Town of Sheridan Work meeting at Town Hall on November 30, 2023, 9 am

Present: Tonya Romkema, Mike Zielinski, Tammy Todd, Jan Bowey, Mayor Judy Edwards, Ty Gerth (public works), Jennifer Meacham (clerk/treasurer)

Guests: Zach Thompson, and Michael Douglas

Working meeting called to order at 9:02 am

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Edwards went over how the budget is formed, the different funds, accounts, and objects. All three are tied together. Every fund has a different source of money. Primary money that the library gets comes from the county. The town holds their funds and pay’s their bills. Funds that are left over from the year goes into the library reserve fund and the library decides how those funds are spent. The gas tax used to come from two different funds from the state, now it comes from one source. What is in ARPA fund is allocated for water. Water and sewer funds are enterprise funds, this is the revenue we get from service charges. This pays for the loans we have for the meters and other loans.

All the towns’ funds are in one account and Mayor Edwards has a suggestion to place in a savings account that is an interest-bearing account. So, the town would be able to bring in some extra funds. Another suggestion from Mayor Edwards was to pay off one of the loans, that is $64,000 and would like to talk about it another time.

The council looked over the budget report and had discussion with the mayor. The budget changes daily and is kept within the guidelines.

Discussion was moved to ordinances. Mayor Edwards sent forward a couple of ordinances to the council members. Discussion about the ordinance 111 on discharge of firearms. Suggestion of removing section 2. Consideration of ordinance changes, Tonya believes there are gaps in the ordinances, and would like to move forward. Tammy believes that zoning should be the priority and how we are going to proceed with that. Triple Tree will be here for the next council meeting.

Mayor Edwards is looking to clean up ordinances. A foreseeable problem with enforcing the ordinances is there is no judge in town, a suggestion is to look into surrounding towns and see if Sheridan could borrow their judge for a day or two a month.

Tammy believes that we need to let the community know there are ordinances ~~and to take care of~~ about their property. If they are unable to let the council or the town office know. Mayor Edwards would like to be proactive about the ordinance. Tonya has concerns about changing ordinances due to past changes that have happened with changes in other ordinances.

The sidewalks belong to the town and the town should shovel the sidewalks if the property owner hasn’t done it.

Policy and procedures-Mayor Edwards went through the policy and procedures that MSU did the training on. Edwards made minor changes from MSU team and gave a copy to the council members for review and input.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45pm