

REGULAR MEETING

February 12, 2024

A regular meeting of the Sherrill City Commission was held at 7:00 p.m. on February 12, 2024. Present were Mayor W. Vineall, Commissioners C. Niles, B. Piccola, K. Sayles, J. Shay, City Manager B. Lovett and City Clerk M. Holmes.

MINUTES

Motion was made by J. Shay and seconded by C. Niles that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as written.

AYES: Piccola, Sayles, Niles, Shay, Vineall

BILLS

Motion was made by B. Piccola and seconded by J. Shay that the following bills be approved for payment and W. Vineall be authorized to sign the warrant.

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Warrant No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Dollars</b>
City Claims on	3	2/12/2024	\$ 124,409.78
Sewer Claims on	3	2/12/2024	\$ 31,970.74
P&L Claims on	3	2/12/2024	\$ 40,412.92
Trust & Agency Claims on	3	2/12/2024	\$ 1,250.00

AYES: Piccola, Sayles, Niles, Shay, Vineall

VVS SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECT VOTE

Martha Group, VVS Schools Superintendent, gave a presentation to the public in attendance and the City Commission, an overview of their proposed facilities project that is subject to a public vote on March 7, 2024. She described the \$41,500,000 project that is 89% funded by New York State Aid. The balance of the project less \$1,000,000 already set aside with capital reserves would be funded by the taxpayers, an increase of \$0.26/\$1,000 assessment. The project would hit all the schools in a variety of ways from the high and middle and to a lesser extent the three elementary schools.

ELECTRIC RATE PROPOSALS

Mayor Vineall opened a public hearing on the proposed electric rate increases for the City of Sherrill at 7:35 pm. There were 15 members of the public present. M. Holmes explained the rate case process and reviewed the proposed electric rates for the city. There was one resident that asked a question on what the exact residential base rates were going to be. There were no other questions or comments either for or against. Mayor Vineall gave all members of the public a couple of additional opportunities to ask questions before closing the public hearing at approximately 7:55 p.m.

A motion was made by B. Piccola and seconded by K. Sayles to adopt the proposed electric rates as presented and recommended by the Sherrill Utility Board.

**Service Classification**

<b><u>Residential S.C.1</u></b>	<b><u>Charge Type</u></b>	<b><u>Current Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Rate Increase</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Rate</u></b>
Customer Charge	per customer per billing	\$10.10	78.2%	\$18.00
First 3,500 kWh	per kWh	\$0.047294	25.6%	\$0.059404
Over 3,500 kWh	per kWh	\$0.058003	25.6%	\$0.072855
<b>“All-in” Rates</b>	<b>per kWh</b>	<b>\$0.065</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>\$0.069</b>

**Service Classification**

<b><u>Small Commercial S.C.2</u></b>	<b><u>Charge Type</u></b>	<b><u>Current Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Rate Increase</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Rate</u></b>
Customer Charge	per customer per billing	\$13.00	76.9%	\$23.00
Energy Charge	per kWh	\$0.048868	28.9%	\$0.062968
<b>“All-in” Rates</b>	<b>per kWh</b>	<b>\$0.063</b>	<b>9.7%</b>	<b>\$0.069</b>

**Service Classification**

<u>Commercial S.C.3</u>	<u>Charge Type</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Rate Increase</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
Demand	per kW	\$4.82	34.0%	\$6.46
Energy Charge	per kWh	\$0.037662	7.6%	\$0.040537
<b>"All-in" Rates</b>	<b>per kWh</b>	<b>\$0.056</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>\$0.062</b>

**Service Classification**

<u>Industrial S.C.5</u>	<u>Charge Type</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Rate Increase</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
Demand	per kW	\$4.82	34.0%	\$6.46
Energy Charge	per kWh	\$0.033903	28.8%	\$0.043684
<b>"All-in" Rates</b>	<b>per kWh</b>	<b>\$0.058</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>\$0.060</b>

