

**Town of Sheridan Special/Emergency Town Council Meeting on April 24, 2024, at Town Hall, 103 E. Hamilton**

Called to order at 6:00PM

Pledge was recited.

**Attendance:** Jan Bowey, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Tammy Todd, and Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Meacham

**Guests:** Anne Wentz, Kate Rose, Jean Prough, Paul Marsh, Rahn Abbott, Bob Stump, Julie Ward, Kali Stender, Stephanie Haag, Dave Haag, Sharon Berry, Kaylie Theis, Dan Allhands, Diane Kaatz, Cameron Gibson, Carrie Gibson, and CeCe Weldon.

**Public Comment not on Agenda:** Sharon Berry submitted a letter to Tammy suggesting that the minutes be moved back to the beginning of the meeting. Sharon discussed the ARPA funding and the possibility of hiring Denning and Downing for the ARPA funding submissions. Kate Rose from The Madisonian paper wanted to know about the rumors concerning Judy and Mike's resignation.

**Public Comment on Agenda:** None

**Notice of Resignation:** Tuesday **April 23<sup>rd</sup>** morning Tammy acknowledged **and duly noted** that Mike Zielinski and Judy Edwards resigned their elected position as of Friday **April 19<sup>th</sup>** at 5pm.

**Appointment of New Council Member:** To replace Tonya Romkema's open council member position. Tammy read the letters of interest from Patricia Wang and Diane Kaatz. No public comments. With no discussion, Jan motioned to appoint Diane Kaatz as new Council Member. Tammy Seconded. Vote all in favor. Motion carried. Diane Kaatz recited the Oath of Office and signed.

**Continuation of April 8, 2024, Town Council Meeting:**

**Minutes from March 11, 2024:** Jan motioned to approve the March 11, 2024, Town Council Meeting minutes as amended. Seconded by Tammy. All in favor, motion carried.

**Council Report:** Jan had some potential ex-Partee communication with former **members of the** firefighters' association and some citizens concerning the town fire truck. She actively recruited throughout town for the vacant council seat. Two email strings **regarding the** subject of water/sewer bills dated March 21 – 27 and second is subjected US Treasury March 19 and 20 are source documents concerning the memo passed out at the last council meeting from former Mayor Edwards. Tammy was asked about how she gets items on the agenda. MCA code says the mayor has the right to say what goes on the agenda, but Tammy believes there should be **amendments-items/issues** from the council on the agenda. Concerns about the spending/purchase of a second truck. An attorney fee that is approximately twice the amount of what was budgeted.

**Mayor Report:** There was no report from former mayor Edwards. Acting Mayor **Pro Tem** Tammy explained why the special meetings.

**Old Business:**

1. **Ruby Valley Search and Rescue Building:** Came again and reviewed what the building will be used for and to ask for permission for a variance. Triple Tree does not have any problems with any future zoning. Other items were discussed between the council members and RVSR. No public comment. Jan motioned to grant a variance for a structure for RVSR at 402 S Main St. Tammy Seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. **Banking Account Signature Authorization:** Tammy would like to add Jan Bowey as a signer and remove Tonya Romkema and Judy Edwards as signers. Tammy motioned to remove Judy Edwards and Tonya Romkema as a signer on the applicable bank accounts and add Jan Bowey as a signer on any accounts requiring more than one signature that are associated with the Town of Sheridan, seconded by Jan. Vote, all in favor, motion carried. There are 6 accounts with Judy's name and 3 with Tonya's name. An update for the Sheridan Fire Relief Association **is as** the names on the account are the same according to Rahn Abbott. The Sheridan Volunteer Fire Dept. account needs to be updated with Judy Edwards taken off the account and Tammy Todd's name ~~should be added~~ **is already on the account.**
2. **Denning & Downing Annual Financial Report and Audit Update:** AFR report, and they are working on 2023 and Jonathan Mahrt will be here in May **for a review audit.** Nothing new on the audit currently.

**Timeline:** Oath of Office will be filed tomorrow for new council member, ~~Letting~~ **allowing** Diane to be able to vote for the PER Preliminary Engineering Report concerning the water system. Next public meeting will be held on April 29, 2024, at the Sheridan Elementary School Lunchroom. They are asking for a vote after the public hearing. Next Regular ~~Hearing~~ **meeting** will be held May 13, 2024.

**Adjourn:** Jan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Tammy seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm