**#1 Call to Order**

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Shiocton for the January 13, 2025 meeting was called to order by Trustee Dawes at 6:00p.m.

**#2 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America**

**#3 Roll Call**

Roll call was taken and present was Trustees Dawes, Bunnell, Tyler, Brownson and Woods. Village President Jenny Schmoock and Trustee Gomm were excused. Also present were Police Chief Sara Knapp, Village Clerk Laurie Sweeney, Gary Bunnell, DPW Dan Nabbefeld, Jill Leopold, Lori Bellile, Jim Fank, Jake Lamb, DPW Dan Conradt, Kris Brownson and Michaela Woodward.

**#4. Approve Minutes from December Meeting**

**M/S/P Bunnell/Tyler to Approve the minutes from the December meeting.**

**#5. Approve Resolution 01-25- Obtain Short Term Financing (LOC)**

Trustee Dawes read the resolution for the amount of $325,000

**M/S/P Bunnell/Brownson to Approve Resolution 01-25- Obtain Short Term Financing (LOC) in the amount of $325,000. All Trustees present voted aye**

**#6. Street/Utilities Reports- Director of Public Works Dan Conradt**

DPW Conradt reported that the gear box at the plant needs to be either rebuilt or replaced. It is 40 years old and has been rebuilt once already. They are waiting for a quote. The cost to rebuild in 2018 was about $28,000.

On New Years Eve the power went out at the lift station by the water tower and fried the VFV drive. The cost to replace is about $11,800. It is past the warranty so not covered.

The DNR grant for the bathhouse was approved for $27,000 and they have until 2026 to build.

Trustee Tyler asked DPW Conradt about the sign that was hit with the garbage truck. She was wondering if it was reported and when it was reported. Conradt stated he reported it the next day and that is will be covered by insurance. Tyler stated that it is in the personnel policies that all accidents or damage needs to be reported but she wondered why it was not reported to the Board.

**#7 Shiocton Police Department December Activity Report- Chief Knapp**

Chief Knapp reported that Officer Winterfeldt is trained and back on the road. Officer Matt Ninham is back as a training officer.

Shiocton PD assisted the school with extra patrol when the Madison school shooting took place.

**Calls for October:**

HAZARD 1

EMERGENCY COMM 1

ACCIDENT 3

 MEDICAL 1

 BUSINESS CHECK 10

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| --- | --- | --- |
| TRAFFIC SAFETY | 3 |  |
| ASSIST |  3 |  |
|  911 HANGUP | 2 |  |
| ORDINANCE | 0 |  |
| PARKING | 3 |  |
| THEFT |  0 |  |
| ALARM | 0 |  |
| SCHOOL SAFETY |  10 |  |
| ANIMAL  | 0 |  |
| SUSP. INCIDENT | 0 |  |
| LOST AND FOUND |  1  |  |
| WARRANT | 0 |  |
|  WELFARE CHECK | 4 |  |
| CRIME PREVENTION | 8 |  |
| RECKLESS DRIVER | 1 |  |
| TRAFFIC STOPFIRE | 182 |  |
|  | 71 |  |

**#8. Range Update- Chief Knapp**

Chief Knapp reported that the range had an increase of about 200 visitors from 2023 to 2024 and that doesn’t include the people with passes.

**#9. Committee Reports**

Fire Chief Dan Nabbefeld reported that they had a Fire Commission meeting and went over the 2024 fire numbers. There is a fire audit on Jan. 21st. They are looking at starting a junior firefighter program but have to look at changing bylaws first so insurance covers it.

Michaela reported on the Library there were 4,607 visits in 2024 and 10,262 check outs. There were 63 programs with 864 attendees. They will be having game days on no school days.

Jill Leopold from the Business league reported that they have decided to hold the 2025 Fall Fest on Sept. 20th. They will also have a farmers’ market once a month from June-Sept.

**#10. Village Clerk- audit dates**

Clerk Sweeney reported that the auditors were here on January 8th and will be back Feb. 13 & 14 to finish the audit.

The ordinance recodification is moving along. Clerk Sweeney will meet with the company to go over preliminary review of questions and changes. Trustee Tyler asked that the Board get a copy of the progress when that meeting is done.

**#11. Levy Limit Change from Department of Revenue-Clerk Sweeney**

Clerk Sweeney explained that the Department of Revenue emailed her to inform her that the levy limit work sheet was over in the amount on the levy. Clerk Sweeney sent them paperwork for all the loans on the levy. While reviewing the paperwork the DOR noticed that the fire truck loan cannot be put on the levy because it is worded as an equipment lease with the collateral being the equipment not the tax levy. They explained that this is a common mistake they looked back and Shiocton has been doing this for over 30 years. It was never noticed because we have never been audited before. There will be no penalty for prior years but the penalty for this year is that the loan amount will have to be paid back to the DOR and taken out of the general fund going forward if it remains a lease. Clerk Sweeney had all the emails and paperwork to verify the information she reported.

**#12. Finance Committee examination of bills & vouchers**

**M/S/P Brownson/Woods to approve the bills as presented.**

**#13. Forthcoming Events**

Shiocton-Bovina Fire Dept. annual cornhole tournament is Feb. 1st

**#14. Public Comment – This is a time for the public to bring up any concerns they would like the Board**

 **to address.**

Gary Bunnell reported that there was an issue with a damn up north affecting the river level here. The water is dropping fast and ice is unstable.

**15. Adjourn**

**With no further business to come before the Board meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.**

Posted and dated January 15, 2025

Laurie Sweeney, Village Clerk/Treasurer

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