

VILLAGE OF SHERMAN
MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC HEARING FOR REPAIR RESERVE USE,
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD,
& MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL ZONING BOARD
Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 6:00pm

Mayor Meeder opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00pm. Board members Colleen Meeder, Ryan Sanders, Gary Emory, Dennis Watson, and Danielle Crane; Chief Operator Jay Irwin; Clerk-Treasurer Jeanette Ramm (via phone); and the press were in attendance.

RES 2025-01-08.1: MINUTES

Motion to accept the previous minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held Monday, December 16th, 2024.

Moved by Trustee Watson Seconded by Trustee Crane

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

Motion to suspend the regular meeting and enter into the Public Hearing regarding the use of Repair Reserve Funds.

Moved by Trustee Emory Seconded by Trustee Sanders

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

PUBLIC HEARING FOR USE OF RESERVE REPAIR FUNDS:

As per General Municipal Law, specifically the **Repair Reserve Fund (GML Section 6-d) which is also known as the WWTP SHORT-LIVED ASSET RESERVE FUND:** There was a problem with the WWTP Influent Pump. The VFD (Variable Frequency Drive) kept tripping causing pump #1 to go down. Then the propelling system ceased causing multiple other systems to fail. The replacement of the pump was quoted at \$14,100 plus shipping and handling. Fortunately, the VFD is a mechanical issue still under warranty.

Under emergency conditions, the mayor authorized the chief operator to proceed, and the new pump was installed on 1/3/2025 for a total cost of \$15,750. The installation of the IFS OverWatch System was done by Koester.

The State's General Municipal Law requires a public hearing prior to use, except in emergency situations, to which this qualifies. However, for transparency and prior to making payment, the mayor called a public hearing on the subject.

Motion to close the Public Hearing for use of Reserve Repair Funds at 6:08pm and resume the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Crane Seconded by Trustee Emory

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

MUNICIPAL ZONING BOARD MEETING:

There was nothing to discuss.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FROM CHIEF OPERATOR

There was nothing to report.

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

STORMWATER

- The Climate Smart Community Grant was not awarded to the Village of Sherman; the entire \$1.6M was awarded to the City of Buffalo.
- We are in contact with David Spann, CCSWD, regarding the upper basin of the stormwater project.

NYMS AWARD

- 121 and 123 West Main Street require specialty ordered windows because they are an unusual size. This change needs a new extension, which will conclude the improvements covered by the NYMS and close out the project.

EV Charging Stations – We have approved the final submission and are waiting for the NYS Office of the State Comptroller to issue the rebate.

COMMITTEE & AGENCY UPDATES

NY Forward – the announcement of which communities have been awarded the NY Forward grant, should be made around the end of March.

CCPEG – Opening opportunity for grant applications, due February 21st.

Chamber of Commerce – next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 14th, at 9am at the Village Office.

MAYOR

- **JMA** – Our audit by Johnson, Mackowiak, & Associates is currently underway.
- **Chautauqua County Landfill** – there are no fee increases at the transfer station therefore no need to increase the Village of Sherman garbage bags at this time.
- **Chief Operator Jay Irwin** was named the Outstanding Operator of the Year by the New York Water Environment Association, Inc. (NYWEA), and will receive the Wastewater Facility Operations Award at the upcoming convention.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public present.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FROM CLERK-TREASURER:

Community Bank Accounts:

General Checking Account: Balance (01/08/2025) is \$12,889.17 & book balance (\$24,114.10)

NYS Fund Bank Account: Balance (01/08/2025) is \$15,625.16 & book balance (\$31,774.59)
 Sewer Project Bank Account: Balance (01/08/2025) is \$28.85
 Bldg/Wtr Project Bank Acct: Balance (01/08/2025) is (\$10,466.88)
 Parks Fund Account: Balance (01/08/2025) is \$801.63
 Stormwater Fund Account: Balance (01/08/2025) is \$144,422.29 & book balance (\$23,562.06)
 Climate Smart Account: Balance (01/08/2025) is \$38.70
 Debt Service Account: Balance (01/08/2025) is \$48.01
 Reserve Account: Balance (01/08/2025) is \$33.16
NYCLASS Account: Balance (01/08/2025) is \$331,073.37
 Of which is: General Funds \$65,033.27
 Capital Funds \$237,332.17
 Contains Stormwater BAN proceeds and Water Proj. Balance
 Debt Funds \$545.67
 Repair Reserve Funds \$28,162.26
 Receipts: Total \$28,841.41

Reminder: NYSLRS \$47,439 will be processed at the beginning of February.