**Service Classification**

<u>Street Lighting S.C.4</u>	<u>Charge Type</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Rate Increase</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
70W HPS	per lamp per month	\$4.80	25%	\$6.00
100W HPS	per lamp per month	\$6.87	25%	\$8.59
150W HPS	per lamp per month	\$10.26	25%	\$12.83
250W HPS	per lamp per month	\$17.12	25%	\$21.40
400W HPS	per lamp per month	\$27.38	25%	\$34.23
1000W HPS	per lamp per month	\$68.59	25%	\$85.74
100W Merc	per lamp per month	\$6.87	25%	\$8.59
175W Merc	per lamp per month	\$12.04	25%	\$15.05
200W Merc	per lamp per month	\$13.74	25%	\$17.18
1000W Merc	per lamp per month	\$68.59	25%	\$85.74
70W MH	per lamp per month	\$4.80	25%	\$6.00
100W MH	per lamp per month	\$6.87	25%	\$8.59
175W MH	per lamp per month	\$12.04	25%	\$15.05
250W MH	per lamp per month	\$17.12	25%	\$21.40
400W MH	per lamp per month	\$27.38	25%	\$34.23
1000W MH	per lamp per month	\$68.59	25%	\$85.74
14 LED	per lamp per month	---	---	\$6.00
26 LED	per lamp per month	---	---	\$8.59
40 LED	per lamp per month	---	---	\$15.05
55 LED	per lamp per month	---	---	\$21.40
70 LED	per lamp per month	---	---	\$34.23
125 LED	per lamp per month	---	---	\$85.74

AYES: Picolla, Sayles, Niles, Shay Vineall

SET PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT LOCAL ORDINANCE #30

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner K. Sayles, who moved its adoption, and seconded by Commissioner J. Shay, to wit:

**WHEREAS**, it is desired to call a public hearing on the question of modifying Ordinance #30 (Green Waste).

**WHEREAS**, a copy of the proposed amendment and adoption of the ordinance has been distributed to the Commission and shall be attached to the minutes as Exhibit A.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, by the City Commission of the City of Sherrill, New York, as follows:

§1. A public hearing shall be held at the regular meeting of the City Commission on February 26, 2024 at 7:15 PM at the Sherrill City Hall, 377 Sherrill Road in said City, for the purpose of considering modifying Ordinance #30 (Green Waste) in the form provided to the Commission and more particularly set forth in "Exhibit A", attached hereto and made a part hereof.

§2. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a notice of said public hearing and the Amended and Restated Ordinance to be published in the Rome Daily Sentinel in the manner provided by law, which notice shall be in substantially the form provided to the Commission.

A roll call was taken on the motion which resulted as follows:

Mayor William Vineall	AYE
Commissioner Becca Piccola	AYE
Commissioner Kevin Sayles	AYE
Commissioner Chris Niles	AYE
Commissioner Joseph Shay	AYE

The resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

#### EXHIBIT A

### **Ordinance No. 30 – Green Waste**

#### **Curbside Collection (Mid-April through Mid-October)**

Green Waste shall be placed curbside in the marginal strip between the road and sidewalk (where applicable). Green waste shall not be placed in the roadway or obstruct pedestrian traffic on a sidewalk or right of way. Green Waste shall not be placed near or around utility poles, guide wires, hydrants, vehicles, water shut offs, or any other obstructions.

Green waste shall not be placed curbside for municipal collection any earlier than the Friday preceding the scheduled Monday green waste Collection date. Collection applies to the normal, weekly accumulation of same and is not intended as a means of disposal of unusual accumulation of tree trunks, large tree limbs, sod, dirt, stones and the like. The maximum volume of green waste per scheduled pick-up date shall not exceed one dump truck load (8 cu. yd.) per household.

Stick piles shall be placed parallel to the roadway. The maximum stick/branch length shall be six feet (6'), and maximum diameter shall be four inches (4"). Do NOT tie sticks and/or branches together, leave loosely piled/stacked.

Do not place any leaves, grass clippings, sticks, etc. in bags of any kind (plastic or paper), and do not place them on any tarps. Loose collection is preferred, however if containers are used for green waste, they shall not be greater than 35 gallons and must have perforated bottoms to allow water to drain. Each container shall weigh no more than 40 pounds. Emptied containers shall be removed from the marginal strip by 8:00pm on the day of pick up.

Please remember that no foreign matter should be co-mingled with green waste, such as: paper, household garbage, lumber, metal, construction debris, stones, concrete, animal feces, etc.

