

VILLAGE OF SHERMAN
MINUTES OF THE
***Brief* SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**
Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 5:30am *MORNING*

Mayor Meeder called the meeting to order at 5:30am, and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Attendance: Mayor Colleen Meeder, Trustees Danielle Crane, Gary Emory, Ryan Sanders, & Dennis Watson

Members of Stanley Hose Company in Attendance: Bob Crane, Jim Croscut

Members of the Public in Attendance: Greg Rater, Terry Tallman

Mayor Meeder said the primary reason for the urgency in calling the Special Board Meeting is to complete the critical two-step election and ratification of members securing the benefits in accordance with the Volunteer Firefighters Benefit Law in the event a volunteer is injured, ill, or killed in the line of duty. General Municipal Law §200 defines the qualifications of exempt volunteer firefighters. The election to membership of the fire department and fire company begins with the Fire Company's process for the vetting, nomination, and election of its members in accordance with Village Law §10 Fire Departments (incl. Fire Companies), Not-for-Profit Corporation Law §1402 Fire Companies, and the Bylaws of the Fire Company. The membership of any person so elected (to membership) shall become effective when approved by resolution of the board of trustees, (NYS) Village Law §10-1006.

RES 2026-07-22.1: VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER MEMBER CONFIRMATION

At a Meeting of the Village of Sherman, Chautauqua County, New York, held at the Village Hall, in Sherman, New York, on the 22nd day of July, 2026, at 5:30a.m., the following resolution was offered by Trustee Emory who moved its adoption, seconded by Trustee Crane to-wit:

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD, VILLAGE OF SHERMAN, CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, NEW YORK, accepting the active roster of The Stanley Hose Company, Inc., for consideration of approval by the Trustees of the Village of Sherman, for the purposes of serving the Village of Sherman and greater community through contractual and mutual aid agreements as volunteer firefighters of the Sherman Fire Department.

WHEREAS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH VILLAGE LAW §10-1006, NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION LAW §1402 FIRE CORPORATIONS, AND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' BENEFIT LAW; AND

WHEREAS, THE STANLEY HOSE COMPANY, INC. HAS DETERMINED EACH PERSON SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO BE ELECTED OR APPOINTED AS A VOLUNTEER MEMBER OF SUCH FIRE COMPANY HAVING COMPLETED BEFO OR EMT CLASS AND EACH IS EVOC CERTIFIED; AND

WHEREAS, EACH PERSON IS 18 YEARS OR OLDER; AND

WHEREAS, EACH PERSON IS NOT A MEMBER OF ANOTHER FIRE COMPANY; AND

WHEREAS, EACH PERSON RESIDES WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW YORK; AND

WHEREAS, EACH PERSON RESIDES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF SHERMAN OR TOWN OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE TO WHICH THE SHERMAN FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE STANLEY HOSE COMPANY ARE UNDER CONTRACT; AND

WHEREAS, THE FIRE CHIEF HAS PERFORMED BACKGROUND CHECKS ON EACH APPLICANT FOR CRIMINAL HISTORY, CONVICTION OF A CRIME REQUIRING THE PERSON TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER, AND VERIFIED NO PERSON HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ARSON.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE VILLAGE OF SHERMAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES HEREBY ACCEPTS, APPROVES, AND CONFIRMS THE HEREIN LISTED ACTIVE VOLUNTEER

FIGHTFIGHTERS FOR MEMBERSHIP OR THE CONTINUANCE OF MEMBERSHIP TO THE SHERMAN FIRE DEPARTMENT, MEMBERS OF THE STANLEY HOSE COMPANY, INC., AS FOLLOWS:

