

REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF SHERMAN
June 4, 2026

A regular meeting of the town of Sherman Board was held on June 4, 2026 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
	James Weise	Council Member
	Ben Nickerson	Council Member
	Annette Swan	Town Clerk
	Michael Courtney	Highway Superintendent

Absent: Brant Henning, Town Councilman

Guests: Charles Stormer Jr.-Sherman Resident.
Marty Proctor-Chautauqua County Legislator.
Greg Rater- Sherman Resident.

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

GUEST AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charles Stormer asked the Town Board if they had information about the questions asked at last month's meeting. Highway Superintendent, Michael Courtney answered Mr. Stormers' question about the Mannison Rd. one-lane bridge. That bridge has no posted weight limit, and according to a representative of the Chautauqua County Transportation Department, that bridge is "extremely heavily built". The Chautauqua County Transportation Department is responsible for the safe and efficient operation of the Mannison Rd. bridge, as well as all other bridges in the Sherman Township.

As to Mr. Stormer's question about the trusses used for the chicken barn, Supervisor Mark Persons said that the trusses were indeed certified.

Mr. Stormer asked more questions that will be answered at next month's meeting.

Chautauqua County Legislator Marty Proctor reported to the town board the latest topics that took place at the May Chautauqua County Legislature Meeting in Mayville.

RESOLUTION # 25

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman James Weise made the motion, seconded by Councilman James Higginbotham to approve the minutes from the May 7th board meeting with one change that Councilman Ben Nickerson be added to members "present".

Councilman James Higginbotham – AYE

Councilman James Weise – AYE

Supervisor Mark D. Persons--AYE

Councilman Ben Nickerson – AYE

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION# 26

ABSTRACTS/CLAIMS

Councilman James Higginbotham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Ben Nickerson to approve General Claims #67 through #82 in the amount of \$51,868.19 and Highway Claims #53 through #63 in the amount of \$21,813.43.

Councilman James Higginbotham – AYE

Councilman James Weise – AYE

Supervisor Mark D. Persons--AYE

Councilman Ben Nickerson – AYE

MOTION CARRIED

JUDGE’S REPORT

Judge Denis Cooper submitted a check in the amount of \$1205.00 for April fines. \$847.75 was remitted to Albany. Town of Sherman receives \$357.25.

CLERK/REGISTRAR’S REPORT

Dog Licenses: There were 24 dog license renewals for the month totaling \$261.00. The town’s share is \$222.00 and \$39.00 was remitted to New York State Ag and Markets.

Registrar report: 2 copies totaling \$20.00.

Hunting Licenses: Total money received \$185.00. \$170.09 was remitted to Albany. Town of Sherman receives \$14.91.

Marriage Licenses: One marriage license issued.

ASSESSOR REPORT

No Report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Report included in the Supervisor Report.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Superintendent Michael Courtney has received word that the new Volvo Truck is in the process of being completed. The earliest completion date will be at the end of June.
- Roadwork is on schedule for Bailey Hill Road and Wait Corners Road.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

- The Board of Assessment Review Grievance Day, which was held Wednesday, May 27 from 4-8 PM went well. A full report will be given by Assessor Heather Young-Deyell for next month’s meeting.
- Supervisor Mark Persons reported to the board that there are 3 trees in the Sherman Cemetery on Rt. 430 that need to be taken down. Supervisor Persons will get estimates from different tree removal services to present to the board at the next meeting.
- Supervisor Persons spoke with Code Enforcement Officer Tom McNinch and received his report for the month.
 1. A dumpster has been delivered to the barn on Bement Road and cleanup has started.
 2. The owner of the property on Bement Road where there are campers parked has talked to CEO McNinch and has stated that he will be removing the campers.
 3. The property on 2731 Rt. 76 is being cleaned up slowly.
- Supervisor Mark Persons received the completed Resolution from town attorney Joel Seachrist that is needed to abide by the New York State Ag and Markets amendment to New York State’s existing dog law. Supervisor Persons reviewed the Resolution with the board members and after a short discussion,

Resolution #27

Councilman James Weise made the motion, seconded by Councilman Ben Nickerson to adopt the following Resolution which designates Small Town Shelter as the recipient of voluntary donations collected on dog license applications.

Councilman James Higginbotham – AYE
Supervisor Mark D. Persons--AYE

Councilman James Weise – AYE
Councilman Ben Nickerson – AYE

MOTION CARRIED

TOWN OF SHERMAN

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE RECIPIENT OF VOLUNTARY DONATIONS
COLLECTED ON DOG LICENSE APPLICATIONS AND PROVIDING FOR THE HANDLING AND
DISBURSEMENT OF SUCH FUNDS

WHEREAS, Chapter 69 of the Agriculture and Markets Law, Section 109, as amended, requires municipalities to provide an optional space on dog license applications for owners to make voluntary contributions in support of the local animal shelter or the organization contracted by the municipality to provide animal shelter services; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sherman contracts with Small Town Shelter, Inc. for long-term animal shelter services; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to designate Small Town Shelter, Inc. as the recipient of all such voluntary donations collected through the Town Clerk’s dog licensing process and to establish a clear procedure for the collection, accounting, and annual disbursement of these funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sherman hereby designates Small Town Shelter, Inc. as the recipient organization for all voluntary shelter contributions made by dog owners on municipal dog license applications; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all voluntary shelter donations collected with dog licenses shall be recorded and reported under the “Gifts and Contributions” account, typically line A2705, and the Town shall establish or utilize a dedicated line (A2705.#) within that category to accumulate these donations throughout the year, with the full accumulated amount to be disbursed annually to Small Town Shelter, Inc. as required by law; and

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to implement this designation in the Town’s dog licensing software and forms in accordance with state law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

With nothing further to discuss,

Councilman James Weise made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette Swan
Sherman Town Clerk