



**Town of Sherman  
Board of Selectman  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
July 27, 2017  
7:00 p.m.  
Mallory Town Hall**

**DRAFT**

**Members Present:** First Selectman C. Cope, Selectman B. Ostrosky, and Selectman D. Lowe

**Members Absent:** None

**Audience & Invited:** Business Administrator L. LaVia, Treasurer E. Holub, Fire Chief C. Fuchs, G. Linkletter, G. Seigel, J. Bruzinsky, K. Keenan, S. Greenbaum, C. McDermott, G. Maletz, S. Maletz, and A. DiDomenico (Town Tribune)

**Also:** C. Branson, Board Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER:** First Selectman C. Cope Called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 pm

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**AT&T, Area Manager J. Rincon:** correspondence dated July 20, 2017 regarding a co-location proposal from T-Mobile. They stated the proposed location does not encroach with in AT&T's lease area therefore does not object.

**CIRMA, President and Chief Executive Officer D. Demchak:** correspondence dated July 17, 2017 regarding a Member's Equity Distribution check in the amount of \$ 9,064.00.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

**Approval of Minutes:**

Regular Monthly Meeting of May 25, 2017-	Tabled
Regular Monthly Meeting of June 22, 2017-	Tabled

**Tax Refunds:**

Selectman B. Ostrosky Moved to Approve Refund of property taxes in the amount of \$ 7,430.62

Seconded by: D. Lowe

Vote: For: Unanimous

**Monthly Financial Summary Review:**

The BoS discussed the closing of the fiscal year 2016-17. Business Administrator L. LaVia pointed out there were residual bills that have yet to come through still. Treasurer E. Holub stated the Audit is set to begin next week.

**Bid Opening: Cozier Hill Road paving project:**

Three bid proposal packages were received. First Selectman Cope opened each and provided the following information:

1.	American Pavement,	Danbury, CT,	\$ 72,000.00
2.	S. & S. Asphalt,	Southbury, CT	\$ 63,115.00
3.	Waters Construction Co.,	Bridgeport, CT	\$ 59,370.00

**Selectman B. Ostrosky Moved** to award the lowest qualifying bidder regarding the Cozier Hill Road paving project upon final review from the Public Works Department Superintendent .

**Seconded by:** D. Lowe

**Vote: For: Unanimous**

**Financial Controls:**

Selectman B. Ostrosky discussed the recommendation of the Auditor to rebalance in the budget where there are surpluses and overages. Business Administrator L. LaVia stated that has not been the practice over the past few years. First Selectman Cope stated the Auditor had made the recommendation today.

**INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Progress report on Town Projects:**

**Water issue regarding elevated sodium content:**

First Selectman C. Cope read into record a note from Health Director Tim Simpkins dated July 26, 2017. Mr. Simpkins states he has completed two full years of well sampling twenty three different sites on thirteen different occasions for levels of sodium chloride. The sodium chloride levels have dropped in most water supplies over time and appear to be stabilizing. Most water supplies sampled have sodium and chloride concentrations at or near acceptable levels. Mr. Simpkins stated the next testing is scheduled for August 19th and 20th, 2017.

**Fox Run Detention Basin:**

First Selectman C. Cope stated the Town Engineer has identified the flaws in the previous design.

**Tennis Courts at Veterans Field:**

First Selectman C. Cope reported the renovations of the tennis courts are complete. The practice board and pickle ball nets are on order.

**Basketball Court at Veterans Field:**

First Selectman C. Cope reported the renovations of the basketball court are complete, the glass backboards will be installed once the posts are modified to fit.

**Housing Commission Report:**

First Selectman C. Cope reported Tax Assessor will make a presentation to the BoS at the August Meeting.

**Happy Acres Farm Report:**

First Selectman C. Cope received an email from J. Motsinger announcing the arrival of a new bull. They have been haying between storms. The Sunday Farmers Market has been well attended. The herd count is at 51.