#### **Residential Drop Off (Year-Round)**

All residents can bring their green waste, brush, limbs up to a maximum of 12" in diameter to the dedicated green waste area located at the City transfer station (DPW Garage) located at 210 Elmwood Place. The transfer station is intended only for green waste generated within the City of Sherrill boundaries. This area is monitored 24/7 with Cameras to ensure compliance. Sherrill Residents, who are also Town of Vernon residents can also bring their green waste to 4322 Churton Rd. (Town of Vernon).

Oversized limbs (13" – 18") can be disposed of at the solid waste authority in Utica for \$15 per ton. 18" and larger limbs can be disposed of at the solid waste authority in Rome by appointment for \$15 per ton.

#### **Contractor Drop Off (Year-Round)**

**Landscape contractors and Tree removal contractors are prohibited from placing green waste and brush at the curb.**

Contractors can purchase a green waste permit from the City for a designated fee. Contractors performing work inside the City can contact the City of Sherrill at 315-363-2440 for information on registering with the City and obtaining a permit to dispose of. Maximum of 12" diameter limbs.

Oversized limbs (13" – 18") can be disposed of at the solid waste authority in Utica for \$15 per ton. 18" and larger limbs can be disposed of at the solid waste authority in Rome by appointment for \$15 per ton.

#### **Curbside Leaf Collection "Non-Green Waste" (Late October through Early December – Weather Dependent)**

Leaves shall be placed curbside in the marginal strip between the road and sidewalk (where applicable). Leaves shall not be placed in the roadway or obstruct pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk or right of way. Leaves shall not be placed near or around utility poles, guide wires,

hydrants, vehicles, water shut offs, or any other obstructions. Do not place any leaves in bags of any kind (plastic or paper), and do not place them on any tarps. Loose collection is the method in which leaves are collected, as the City uses a high suction leaf vacuum which is a different method than green waste collection which uses large equipment buckets to gather, lift and dump.

No foreign matter should be co-mingled with leaves, such as: sticks, plants, stones, pumpkins, animal feces, etc.

*(Amended/Created: April 9, 2018)*

#### PUBLIC COMMENT – SHERRILL ZBA CASE PENDING

There were 15-16 members of the public with questions on the status of the current Sherrill ZBA case regarding two use variances for Robert Trafford (ONX3) and a special use permit request. Currently before the ZBA are two use variances to allow a commercial district use, multi-unit housing, in an M-1 (manufacturing) zone. The request is to allow for upwards of 70 apartments in three buildings on the Silver City Industrial Park (formerly Oneida Limited property). The buildings in question are located on East Seneca Street and were historically only used for office and storage purposes and were not used for manufacturing. These buildings have been vacant for twenty plus years and are starting to deteriorate. The proposal before the ZBA is to allow for one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments to be constructed (with about two thirds to 70% being one bedroom). There were several residents that asked questions of the commission and stated opinions and asked for the implementation of procedures to review and study that are not currently required by the City. Among the residents that spoke were Courtney Warner, 227 Life Ave., Lauren Sullivan, 15 Murphy St., John Leshner, 203 E. Noyes Blvd., Kathy Salm, 405 Betsinger Rd., Mary Kay Junglen, 428 Kinsley St., Tim Talbot 505 Betsinger Rd., Brittney Carrier, 136 Life Ave., and Doug Zupan, 315 Leonard St. Among the comments or questions were, this was a “larger than life” project, how does the city control it, going to add 10% plus of Sherrill current population, is there room in the schools, can police and fire handle the growth, was the City given land by the developer. These anti-project concerns were answered by Mayor Vineall, Holmes and Lovett dispelling these as either inaccuracies or opinions. One comment made was that the City and Lovett were “trying to minimize it with facts to what “we” were bringing up as our perspective and opinions.” There were a few supportive comments pointing out that in the “hey day” of Oneida Ltd. There were 3,000-4,000 workers at the facility and there are currently Briggs & Stratton employed residents making six figures currently living in M.E.I.D. townhouses.

Ultimately, it was explained to the public present that the decision at hand for the ZBA was to act upon the variance in front of them and to approve or disapprove it based on it meeting specific criteria and whether to issue a special use permit or not with or without constraints. This was exclusively a ZBA decision as dictated by local ordinance and state law.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. after answering all questions and concerns.

At 9:20 p.m. after hearing from all who were present and that wished to comment to the commission, a motion was made by J. Shay and seconded by C. Niles to adjourn.

AYES: Piccola, Sayles, Niles, Shay, Vineall

Michael Holmes  
City Clerk