

VILLAGE OF SHERMAN
AGENDA FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD,
& MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL ZONING BOARD
Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 6:00pm

Mayor Meeder called the meeting to order at 6:07pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members Colleen Meeder, Dennis Watson, and Gary Emory; Clerk-Treasurer Jeanette Ramm; and the press were in attendance. Trustee Ryan Sanders and Danielle Crane sent their apologies.

RES 2025-09-10.1: MINUTES

Motion to accept the previous minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held Wednesday, August 13, 2025, and the Special Meeting held Thursday, August 28, 2025.

Moved by Trustee Emory Seconded by Trustee Watson
Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Carried

Motion to suspend the regular meeting and enter into the meeting of the Municipal Zoning Board.

Moved by Trustee Watson Seconded by Trustee Emory
Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Carried

MUNICIPAL ZONING BOARD MEETING:

RES 2025-09-10.2: ZBA MEMBER(S) RESIGNATION & APPOINTMENT

RES 2025-09-10.2a: Motion to accept the resignation of Melissa Gormley from her position on the Village of Sherman Zoning Board of Appeals; and

RES 2025-09-10.2b: Motion to accept the mayor's appointment of Rose Crane to the Village of Sherman Zoning Board of Appeals, serving a term to expire May 31, 2030.

Moved by Trustee Emory Seconded by Trustee Watson
Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Carried

Information regarding the application for a Special Use Permit for the installation of a Storage Facility in the Commercial District (C1) was provided to each trustee by the Enforcement Officer. This case is being reviewed by the Planning Board and will be considered at the next board meeting.

Motion to close the Municipal Zoning Board Meeting and resume the regular meeting of the Board.

Moved by Trustee Emory Seconded by Trustee Watson
Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Carried

REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FROM CHIEF OPERATOR

STREETS

- The past few weeks have mostly been about trees. To date we have taken down 38 trees within the municipal right of way, which doesn't include any trees further back on private

property, those felled by National Grid or trees on Village owned property. That is a lot of trees, and we have a few still waiting to be removed and the cleanup.

COMMITTEE & AGENCY UPDATES

STEERING COMMITTEE / STAKEHOLDERS COMMITTEE

- Now that the Paint CHQ festival is coming to a close, the committee will be focusing on reviewing the next NY Forward & DRI application.

MAYOR

- This Saturday (September 13th) is the annual Sherman Music Festival starting at 2pm. This is preceded by the Paint CHQ Festival with the ribbon cutting at 1:30pm. There has been a lot of excitement and positive feedback about the wall, and it promises to be a wonderful day with vendors, games and live music.
- The next event will be the Night at the Museum, which will be held on Thursday, September 25th, weather permitting. Tickets can be purchased from the Village Office for \$20 which includes stew by Danielle Keith, dessert from The Cornerstone, and live music by Dual Identity.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public in attendance.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FROM CLERK-TREASURER:

Community Bank Accounts:

General Checking Account: Balance (09/10/2025) is \$18,311.40 & book balance \$1,135.54

NYS Fund Bank Account: Balance (09/10/2025) is \$7,500

Bldg/Wtr Project Bank Acct: Balance (09/10/2025) is \$3.13

Parks Fund Account: Balance (09/10/2025) is \$802.97

Stormwater Fund Account: Balance (09/10/2025) is \$3.07 & book balance (\$11,268.75)

Climate Smart Account: Balance (09/10/2025) is \$0

NYCLASS Account: Balance (09/10/2025) is \$641,834.65

Of which is: General Funds \$184,619.91

Capital Funds \$430,050.39

Contains Stormwater BAN proceeds and Bldg Proj. Balance

Debt Funds \$560.61

Repair Reserve Funds \$26,603.74

Receipts: Total \$94,261.52

RES 2025-09-10.3: VOUCHER #4 2026

Motion to accept Voucher #4 for \$62,053.53 for August 2025, of which \$0 is from the NYS Special Fund, \$0 is from the Water Project Fund, \$0 is from the Parks Fund, \$11,268.75 is from the Stormwater Project Fund, and \$0 is from the Climate Smart/Economic Development Fund.

Moved by Trustee Emory Seconded by Trustee Watson

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

“nunc pro tunc” – Latin meaning “now for then”

RES 2025-09-10.4: PAINT CHQ EVENT

Motion to approve the expenses incurred for the Paint CHQ Event, ‘nunc pro tunc’, for insurance premium, NYSDOT Shoulder and Sidewalk Closure rented signs, meal vouchers for the two mural artists, rented lights, and other related incidentals.