**Residents for Reliable Cell Service in Sherman:**

First Selectman Cope read into record correspondence received from C. Fuchs regarding cell carriers on the East Mountain side. Mr. Fuchs states there are two carriers; AT&T and T-Mobile and Dutchess County 911 Dispatch and Sherriff's Department co-locate on that tower as well. The BoS had agreed to go forward with the expenditure as long as the frequencies are compatible.

**Website and Digital Communications:**

Selectman Ostrosky presented screen shots of the proposed new website. First Selectman Cope stated when designing this new website the objective was to keep the small town image. There will be thumbnails on the homepage for the monthly calendar, NIXEL, a map of Sherman. The Administrative staff will be trained and will have the ability to upload content directly to the website. The photos were provided by Molly Garcia. The website will also be optimized for mobile devices. Selectman Ostrosky added that the NIXEL services will be expanding so you can receive separate notifications for events as well as school closings, traffic events, power outages, and Board or Town meetings.

**DoT paving project on Route 37 status:**

First Selectman C. Cope reported that the paving along Route 37 is substantially complete. Mr. Cope reported a spill in the school parking lot that the paving company has promised to clean up.

**Special Constable:**

First Selectman C. Cope met with Resident State Trooper M. Saracino regarding the proposed Special Constable for the Lake Noise and Dog Ordinances. The Town Attorney is working on drafting the Ordinances, which will be shared with the Resident Trooper as well as DEEP. Once they have approved, the Ordinances will come back to the BoS for final approval hopefully in August.

**Fire Marshal:**

The BoS discussed the FY 2017-18 budget request of the Fire Marshal. First Selectman Cope stated the BoS chose to move things forward at a budget workshop meeting without increase. First Selectman Cope stated the Board could consider mileage reimbursement. The BoS agreed to reimburse the Fire Marshal for mileage as long as the same forms are used to submit mileage as everyone else is required. Selectman Lowe recommended the BoS review the job description and compare what the State description requires to assure the Town is in compliance with the State. First Selectman Cope stated he would also like to meet with the Fire Marshal to review what the job description stated compared to what she does on a daily basis.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Selectman Ostrosky-** stated he will be in attendance at the Park & Recreation Commission Meeting on August 14th, 2017 to discuss long term plans.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**J. Seigel-** spoke in reference to the proposed Noise Ordinance, asking what parameters would the Ordinance be limited to and if it would be concentrated specifically to the lake area.

**First Selectman Cope -** in response to Mr. Seigel's question stated he would ask the advice of the Town Attorney.

**J. Fried-** requesting consideration of adding rumble strips along the center lines of the roads to alert drivers when they cross the center lines. Ms. Fried asked if the State could be asked to install the strips to the newly paved road.

**First Selectman Cope-** in response to Ms. Fried's question stated she had his support.

**J. Fried-** requesting consideration of implementing a Blight Ordinance, specifically addressing junk cars and campers. Ms Fried referred to an Ordinance in Canton and Windsor that states " campers and vehicles not road worthy cannot be stored on a front lawn. "

**S. Greenbaum-** requesting action be taken to improve the sightline just North of Leech Hollow where there are branches hanging in the roadway. Mr. Greenbaum additionally requested information regarding the backboards purchased for the basketball court, recommending a breakaway rim to protect players from shattered glass.

**G. Maletz-** provided an update in reference to the Tower Hill property, final construction plans were submitted and are waiting on approval. There has been another lease signed by a different carrier. Mrs. Maletz requested an update regarding a co-location at Happy Acres Farm.

**First Selectman Cope-** in response to Mrs. Maletz's question stated that he is waiting on an answer.

**J. Bruzinsky-** requested if he (as a homeowner affected by the elevated sodium level in the drinking water) could attend tomorrows' meeting with the Town Sanitarian and T. Cohen.

**First Selectman Cope-** in response to Mr. Bruzinsky's question, stated he could join in by telephone.

**J. Bruzinsky-** requested the final accounting figures for the tennis court renovations.

**First Selectman Cope-** in response to Mr. Bruzinsky's question, stating he would have all of the invoices in by the next few weeks.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**First Selectman C. Cope Moved to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:54pm**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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**Christine Branson, Board Clerk**  
**August 4, 2017**