

September 3, 2008

The regular meeting of the Town of Sharon Town Board met on the above date at the Municipal Board room at 129 Main Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM followed by the salute to the flag.

Present were: Anthony Desmond-Supervisor
 Brian Young, David Cross, Sandra Manko, Carl Ullman-Councilpersons
 William Barbic-Highway Superintendent
 Judy Sirena-Assessor
 Raymond Parsons, Carl Seegers-Joint Planning Board
 Carl Walther
 Kevin Kiernan, Gene Cunningham-Raillectric

Motion made by Carl Ullman, seconded by Sandra Manko and carried to approve the minutes of the August meeting.

Motion made by Carl Ullman, seconded by Brian Young and carried to appoint the Assessor, Judy Sirena, to finish out the term of Richard Barbic, from September 1, 2008 to September 30, 2013.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Carl Seegers. He said his taxes have gone up 50% since 2004. He is overassessed and lots of people are underassessed. Ms Sirena told him to leave his name and number with her or she will meet with him.

Mr. Desmond said that Ms Sirena would like to hire a clerk to help with the Assessing work. It would be a person who she could train and who could eventually take over if need be. For the remainder of the year, the clerk would get \$100 per month and next year would get \$2000 for the year per Town. The Assessor has office hours on Tuesdays from 1-4 PM and on Thursdays from 12-4 PM.

Motion made by Brian Young, seconded by David Cross and carried to send a thankyou note to Alan Danforth, thanking him for his help with the Assessment work during the summer months.

Ms Sirena said that she is sending surveys to people asking for any missing inventory pertaining to their property. She will be reviewing exemptions to make sure they are eligible for discounts.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Kevin Kiernan of Raillectric. He said his company has a lease with one homeowner and has spoken to several others. When he contacted the County, he was told there is no need to file a lease with the County offices. His company is intent on energy independence. He will report back next month.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Ray Parsons. The Joint Planning Board received an application from Scott Palmer for a two lot subdivision on Rosenberg Rd. A request for a lot line adjustment was made for the former Ciperley farm on Kilts Rd. A public hearing was held for a Special Use Permit for Megan Holken to operate a tourist home. The permit was granted with conditions. Training for the Board was discussed and it was agreed that members will attend training when available and will also have training sessions during their meetings.

Report from the CEO was read. CEO met with Diana Ashton with regard to height requirement for her pool. Inspected foundation walls for Bade project. Inspected plumbing for Brady project. Inspected insulation in basement for Barss project. Drove past semi-trailer on Lambert property on Button St. The trailer does protrude into right of way. Spoke with County Planning about guidelines and also spoke with County Highway Dept. who will look into matter. Site inspection for Hansen project and issued building permit to Hansens. Mr. Desmond said if someone would like to meet with the CEO, they should call earlier in the week to set up an appointment. Then if the CEO is not available, an appointment can be rescheduled.

Privilege of the floor was given to William Barbic. He said the tire day was a good thing. Over 500 tires were collected and he has been asked when there will be another one. The new truck is on schedule for being built. The pool is closed and the pumps are locked up for the winter. Motion made by David Cross, seconded by Brian Young and carried to send a thankyou note to George Slater for all his help at the pool. Mr. Barbic said he will be doing some patch work in the next couple of weeks. Lantern Drive will be done. He will do the whole road if the Village wants to pay for their share.

A thank you poster was received from the Library for the Town Board's support for their many

programs.

Mr. Young asked if anything could be done about trucks parking overnight at Bowmaker's Pond. Mr. Desmond said we could talk to the State because it's a violation of DOT. Mr. Cross said maybe signs could be put up about no overnight parking.

OLD BUSINESS

At the August meeting, it was decided that every road in the Town should be posted for speed limits. Mr. Desmond said it will involve a lot of work to write up descriptions of each road to present to the County for their input. It will cost about \$50 per sign. He will work on this during the winter months.

Resolution 9-2008 Promulgate Regulations Requiring Local Governments be Designated as Involved Agencies Relating to Natural Gas Permit Applications
Offered by: Anthony Desmond
Seconded by: Carl Ullman

ROLL CALL OF VOTES

	AYE	NAY
Anthony Desmond	X	
Brian Young	X	
David Cross	X	
Sandra Manko	X	
Carl Ullman	X	

NEW BUSINESS

The Town Clerk will advertise and notify solid waste contractors that bids will be received for the removal of solid waste from the Town for a two year period from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010.

Motion made by Carl Ullman, seconded by Brian Young and carried to reappoint Walter Manko to the BAR for a 5 year term, expiring September 30, 2013.

Nearly all of the health insurance recipients are near the CAP for their insurance.

The pool and recreation center are closed for the year and the Town will receive a report from the Rec committee.

Motion made by Anthony Desmond, seconded by Sandra Manko and carried to make a budget transfer. Increase B2376-Recycling-\$443.00 and increase B8160.1-Recycling-\$443.00

Resolution 10-2008-Vote of Confidence for Jerry Weiss

ROLL CALL OF VOTES

	AYE	NAY
Anthony Desmond	X	
Brian Young	X	
David Cross	X	
Sandra Manko	X	
Carl Ullman	X	

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Schoharie County Planning & Development advising that \$750,000 has been funded for Schoharie County to apply to purchase and demolish one or two family homes that have been damaged by floods since April 1, 2004 and are determined to be at risk. Applications are due by October 14, 2008.

Completed survey for Empire Blue Cross.

Letter from Kenneth Fake Agency expressing appreciation for allowing their agency to supply insurance coverage for the Town.

Letter from NYS Office of Parks and Recreation that St. John's Lutheran Church will be placed on the State Register of Historic Places.

Received letter that Cornell Cooperative Extension will offer a workshop on Traffic signs and Pavement markings.

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RESOLUTION 9-2008-URGING DEC COMMISSIONER GRANNIS TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS REQUIRING THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BE DESIGNATED AS INVOLVED AGENCIES FOR STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO NATURAL GAS PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR PROPOSED SITES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT; AND THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' VIEWS BE SOUGHT AND GIVEN SIGNIFICANT WEIGHT WHEN DETERMINATIONS RELATING TO NATURAL GAS PERMIT APPLICATIONS ARE MADE

WHEREAS, It is estimated that the geologic rock bed known as Marcellus Shale may contain up to several trillion cubic feet of natural gas;

WHEREAS, Dramatic increases in the price of crude oil and the corresponding need to reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil have resulted in a tremendous increase in interest and activity relating to natural gas exploration and drilling;

WHEREAS, Municipalities in which natural gas drilling is proposed should be consulted regarding natural gas permit applications and the comments of municipalities should be considered and given significant weight when determinations relating to natural gas permit applications are made;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Sharon requests that the Department of Environmental Conservation promulgate regulations to require that local governments be designated as involved agencies for State Environmental Quality Review Act proceedings relating to natural gas permit applications for proposed sites within the boundaries of the local governments and that local governments' views be solicited and given significant weight when determinations relating to natural gas permit applications are made; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to: Governor David Paterson, Senator James Seward, Assemblyman Peter Lopez and Commissioner Alexander B. Grannis, New York State DEC.

Barbara Cousineau, Town Clerk