Moved by Trustee Watson Seconded by Trustee Emory

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Carried

RES 2025-09-10.5: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN NICK LANGWORTHY’S ENERGY CHOICE ACT (H.R. 3699, S. 1945) AND IN OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT-MANDATED NATURAL GAS BANS

WHEREAS, affordable and reliable energy is essential to the health, safety, and economic prosperity of New York families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, natural gas remains a dependable, cost-effective, and clean-burning energy source used by millions of New Yorkers to heat their homes, cook their food, and power their businesses; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, New York State enacted the **Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA)**, which mandates aggressive emissions reductions and serves as the foundation for sweeping energy restrictions, including efforts to phase out natural gas; and

WHEREAS, building on the CLCPA, Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature in 2023 enacted provisions in the state budget banning natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups in most new residential and commercial buildings, effective 2026 for smaller buildings, and 2029 for larger buildings, thereby eliminating consumer choice and limiting access to affordable energy; and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul has publicly supported these bans and related measures as part of her administration’s climate and energy agenda, despite widespread concerns that such mandates will increase costs, strain grid reliability, and restrict energy diversity; and

WHEREAS, these top-down policies undermine affordability, threaten reliability during peak demand, and strip away the freedom of consumers and businesses to choose the energy sources that best meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Nick Langworthy of New York and Senator Jim Justice of West Virginia introduced the **Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945)**, federal legislation that ensures state and local governments cannot restrict consumer access to natural gas and other affordable energy sources, thereby protecting freedom of choice for New Yorkers and all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Choice Act would safeguard households, small businesses, hospitals, farmers, and manufacturers from harmful government overreach and preserve access to an “all-of-the-above” energy strategy that strengthens reliability and affordability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sherman, Sherman, NY, County of Chautauqua, strongly supports the Energy Choice Act as introduced by Congressman Langworthy (H.R. 3699) and Senator Justice (S. 1945) and stands

firmly opposed to New York State’s natural gas bans, the CLCPA-driven restrictions, and other state energy mandates that eliminate consumer choice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sherman, Sherman, NY, County of Chautauqua, urges Congress to pass the Energy Choice Act to defend consumer choice, protect energy affordability, and preserve reliable access to natural gas for New Yorkers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman Nick Langworthy, Senator Jim Justice, the New York Congressional delegation, Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Governor Kathy Hochul, and leadership of the New York State Legislature.

WHEREFORE, on the motion of Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Emory, the foregoing Resolution was put to a vote of the members of the Village Board, the result of which vote was as follows:

Colleen Meeder, Mayor	<u>Aye</u>
Ryan Sanders, Deputy Mayor	<u>Absent</u>
Dennis Watson, Trustee	<u>Aye</u>
Gary Emory, Trustee	<u>Aye</u>
Danielle Crane, Trustee	<u>Absent</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted this 10th day of September 2025.

RES 2025-09-10.6: STORMWATER BUDGET REVISION OF FORM E #9

At a Meeting of the Village of Sherman, Chautauqua County, New York, held at the Village Hall, in Sherman, New York, on the 10th day of September, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., the following resolution was offered by Trustee Emory who moved its adoption, seconded by Trustee Watson to-wit:

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD, VILLAGE OF SHERMAN, CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, NEW YORK, accepting Revisions to the “Village of Sherman Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements Project”, Capital Project as administered through USDA Rural Development. The Village Board hereby modifies the following Technical Services budget items to the upcoming Form E #9:

<u>B.3a</u>	Subcontract Administration to be decreased by	\$1,309.75	
<u>B.3b1</u>	Surveying & Mapping to be decreased by	\$957.00	
			(\$2,266.75)
	And		
<u>B.3f</u>	Funding Assistance to be increased by	\$2,266.75	
			\$2,266.75

The reason for these modifications is to update the allocation of engineering costs within the executed agreement with Barton and Loguidice.

THIS BUDGETARY MODIFICATION RESULTED IN NO CHANGE TO THE TOTAL BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the Village of Sherman, Village Board has reviewed the Form E Capital Outlay Budget category and,

WHEREFORE, on the motion of Trustee Emory, seconded by Trustee Watson, the foregoing Resolution was put to a vote of the members of the Village Board, the result of which vote was as follows:

Colleen Meeder, Mayor	<u>Aye</u>
Ryan Sanders, Deputy Mayor	<u>Absent</u>
Dennis Watson, Trustee	<u>Aye</u>
Gary Emory, Trustee	<u>Aye</u>
Danielle Crane, Trustee	<u>Absent</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted this 10th day of September 2025.

RES 2025-09-10.7: B&L STORMWATER ENGINEERING CONTRACT AMENDMENT #6

Motion to approve Amendment #6 to the agreement between the Village of Sherman and Barton & Loguidice for a no-cost fee shift to the Main Street Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements project, to be accepted and executed September 10, 2025, and be effective and applied retroactively as needed for Funding Assistance within the project budget.

This Amendment No. 6 shall amend and modify the fee table's Additional Services as follows:

Decrease	3a	Subcontract Administration	\$1,309.75
Decrease	3b1	Surveying & Mapping	\$957.00
Increase	3f	Funding Assistance	\$2,266.75

Moved by Trustee Watson	Seconded by Trustee Emory
Ayes: 3	Nays: 0
	Carried

RES 2025-09-10.8: ADVERTISING IN THE 2026 CHQ COUNTY TRAVEL GUIDE

Motion to approve advertising in the 2026 Chautauqua County Travel Guide not to exceed \$600, with the intent of advertising the 2026 Night at the Museum event promoting the Village of Sherman's French Creek Yorker Museum and Sherman's southern Rosie Billquist Trailhead on the Chautauqua Rails to Trails.

