

**Town of Sherman
Board of Selectmen
Regular Monthly Meeting
23 August 2018
7:00 p.m. Mallory Town Hall**

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

INVITED AND AUDIENCE: L.LaVia , E.Holub and an audience of approximately 12 were in attendance.

CLERK: Linda Whitney

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

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion to move Item K under **Information & Discussion** to between Item B and Item C was made by D. Lowe.

Seconded by K. Keenan.

Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT:

H. Hawkins, Orchard Rest, spoke about the excessive noise problem on Candlewood Lake. He distributed copies of the Penal Code Chapter 952 : Offenses. He made a request of the Board of Selectmen that if the CLA is unable to enforce the penal code that they fund the enforcement by an alternate agency.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board of Selectmen read and accepted a letter of resignation from Lynne Gomez. Lynne has resigned as the part-time assistant in the Sherman Social Services office. She will continue to work with Beth Trott in the Social Services office as an intern for 21 hours per week for the next full year.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

A. Motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes from 26 July 2018 made by B. Ostrosky.

Seconded by D.Lowe

Vote: D.Lowe and B.Ostrosky voted in favor, K.Keenan abstained

Motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes from 9 August 2018 was made by D.Lowe.

Seconded by K.Keenan

Vote: D.Lowe and K.Keenan voted in favor, B.Ostrosky abstained

B. Tax Refunds:

A motion to accept the \$439.95 Motor Vehicle Tax Refunds for August was made by D.Lowe.

Seconded by: B.Ostrosky

Vote: Unanimous

C. Monthly Financial Summary Review:

L.LaVia reported that the town is operating within the budget. The town has been awarded some funding from FEMA and will be spending less on the new Resident State Trooper than we paid for the previous Trooper as the new Trooper has less seniority. The town audit is almost wrapped up. L.LaVia gave kudos to E.Holub for his diligent work on transitioning the Town into a new investment firm for its 457 plan.

D. 457(b) Plan:

A motion to pass the amendment allowing non-seasonal, part-time workers to participate in the town's 457(b) plan sans the matching funds from the town was made by D.Lowe.

Seconded by: B.Ostrosky Vote: Unanimous

A motion to pass the Hand Benefits and Trust Company as trustee of the 457(b) plan effective 1 Sept. 2018 was made by D.Lowe.

Seconded by: B.Ostrosky Vote: Unanimous

E. Appointments:

A motion to appoint Frank Copsidas for a 2 year term to the Charter Cable Advisory Council was made by K.Keenan.

Seconded by: D.Lowe Vote: Unanimous

A motion to appoint the following members to the Housing Commission, at the request of the Housing Commission, was made by D.Lowe.

Seconded by: B.Ostrosky Vote: Unanimous

Members Appointed to the Housing Commission:

Barbara Ackerman

Frank Copsidas

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INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

A. A discussion regarding possible action to bring to town meeting the purchase and installation of keyless entry fobs for the ESF for a cost not to exceed \$4,500.00 was held.

A motion to bring this to a future town meeting was made by B.Ostrosky.

Seconded by: D.Lowe Vote: Unanimous

A discussion regarding possible action to bring to town meeting the replacement of the air exhaust system for the ESF parking bays was held. The cost of the replacement exhaust system will not exceed \$70,000.00 and will be split with 80% of the cost covered by the town and 20% of the cost covered by the Fire Dept. Total cost to the Town not to exceed \$56,000.00. A motion to bring this to a future town meeting was made by D.Lowe.

Seconded by: K.Keenan Vote: Unanimous

- B. Bill McCann presented the Natural Resources Inventory Report prepared by the Conservation Commission. This comprehensive report of Sherman's natural resources is posted on the town website and is available to the public for a fee of \$10.00 at the Planning and Zoning office in Town Hall. The report includes a list of recommendations for conservation of our natural resources.
- C. Public Works Bids: A motion was made to accept the highest bids on the Public Works Equipment that was up for auction was made by D.Lowe.
Seconded by: B.Ostrosky Vote: B.Ostrosky and D.Lowe voted in favor,
K.Keenan voted against
- D. Public Works personnel executive session will be held at the end of the agenda items.
- E. Fox Run detention basin update: The land clearing has been completed. The concrete retention walls will be ready in approximately 2 weeks. Once these are completed they should take about 9 days to install and complete.
- F. Wells and water update: The wells have been inspected and data from the inspections is being collected and analyzed. There has been a recommendation to replace the well pumps, the pump at the Senior Center has already been replaced. The study is currently operating under budget. On 28 Sept. 2018 the team will return to Sherman to continue the study.
- G. Employee Training Policy: Policy wording has been drafted and will be reviewed by the Selectmen. Final approval of the policy will be on the agenda for the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

Public Comment:

T.Hahn, Timber Trails, reported that the residents of Timber Trails are planning to post reflective tape arrows on the trees along the road to aid with the detour necessitated by the upcoming Rte 37 closure.

H. Route 37 will be closed for approximately 2 to 3 weeks while road construction is underway.

I. There is a town meeting on 8/25 at 10:00AM to finalize the lease between T-Mobile and the town. D.Lowe will approve and sign the addendum and the lease. J.Motsinger, the tenant farmer at Happy Acres, is away and must sign the addendum before T-Mobile can sign and finalize the lease.

Public Comment:

T.Hahn, Timber Trails, reported that the Telecommunications Commission has publicized the town meeting as concerns with poor cell service are growing with the impending temporary closing of Rte 37. She questioned if the Charter Cable Advisory Commission could be a resource to tap for help getting better cell phone access.

J. Happy Acres Farm Report: J.Motsinger is away and did not submit a farm report. Mark Carlson, the vet for Happy Acres, reported 68 cows in the herd. He gave a rating of 9 out of 10 for the general condition of the herd. He gave a rating of 7 out of 10 for vaccines and