ALDAY, MAURICE	CROSCUT, FRED	KENYON, NICK
BROSIUS, BILL	CROSCUT, JIM	KOPTA, BISHOP
BROWN, DAVE	DELCAMP, BILL	MILLER, ANDREW
CADY, KEITH	FARDINK, LARRY	OEHLBECK, JARED
CARRIS, GERALD	FISHER, BRYCE	OEHLBECK, MATT
COOK, BRADEN	FISHER, JOEL	OHLSSON, NICOLE
COOK, BRETT	FISHER, JENNA	PERSONS, BILL
COURTNEY, AUSTIN	FISHER, TIM	PERSONS, STEVE
COURTNEY, MIKE	GABLE, FRED III	REED, RONNIE
CRANE, BOB	HENNING, BRANT	
CRANE, DOUG	IRWIN, JAY	
RHEBERGEN, KYLE	SPACHT, JAMIE	TENPAS, DAVID
ROBSON, RYAN	SPACHT, RAY	VAN VALKENBURG, ROY
ROTH, GABE	SWEATMAN, RANDY	VAN VALKENBURG, SAM
SEARS, PAUL	SWEATMAN, TOM	VAN VOLKENBURG, MARK

THE STATUS OF SUCH PERSON AS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AS OF THIS DATE IS HEREBY LEGALIZED, VALIDATED, AND CONFIRMED.

WHEREFORE, the foregoing Resolution was put to a vote of the members of the Village Board of the Village on July 22, 206, the result of which vote was as follows:

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

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted this 22nd day of July 2026.

Additional laws cover the qualifications of and duties of the Fire Chief, including but not limited to, General Municipal Law §204-d, §204-dd.

RES 2026-07-22.2: FIRE CHIEF

Motion to accept, approve, and ratify the election of Matt Oehlbeck as Fire Chief of the Sherman Fire Department, for the Village of Sherman, and in accordance with VIL §10-1018 is to serve as President of the Council and of the meetings of the fire department, having exclusive control of the members at all fires, inspections and reviews, the supervision of the engines, hose and other apparatus under the control of the Village of Sherman and The Stanley Hose Company, Inc. for the prevention of or extinguishment of fires and of all officers thereof elected by the council. He shall, whenever required by the board of trustees, report to the board the condition of the property used in support of the department and such other information with respect to the department as may be required. He shall hold the members and officers of the department strictly to account for neglect of duty. The Fire Chief shall cause the applicant's background to be checked pursuant to Executive Law §837-O, Not-for-Profit Corporations Law §1402 Fire Corporations, and Village Law §10-1006.

The election and appointment of the Fire Chief is for the period of January 1, 2026 thru December 31, 2026, effective immediately upon taking the Oath of Office within 30 days of ratification.

Moved by Trustee Watson Seconded by Trustee Sanders

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

RES 2026-07-22.3: DUTIES OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF

Motion to accept in accordance with VIL §10-1018, that in case of the inability or absence of the chief, the first assistant and in case of the absence or inability of both the chief and first assistant, the second assistant, and in the absence of the second assistant, the third assistant, if any, and in the absence of the third assistant, if any, the fourth assistant, if any, shall perform the duties and have all the powers of the chief.

Moved by Trustee Emory Seconded by Trustee Crane

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

RES 2026-07-22.4: COUNCIL OF THE FIRE DEPT / LINE OFFICERS (VIL §10-1014)

Motion to accept, approve, and ratify the election of the Line Officers serving as the Council of the Fire Department of the Sherman Fire Department, for the Village of Sherman for the period of January 1, 2026 thru December 31, 2026, as follows:

Fire Chief, Matt Oehlbeck
2nd Assistant Chief, Brett Cook
Engineer, Andrew Miller

1st Assistant Chief, Jared Oehlbeck
3rd Assistant Chief, Ray Spacht

EMS & Rescue Captain, Tim Fisher
1st Assistant EMS, Jamie Spacht

2nd Assistant EMS, Kyle Rhebergen

Fire Police Captain, Jim Croscut
1st Assistant Fire Police, Maury Alday

2nd Assistant Fire Police, Tom Sweatman

The election and appointment of each line officer and council member is effective immediately upon taking the Oath of Office within 30 days of ratification.

Moved by Trustee Watson Seconded by Trustee Crane

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

RES 2026-07-22.5: SHC ANNUAL FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES (GML ART. 10 § 204-a)

Motion to approve the Annual Fundraising Activities and Events organized and held by The Stanley Hose Company, Inc.

Details Attached: Annual Fund Drive Mailing, Annual 300 Club Raffle, Annual Sportsman's Raffle.

