REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF SHERMAN
May 1, 2025

A regular meeting of the town of Sherman Board was held on May 1, 2025 at the Town Office Building, 111A Mill St., Sherman, NY, Chautauqua County, New York at 7:00PM.

Present:	Mark D. Persons	Supervisor
	James L. Higginbotham	Council Member/Deputy Supervisor
	Howard E. Crump	Council Member
	Brant Henning	Council Member
	Ben Nickerson	Council Member
	Annette Swan	Town Clerk

Absent: Dennis Sweatman-Highway Superintendent
Guests: Ted Pugh, Sherman resident
Greg Rater, Sherman resident
Marty Proctor, Chaut. Co. Legislator, District 18
Tom McNinch, Town of Sherman Code Enforcement Officer

Supervisor Persons called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and led the Pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sherman resident, Greg Rater, updated the board on the progress of the building that NYS is requiring him to build to cover the compost that he produces at his business.

Legislator, Marty Proctor, reported to the board that he has been talking to other townships about local wind laws. He also relayed to the board the Chautauqua County's legislature discussion about the county sales tax. The legislature ultimately decided that the tax rate will remain the same and the amount shared with the townships will also remain the same.

Resolution # 21

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Brant Henning made the motion, seconded by Councilman Howard Crump to approve the meeting minutes from April 3, 2025.

Councilman James Higginbotham – AYE	Councilman Howard Crump – AYE
Councilman Ben Nickerson- AYE	Councilman Brant Henning – AYE

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #22
ABSTRACTS/CLAIMS
Councilman Howard Crump made the motion, seconded by Councilman Ben Nickerson to approve General Claims #53-#63 in the amount of $5703.28, Highway Claims #32-#39 in the amount of $1748.28 and Youth Fund Claim #1 in the amount of $3056.66.

Councilman James Higginbotham – AYE Councilman Howard Crump – AYE
Councilman Ben Nickerson- AYE Councilman Brant Henning – AYE
MOTION CARRIED

JUDGE'S REPORT
The amount of fines collected for the month of March was $1709.00. The amount remitted to NYS was $1234.00. The amount kept by the Town of Sherman was $475.00

CLERK/REGISTRAR'S REPORT
- There were 3 dog license renewals. The town's share is $12.00.
- Hunting and Fishing licenses sold totaled $168.00. The town's share was $8.00 for the print fee and $8.83 for the vendor commission, for a total of $16.83.
- There was one cemetery plot sold at $400.00 and two grave openings at $400.00 each for a total of $1200.00.
- The town received a partial payment from the solar field, located on Route 430, for phase 2 of the project, in the amount of $5996.35.

- **ASSESSOR'S REPORT**
  No Report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT
Code Enforcement Officer, Tom McNinch, gave a report on the following properties:
- 2430 Waits Corner Road, the storage building has been completed. The lean to on the side of the barn, has not been started.
- 2998 Armenian Road building permit has been granted for a house addition.
- 2477 Waits Corner Road permit has been granted for a house addition.
- 2361 Waits Corner Road permit has been granted for a bath house.
- 2213 Route 76 has submitted a permit application for a new house.

CEO McNinch has received an excessive garbage complaint for the property at 2731 Route 76. The complainant stated that the garbage at times is blowing across the road. CEO McNinch has not been able to contact the landowners but will make more attempts to speak with someone at that address.

CEO McNinch had a second complaint for the burned out house trailer at 3030 Route 76. This property has recently been sold, and the new owner is going to remove the house trailer and other small buildings on the property.

CEO McNinch is still monitoring the situation at 7870 Bement Rd. He is going to set up a time with the landowner and inspect the property and the progress of the cleanup.

Supervisor Persons asked CEO McNinch about the price of Commercial building permits that other townships are charging compared to what the Town of Sherman currently charges. The town board members opted to discuss this further in January 2026.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

No Report.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

- Highway Superintendent Dennis Sweatman requested that Supervisor Mark Persons ask the town board to discuss and establish a starting wage for new highway workers, as the town is currently accepting applications to fill a highway worker vacancy. After a short discussion,

RESOLUTION #23

Councilman Jim Higginbotham made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Mark Persons to approve starting pay rate at $23.00 per hour for an applicant that has a CDL, Class A driver's license.

Councilman James Higginbotham – AYE Councilman Howard Crump – AYE
Councilman Ben Nickerson- AYE Councilman Brant Henning – AYE

MOTION CARRIED

- Supervisor Mark Persons stated that there will be a hearing at the June 5th meeting in regards to the Wind Turbine Moratorium extension.
- Supervisor Mark Persons reported to the board that Grievance Day for the Town of Sherman will be held Wednesday, May 28th from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM.
- The Village of Sherman had asked to use the parking area that surrounds the Town buildings at 111A Mill Street for Sherman Day and Tractor parade participants. Supervisor Persons had spoken with a representative that carries the liability insurance for the property and was advised that the Town of Sherman should be listed on the event liability insurance policy.

- There is a dangerous dog situation at 3387 Mannison Road. The dog owner has been given notice that the dogs must be confined to the property until the matter can be decided at an upcoming scheduled hearing.
- Town Clerk Annette Swan asked the board to clarify the highway workers clothes allotment payment schedule that was passed at the April 3rd meeting. The town voted to not renew the clothes contract with Cintas that expires October 1st. After a short discussion:

RESOLUTION #24

Councilman Jim Higginbotham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Brant Henning to give the highway workers $125.00 after the December 2025 board meeting. To fulfill the $500.00 clothing allotment for 2026, each highway worker will receive $250.00 after the June board meeting and the remaining $250.00 after the December meeting. This will remain in effect for each year going forward, unless the board passes a resolution to change it.

Councilman James Higginbotham – AYE Councilman Howard Crump – AYE
Councilman Ben Nickerson- AYE Councilman Brant Henning – AYE

MOTION CARRIED

With nothing further to discuss,
Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.
Respectfully Submitted,

Annette Swan
Sherman Town Clerk