Moved by Trustee Emory	Seconded by Trustee Watson
Ayes: 3	Nays: 0
	Carried

RES 2025-09-10.9: APPLICATION TO THE NY FORWARD & DRI PROGRAMS

Motion to approve the Village of Sherman's applications to the Round 9 Downtown Revitalization Initiative and the Round 4 NY Forward Programs, due November 7, 2025 at 4pm:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR
FUNDING THROUGH A NY FORWARD GRANT
AND A DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Village of Sherman has determined it is in the best interests of the community that the Village in concert with its residents and local and regional stakeholders revitalize our downtown through a number of transformative projects; and

WHEREAS, New York State has allocated \$200 million in funding to assist communities in implementing transformative projects that revitalize their downtown; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Sherman has determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to undertake the necessary activities for the submittal of an application under the NY Forward program and an application under the Downtown Revitalization Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the NY Forward Grant could provide funding to the Village of Sherman in the amount of \$4.5 million; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant could provide funding to the Village of Sherman in the amount of \$10 million; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the Village of Sherman will be required to establish a Local Planning Committee who will work with a consultant and a NYS Project Manager through a planning process focused on the development of a Strategic Investment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Investment Plan will define the community’s vision, goals, and strategies for revitalizing our downtown while identifying a suite of complementary and transformative projects, which will be submitted to the State for review and selection for funding;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Mayor is authorized to submit an application for a NY Forward Grant and an application for a Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant and to execute all documents necessary for the implementation of this work relating to the financial and/or administrative processes of the grant programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Sherman has committed to working with local and regional stakeholders to identify and obtain the additional funding necessary to carry out these projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to the extent any or all actions hereby authorized have been executed and/or performed by the mayor all are hereby ratified and confirmed and this Resolution takes effect immediately.

On the motion of Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Emory, the foregoing resolution was put to a vote as follows:

Colleen Meeder, Mayor	<u>Aye</u>
Ryan Sanders, Deputy Mayor	<u>Absent</u>
Dennis Watson, Trustee	<u>Aye</u>
Gary Emory, Trustee	<u>Aye</u>
Danielle Crane, Trustee	<u>Absent</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RES 2025-09-10.10: NY FORWARD AND DRI GRANT ASSISTANCE ENGAGEMENT

Motion to approve and authorize the mayor to engage Joel Brandon of All These Wonders and Matt Zarbo of Square Engineering to provide creative and technical assistance for the NY Forward and DRI grant applications, under the budgeted \$7,500 provided by support from CREDC/CCPEG.

Moved by Trustee Emory Seconded by Trustee Watson

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Carried

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RES 2025-09-10.11: CHURCH STREET – STREETS DEPARTMENT CHANGE REQUEST

Motion to approve and authorize the mayor, ‘nunc pro tunc’, to request changes from Legend Excavating in the construction of the eastside of Church Street bump outs and parking area as follows:

The Village of Sherman Streets Department is requesting the ninety-degree curb at the top of the lower bump out on the eastside of Church St be cut and replaced with a forty-five-degree curb consistent with the other end of the parking area. Also, the Streets

Department is requesting the two bump outs on the eastside of Church St be filled with stamped stained concrete in lieu of 'green space'.

These net cost changes are "outside" of the Main Street Stormwater Project and are to be billed to the Village of Sherman directly.

And therefore, Legend is seeking an estimate on stamped stained concrete from a subcontractor, while the Streets Department is also seeking estimates on the same.

Moved by Trustee Watson Seconded by Trustee Emory

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Carried

RES 2025-09-10.12: PLANNING BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED

Motion to accept the scheduled meeting of the Village Planning Board on Monday, September 22nd, 2025, at 4pm, at the Village Hall; agenda will include recommendations following the review of the application from Micah Meredith, of Jamestown, for the special use permit request for the construction of and business operation of a storage facility for the purpose of self-storage rental units on Osborne St / NY-76 within the Highway Commercial (C2) District, 328.15-1,3,4,5,6,7.2.

Moved by Trustee Emory Seconded by Trustee Watson

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Carried

RES 2025-09-10.13: SPECIAL MEETING SCHEDULED

Motion to schedule a Special Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees on Tuesday, September 30th at 6:00pm, at the Village Hall, for the purpose of reviewing the application from Micah Meredith, of Jamestown, for the special use permit request for the construction of and business operation of a storage facility for the purpose of self-storage rental units on Osborne St / NY-76 within the Highway Commercial (C2) District, 328.15-1,3,4,5,6,7.2, following the public meeting of the Planning Board; and for approving Stormwater Project and other timely items.

Moved by Trustee Watson Seconded by Trustee Emory

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Carried

Motion to move into Executive Session at 6:30pm to discuss legal and personnel issues, *with no action to be taken following the executive session.*

Moved by Trustee Watson Seconded by Trustee Emory

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Carried

Returned to the regular meeting at 7:19pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm.

Moved by Trustee Emory Seconded by Trustee Watson

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Ramm
Clerk-Treasurer

Next Meeting: Interim Special Meeting(s) may be held for the Stormwater Project.
Regular Meeting Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 6pm.