Moved by Trustee Emory Seconded by Trustee Sanders

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

RES 2026-07-22.6: SHERMAN FIRE DEPT & SHC 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE (OML)

Motion to post the 2026 Meeting Schedule on the website for the Sherman Fire Department and Stanley Hose Company, which meet regularly on the last Tuesday of Every Month at 7pm at 122 Park Street.

Moved by Trustee Crane Seconded by Trustee Watson

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

RES 2026-07-22.7: 1ST READING OF THE STANLEY HOSE COMPANY CODE OF ETHICS

Motion to record the first reading and review of The Stanley Hose Company, Inc. Code of Ethics.

Moved by Trustee Emory Seconded by Trustee Crane

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

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For Informational Purposes:

The Stanley Hose Company, Inc. 2026 Elected Officers

Executive Officers

President	David Brown
Vice President	Nick Kenyon
Recording Secretary	Brett Cook
Financial Secretary	Joel Fisher
Treasurer	Tim Fisher

Board of Directors

5 Yr Director	Bill Persons
4 Yr Director	Brant Henning
3 Yr Director	Nick Kenyon
2 Yr Director	Joel Fisher
1 Yr Director	Brett Cook

The mayor wishes to again express her gratitude for such committed board members to the community of Sherman. This urgently scheduled meeting in the early hours of the morning, is not something of secret conspiracies, but for the remarkable care and understanding of the complexity of the project details and legal requirements we occasionally encounter.

The Village of Sherman with the Stanley Hose Company of the Sherman Fire Department of which it is a part, secures and provides for the protection of the assets (both human and capital resources) and their availability to serve the community into the future. The steps being taken are to ensure members are eligible and appropriately covered by benefits and that the exposure to risk and liability is minimized for the members, Stanley Hose Company, the Village of Sherman and the municipalities served.

The cooperation of the members of Stanley Hose Company is greatly appreciated. With particular acknowledgement for the exhaustive effort from Financial Secretary Joel Fisher who carries the burden of the bulk of the efforts in assisting the Village in making the essential corrections to the legal structure for the Sherman Fire Department and Stanley Hose Company to continue to operate just as they always have.

OTHER BUSINESS: N/A

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE MUNICIPAL ZONING BOARD: N/A

Executive Session: N/A

Motion to Adjourn at 5:47am.

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

Respectfully submitted (pending Board approval),
Jeanette Ramm
Clerk-Treasurer

THE STANLEY HOSE COMPANY INC.

Volunteer Fire Department • 122 Park Street • Sherman, New York 14781

June 23, 2026

TO:

Village Board of Trustees
Village of Sherman
111 W Main Street
Sherman, New York 14781

SUBJECT: Official Notification of Annual Fire Department Fundraiser and Campaign Schedule

Dear Mayor and Members of the Village Board,

In accordance with standard operating procedures and municipal coordination tracking, this correspondence serves as the official annual notification from The Stanley Hose Company Inc. regarding our established public fundraising campaigns and schedules.

As a volunteer organization, these campaigns supply vital financial resources required for procurement of fireground gear, capital vehicle upgrades, station facility upkeep, and community programs. Per department protocols, each individual initiative is formally introduced, reviewed, and approved via membership vote during our regular monthly business meetings prior to public execution.

Please update the Village operational records and calendar to reflect our three annual campaign windows:

1. Annual Fund Drive Mailing

Frequency: Every January (Annual Launch) | **Authorization:** Formally approved via Regular Business Meeting

Our primary direct-mail outreach sent to town and village residents and property owners to support foundational emergency service operating budgets.

2. Annual 300 Club Raffle

Frequency: Every First Saturday in August | **Authorization:** Formally approved via Regular Business Meeting

A continuous ticket initiative culminating in a standard drawing event at the fire station, funding necessary general firehall expenditures and maintenance.

3. Annual Sportsman's Raffle

Frequency: Every Second Saturday in November | **Authorization:** Formally approved via Regular Business Meeting

The department's primary autumn ticket program targeted explicitly toward line-item equipment purchases and specialized rescue asset allocations.

We greatly appreciate the continuing cooperation and backing provided by the Village of Sherman. Should the Board require any further information regarding these schedules, please reach out to the station administration.

Sincerely,

Joel Fisher, SHC Financial Secretary

Authorized Officer / Secretary

July 16, 2026

Date Submitted