RES 2025-01-08.2: VOUCHER #8 2025

Motion to accept Voucher #8 for \$162,185.49 for December 2024, of which \$65,439.75 is from the NYS Special Fund, \$0 is from the Sewer Project Fund, \$10,470.00 is from the Water Project Fund, \$0 is from the Parks Fund, \$40,514.75 is from the Stormwater Project Fund, and \$0 is from the Climate Smart/Economic Development Fund.

Moved by Trustee Watson Seconded by Trustee Emory
 Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

RES 2025-01-08.3: REPAIR RESERVE FUNDS FOR WWTP INFLUENT PUMP

Motion to approve the use of the Repair Reserve Fund for the replacement of the OverWatch WWTP influent pump in the amount of \$15,750 payable to Koester Associates, Inc.

WWTP SHORT-LIVED ASSET RESERVE FUND

Moved by Trustee Crane Seconded by Trustee Emory
 Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

RES 2025-01-08.4: ACCEPT THE PNY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT (TAG)

Motion to accept the grant award of \$4,000 for the Preserve New York - Technical Assistance Grant from the Preservation League of NYS, to be used as support for costs associated with the completion of a Limited Condition Assessment for the Peter Ripley House / Sherman's – French Creek Yorker Museum, to be completed by Clinton Brown Company Architecture, PC; and approve and authorize the mayor to execute all related documents.

Moved by Trustee Crane Seconded by Trustee Watson
 Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

See attached Press Release from 1/29/2025 at the end of the minutes.

RES 2025-01-08.5: CBCA TAG CONSULTANT AGREEMENT

Motion to approve and authorize the mayor to execute the agreement with Clinton Brown Company Architecture, PC who will serve as the consultant to the Village of Sherman for with the completion of a Limited Condition Assessment for the Peter Ripley House / Sherman's – French Creek Yorker Museum, not to exceed \$5,000.

Moved by Trustee Emory Seconded by Trustee Crane
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

RES 2025-01-08.6: EV CHARGING STATIONS - \$200,000 BAN RENEWAL

Motion to accept the schedule for the renewal of the \$200,000 Bond Anticipation Note for the EV Charging Stations and approve and authorize the mayor to initiate and execute in the event that the Village has not yet received reimbursement from the NYSDEC ZEV Program.

Moved by Trustee Watson Seconded by Trustee Sanders
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

RES 2025-01-08.7: 2025 IRS MILEAGE RATE \$0.70

Motion to accept the 2025 IRS Mileage Rate of \$0.70 for activity associated with the Village of Sherman.

Moved by Trustee Crane Seconded by Trustee Watson
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

RES 2025-01-08.8: ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPOINTMENTS

Motion to appoint the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals with the following term expiration:

Ken Labuskes	Chair	Expiration	May 31, 2030
Melissa Gormley	Secretary	Expiration	May 31, 2029
Jeff Lang	Member	Expiration	May 31, 2028

Moved by Trustee Emory Seconded by Trustee Sanders
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49pm.

Moved by Trustee Emory Seconded by Trustee Watson
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Ramm
Village Clerk-Treasurer

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 6pm.

Village of Sherman Awarded a Technical Assistance Grant from the Preservation League of NYS

This grant will fund a Limited Condition Assessment of the Peter Ripley House / Sherman's – French Creek Yorker Museum

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SHERMAN, NY, 1/29/25 — The Preservation League of New York State and their program partners at the New York State Council on the Arts are thrilled to announce that the Village of Sherman is a recipient of a 2024 [Technical Assistance Grant](#). This grant of \$4,000 will fund a Limited Condition Assessment of the Peter Ripley House at Sherman's - French Creek Yorker Museum. At the end of 2024, an independent panel of preservation professionals met to select this cycle's grant recipients, with 20 projects representing 13 counties across the state being awarded a total of \$75,290.

"The TAG award will greatly contribute to the restoration and accessibility of the museum's historic assets to be experienced and appreciated for generations to come," said Village Mayor, Colleen Meeder. "This is in line with the Village of Sherman's vision of 'Preserving our past, ... while working toward our Future'."

