

Town of Sharon
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, September 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. Roll call was taken. Present were Rich Brandl, Matt Shinkus, Mary DeYoung, Karen Teliszcak and 10 citizens. The minutes were read from the August meeting. Mary moved to approve the minutes read with one correction. The money for the truck box will come from the LGIP road fund, not the budgeted road fund. Matt seconded the motion, motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Agenda Items

- 1) The tree removal by the property of Doris Kushch on Peters Road was discussed. The tree in question is in the Town right-of-way, is dead and needs to be taken down. There were two bids for the removal. One is from Tim Sonnenberg for \$400 which includes stump grinding. The second one is from _____ for \$400, but includes no clean up. Matt moved to accept the bid from Tim Sonnenberg with the stipulation that a new contract be drawn up with the Town as the contractor, seconded by Mary, motion carried by 3-0 vote.
- 2) The ANR Pipeline variance was discussed. They want to move a small building on their property on County C, but it will be only 6 feet from the lot line, not 50 feet as required by the County. Matt moved to approve a variance for ANR Pipeline for their property on County C, seconded by Mary, motion carried by 3-0 vote. We will send a letter to the County letting them know of our approval.
- 3) Peters Road Bridge by Konkle property discussion. It will cost \$2800 to drill the borings for the piling footings at 80 feet. We will probably go with the temporary fix at this time. It should last 10-15 years. The borings will be done within the next 1-2 weeks. The bridge will be fixed in about 5 weeks—the second or third week in October.
- 4) Peters Road Railroad Bridge updates. The Bridge's preliminary rating is now 46.27. Chairman Brandl went to the River Trails meeting. Some of the members didn't even know that they owned the bridge. We had sent them a bill for the cost of closing the bridge, but no one knew about it. It seems some of the paperwork concerning the bridge hasn't been passed on to the members. The Railroad still needs to maintain the bridge, but the River Trails owns the bridge. Ken Luecht, Railroad Director of Government Relations, has said that no money will go into the bridge. Rich and Matt then met with Bob Schmidt of the DOT concerning getting funding. Bob told them that in order to apply for funding we actually have to own the Bridge. Bob recommends making it a grade crossing. If we own the bridge, we can apply for funding, but there are no guarantees we will get funding for it. The application process starts in February 2015 and takes about 8 months. Start to finish to a new bridge is about 3 years. We need to petition the Commissioner of Railroads to make it a grade crossing. Chairman Brandl then talked about looking into fixing the railings on the Bridge and getting the Bridge open. We would need to post a speed limit, post a weight limit of 16 tons and/or even put a stop sign on both sides. We would then need to send the bill to the Railroad for the railings fix. Rich will talk to Batterman about a new railing system. Matt moved to replace or fix the railings on the Peters Road Railroad Bridge, seconded by Mary, motion carried by 3-0 vote.
- 5) Ditch mower discussion. The current mower is 4 years old. We will table the replacement for it for now as we have other expenses. We will try cutting off the ring underneath to see if it will help with the problem.

- 6) Truck box update. The box is not yet ready. Matt moved we move \$17719 from the LGIP to the equipment repair line to pay for the box, seconded by Mary, motion carried by 3-0 vote.
- 7) The annual road certification was discussed. Mary moved to recertify the Town's road at 41.32 miles, seconded by Matt, motion carried by 3-0 vote.
- 8) The Fire & Rescue report was given. See attached report
- 9) Mary moved to adjourn to closed session per Wis. Statute **19.85(1)(f)** to discuss employee financial or medical issues, seconded by Matt, motion carried by 3-0 roll call vote. Adjourned to closed session at 8:38pm.
- 10) Matt moved to reconvene to open session, seconded by Mary, motion carried by 3-0 roll call vote. Reconvene to open session at 8:43pm. No action was taken on closed session discussion.

Reports

Chairman—Rich reported that Bill wants to renew his contract; the County's preliminary budget is up 1.45% from last year.

Clerk/Treasurer—the Clerk gave the Sheriff's report of calls; our second half tax money of \$75600.93 was deposited by the County; we received a refund from our insurance company as we were insuring the chipper and so was the Village.

Public Works Director—we will cut off the ring on the mower and start mowing.

Bills were reviewed. Matt moved to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Mary, motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Matt moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mary, motion carried by 3-0 vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm

Submitted: Karen Teliszcak, Clerk/Treasurer