dawes to keep the siren until it no longer works then decide at that time if it will be replaced.

#7. Approve/Deny Operator License for Hayley Vanderboom

M/S/P Dawes/Van Straten Approve Operator License for Hayley Vanderboom

#8. Street/Utilities Reports- Director of Public Works Cornelius Van Voorhis

*DPW Van Voorhis reported that the variable drive in well #2 needs to be replaced and the estimate is \$3,900.

*They had some manholes repaired

* There was a leaky curb stop on Oak St that was replaced

*There are a couple residents who live off of HWY 187 who reported low water pressure. Corny has been dealing with them on getting some information on how to fix it. The property owner is responsible for the cost from the main to the house.

*Speedy Clean cleaned 2 of the lift stations. They usually do two in the summer and then all 5 in the fall.

While they were here, they inspected some of the manholes and found a lot of grease and gravel. The main is Ok but the tops are bad.

* The stumps in Lake Park will be ground soon. The cost is about \$450.

* The culverts in the road to the range were looked at and right now everyone is busy so DPW was unable to get a quote. If they can't find someone to replace by fall, they may just rent equipment and do it themselves.

* The culverts on Elm St. were looked at and are in good condition.

* The quote to replace the manholes and main on HWY 76 by funeral home is about \$18,000.

* Corny will be attending a pacer rating class for the village streets.

* Corny suggested putting an alarm on the wet well to notify the DPW when the water goes about one foot over the normal mark. The estimated cost is \$2,500

* Well #1 is being pulled and rebuilt in July.

* There was a tree at Hamlin Park that fell on a camper in the neighbor's driveway. The insurance company is handling it.

* The bath house has had some more damage and plugged toilets. It is becoming costly to keep it open. It was suggested to close it and just put a porta potty by the lake.

M/S/P Winterfeldt/Dawes to close the bath house at Lake Park and put a porta potty by the lake.

Trustee Bunnell asked how the water on East Ave. has been since the work was done. Corny said so far so good but will know more when the water tower is cleaned.

#9. Shiocton Police Department June Activity Report- Chief George

Chief George reported that one of the part-time officers was in a bad motorcycle accident and will be off about 4-6 months. He was the one who covered a lot of hours so the Chief is short right now.

#10. Range Report

Things are going well. There were 878 users in June. Chief George is working on grants for roads and parking lots.

#11. Committee Reports

Shay reported that she had the old Library sign taken down because it was in poor condition. One of the Library users had her bike stolen from the Library and a resident donated a new one to her but in the meantime her bike was found. She will raffle the donated one off at the National Night Out event.

There is a group of people congregating outside the library at night using the WIFI and they are leaving a mess. Shay had the picnic table moved to detour them from congregating and making a mess.

#12. Approve or Deny Proposed Police Position

Trustee Bunnell reported that the Police Committee met to discuss hiring a full-time officer instead of having so many part-time officers. Chief George explained that it is hard to find part-time officer right now and once they are trained, they leave shortly after for full time opportunities. It costs a lot of money to hire and train one officer so there would be savings there. She proposed that the Board approve 32 hours a week officer with benefits who would work second shift and rotating weekends to have more coverage later at night and to help fill the weekends that are not covered. That would put them down to about two part-time officers to fill in the remaining 50 hours per month. The budget would cover all but about \$7,500. That amount would come from the range because the full-time officer would spend about 6.5 hours per week at the range.

Trustee Van Straten is against the idea stating that he does not like taking money from the range that can be used for other things.

Trustee Gomm agrees with the idea but not for this year with all the utilities expenses that have come up. He suggested next year. Chief George explained that right now she is short officers and cannot fill the hours, by starting now this year's budget would not change.

Trustee Winterfeldt likes the idea, stating that more police presence in the evening is good for the village especially after talking about the vandalism at Lake Park.

Motion made by Trustee Winterfeldt to approve the full-time officer position and seconded by Trustee Dawes. After a poll of the Board, Gomm-nay, Dawes-yay, Van Straten-nay, Bunnell-yay, Winterfeldt-yay, the motion was passed.

#13. Approve Ordinance Amendment 7-1-6 Restrictions on Keeping of Dogs, Cats, Fowl and other Animals.

Trustee Bunnell gave copies of the revised ordinances to each Trustee and went over the changes.

Trustee Gomm noticed that the word dog was not in the paragraph that listed specific animals.

#14. Approve Ordinance Amendment 12-1-1 Park and Range Regulations

The hours were changed to read separate from the park hours

#15. Delete Ordinance 7-1-9 Pitbull's and Other Dangerous Animals

The specific breeds were deleted.

#16. Approve Ordinance Amendment 7-1-3 Issuance of Dog and Kennel Licenses

The fees for licenses were updated.

M/S/P Dawes/Gomm to Approve all the Ordinance changes/amendments to 7-1-6, 12-1-1, 7-1-9 and 7-1-3

#17. Water Tower Inspection Contract

Trustee Dawes reported that the DPW contacted Lane Tank and never received a call back so they are going with KLM. They have been offered a ten-year maintenance contract for a total amount of \$17,800 to be billed specific amounts annually.

M/S/P Gomm/Dawes to approve the ten-year contract for water tower inspections and maintenance.

#18. Clerk- Utilities expenses and Utilities certificate of Deposit, Auditors to come in August.

The Auditors were not able to make the July meeting and will be coming to the August meeting.

The Clerk went over the utility expenses so far for this year for repairs and replacing equipment. The total spent so far is about \$77,000.00. There are more repairs coming up soon and between the repairs already made and the majority of the DPW employees time coming out of utilities the utility savings has been used up. The Clerk is suggesting the Board cash in a certificate I the amount of \$47,000 to help cover the upcoming repairs.

M/S/P Winterfeldt/Van Straten to cash in the certificate of deposit for the utility's expenses.

#19. Finance Committee examination of bills & vouchers

Trustee Bunnell appointed Trustee Winterfeldt to review the bills/invoices in Trustee Schmoock's absence.

M/S/P Dawes/Winterfeldt to approve the bills as presented.

#20. Approve/Deny Julie Lee Stickney request for a Class B Liquor license

The Clerk explained that Julie Lee will be purchasing Ken's Riverside and the closing date has been changed to a later date in July. The approval would be for the date of closing.

M/S/P Gomm/Dawes to approve the Class B liquor License for Julie Lee Stickney as of the date of closing.

#21. Public Comment – This is a time for the public to bring up any concerns they would like the Board to address.

#22. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Posted and dated July 10, 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.