Project Description

Heritage conservation specialists from Clinton Brown Company Architecture, pc, which has had a long association with renewing the Village of Sherman, will prepare an Exterior Building Conditions Summary Report of the historic, ca. 1830, Peter Ripley House. **Project Manager Jill Nowicki** said, "We are thrilled to work on protecting this signature home, now part of the Yorker Museum movement of the 1940s to educate about settler life, to reinvigorate its purpose for local students and regional visitors."

The French Creek Yorkers established the museum in 1946, creating a collection of 6 original buildings and related artifacts dating back to 1750. This includes the Peter Ripley House, which is the oldest frame building in Sherman, depicting life in the mid-1800s. The Village of Sherman, with the stewardship of the Sherman Historical Society, endeavors to continue the work of founder, Genevieve Larson, in celebrating their rich local heritage.

"The targeted studies made possible by Technical Assistance Grants provide crucial support for strategic preservation planning as organizations look to the future," said **Preservation League President Jay DiLorenzo**. "The League is proud to support so many worthwhile projects across the state through this partnership with the New York State Council on the Arts. And we are equally grateful for additional funding from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation on Long Island and the Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, which allows TAG funding to go further."

The Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) program is a partnership between the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and the Preservation League of New York State, made possible by NYSCA with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature. The Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area has provided additional support for the projects within the National Heritage Area boundary. The TAG program supports arts centers, historic sites, music halls, theaters, libraries, and other cultural nonprofit or municipal entities that steward historic buildings throughout New York State.

With the announcement of the 2024 awards, support provided by TAG since its launch in 2012 totals \$743,970. These grants have directly advanced the efforts of 230 preservation projects. “New York’s renowned arts and cultural sites not only benefit their communities today, but must plan to serve the residents, learners, and visitors of tomorrow,” said **Erika Mallin, Executive Director of NYSCA**. “NYSCA is proud to provide this key funding for organizations to identify their needs and proactively design their futures. Congratulations to all of this year’s grantees, we applaud your dedication and commitment to preserving the arts and culture of this great state.”

The 2024 TAG grantees are: **Albany County:** Albany County Historical Association | **Cayuga County:** Howland Stone Store Museum | **Chautauqua County:** Village of Sheman | **Erie County:** Town of Orchard Park & Village of Orchard Park | **Essex County:** Minerva Historical Society; The Fort Ticonderoga Association | **New York County:** New Amsterdam Musical Association | **Niagara County:** Niagara County Historical Society | **Queens County:** Historic House Trust of New York City; Sculpture Center, Inc.; Flux Factory | **Schenectady County:** Village of Scotia | **Schoharie County:** Schoharie County Historical Society | **Suffolk County:** The Bridgehampton Museum; Mastic Peninsula Historical Society; Sagtikos Manor Historical Society | **Ulster County:** Reher Center for Immigrant Culture and History; Unison Learning Center, Inc.; Village of New Paltz on behalf of the Dr. Margaret Wade-Lewis Center | **Wyoming County:** Arcade Historical Society

About the Preservation League of New York State

Since its founding in 1974, the Preservation League of NYS has built a reputation for action and effectiveness. Our goal has been to preserve our historic buildings, districts, and landscapes and to build a better New York, one community at a time. The League empowers all New Yorkers to use historic preservation to enrich their communities, protect their heritage, and build a sustainable future. We lead advocacy, economic development, and education programs across the state.

Connect with us at preservenys.org, facebook.com/preservenys, youtube.com/c/PreservationLeague and instagram.com/preservenys.

About the New York State Council on the Arts

The mission of the New York State Council on the Arts is to foster and advance the full breadth of New York State’s arts, culture and creativity for all. To support the ongoing recovery of the arts across New York State, the Council on the Arts will award \$162 million in FY2025, serving organizations and artists across all 10 of the state’s regions. The Council on the Arts further advances New York’s creative culture by convening leaders in the field and providing organizational and professional development opportunities and informational resources. Created by Governor Nelson Rockefeller in 1960 and continued with the support of Governor Hochul and the New York State Legislature, the Council is an agency that is part of the Executive Branch. For more information on NYSCA, please visit arts.ny.gov, and follow NYSCA's Facebook page, on X @NYSCArts and Instagram @NYSCouncilontheArts.