VILLAGE OF SHERMAN

MINUTES OF THE

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 6:00pm

The meeting was held remotely via videoconference. Mayor Meeder welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 6:05pm by leading everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Board members Colleen Meeder, Donna Higginbotham, Kirk Ayers, Ryan Sanders, and Dennis Watson, Clerk-Treasurer Jeanette Ramm, Chief Operator Jay Irwin, Nicole Cleary, and the press were in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING

The first order of business was to clarify the resolution regarding the Public Hearing as scheduled under RES 2021-01-06.8 for February 3rd, 2021.

RES 2021-01-20.1: SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING FOR CDBG APPLICATIONS

Motion to authorize the public hearing scheduled on Wednesday, February 3rd, at 6pm, via Zoom, to discuss community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the **2020** program year.

Moved by Trustee Higginbotham Seconded by Trustee Watson

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

STORMWATER

The GIGP (Green Innovation Grant Program) Grant which is administered through the DEC/EFC is currently open and due by February 12th, 2021. This grant is for the Main Street green infrastructure portion of the stormwater project. Our original approval of the GIGP Application was previously resolved by RES:2020-06-03.11. It is herein amended to reflect the updated cost estimates, and to focus on the Main Street portion. The application for the Park Street portion will coincide with or follow the release of the WQIP (Water Quality Improvement Project) grant application, and after confirming the Village either owns or has a 99-year lease of the property at the Nature Center and/or above to build swales and riparian buffers to slow the water flooding Park Street from Titus Road.

Mayor Meeder introduced Nicole Cleary, the Senior Project Architect from Barton & Loguidice. Ms. Cleary gave a detailed presentation of the Village's 2020 Green Innovation Grant Program for the Green Infrastructure Gateway Streetscape Retrofit project. Her presentation covered a recap of previous studies and how we got to where we are now; what is currently being prepared for the grant application; insight into what is needed from the community; and a period of questions and answers. The full presentation is attached at the end of the minutes. It was noted that the 10% Village match can be cash or force account (i.e., in kind services by Village employees). We are also looking into a Federal grant of up to \$99,000 through the USDA-RD (Rural Development). This would be used for anything that helps businesses, e.g., pavement improvements to connect businesses. We are still investigating if this could be considered part of the Village match. It would have to be 'shovel ready' at the time of the award, which is why we removed Park Street from this initial project.

RES 2021-01-20.2: GIGP/CFA STORMWATER APPLICATION FOR \$2.3m PROJECT

Motion to approve the application through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) to the NY DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) / NYSEFC (Environmental Facilities

Corporation) for the **Green Innovation Grant Program** (**GIGP**) for a 90% grant in the amount of \$2,058,225 for the Main Street Stormwater Management Project, with a 10% Village match in the amount of \$228,692, (total of project \$2,286,917); and to approve and authorize the mayor to sign all related documents and contractual agreements.

Moved by Trustee Ayers Seconded by Trustee Sanders

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

SEWER

The EPG (Engineering Planning Grant) program through the DEC/EFC is open and due by February 12th, 2021 through the CFA for the study of composting at the WWTP (Wastewater Treatment Plant). This is a \$30,000 grant requiring a Village committed match of \$6,000. Some in-kind administrative services can be included in the Village match. We estimate the Village cost to be between \$3,000-4,000 in cash.

RES 2021-01-20.3: EPG /CFA -GRANT APPLICATION FOR COMPOSTING STUDY

Motion to approve the application through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) to the NY DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) / NYSEFC (Environmental Facilities Corporation) for the **Engineering Planning Grant (EPG)** for a 83% grant in the amount of \$30,000 to conduct a feasibility study on composting Class A Biosolids, with a 17% Village match in the amount of \$6,000, (total of project \$36,000); and to approve and authorize the mayor to sign all related documents and contractual agreements.

Moved by Trustee Watson Seconded by Trustee Ayers

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

SOLAR OPTION TO LEASE AGREEMENT

This option to lease agreement is the same as the 1st Solar Array, however we are not the landowner yet. The land purchase is contingent on National Grid approving the property, so in this agreement we are the 'facilitator' not the 'owner'. Other than that, the agreement is the same, for another 20-acres. The benefit of doing this now is that once the first CESIR is approved, it allows Solar Liberty to find a third party to start working on the contracts (rates and payment schedules) relating to the energy product itself. Our first item on the agenda is to eliminate most, if not all, of the electrical costs of the WWTP. There will also be significant savings for residents and business owners as well, but these details will be negotiated once the third party is in operation. This resolution allows Solar Liberty to move forward with finding the third party for two 20-acre arrays.

RES 2021-01-20.4: SOLAR – OPTION TO LEASE AGREEMENT (2nd ARRAY)

Motion to approve the Option to Lease Agreement between Solar Liberty and the Village of Sherman for purposes of establishing a second Community Solar Array; and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

Moved by Trustee Higginbotham Seconded by Trustee Ayers

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

Motion to move into a brief Executive Session at 6:38pm to discuss legal and personnel matters, no action was taken.

Moved by Trustee Higginbotham Seconded by Trustee Sanders

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

Motion to exit Executive Session and adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Moved by Trustee Ayers Seconded by Trustee Sanders

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

Respectfully submitted. Jeanette Ramm Clerk-Treasurer