

VILLAGE OF SHERMAN
MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL ZONING BOARD,
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 6:00pm

Mayor Meeder called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members Colleen Meeder, Ryan Sanders, Gary Emory, Dennis Watson, and Danielle Crane; Clerk-Treasurer Jeanette Ramm and the press were in attendance. DPW Director Jay Irwin was away.

RES 2026-07-15.1: MINUTES

Motion to accept the previous minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held Wednesday, June 17, 2026.

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

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

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

MUNICIPAL ZONING BOARD MEETING

RES 2026-07-15.2: FOIL REQUEST by Karen Piszczek – 145 E Main St

Motion to accept and record the FOIL request by Karen Piszczek of 145 East Main Street for records involving the building permit renewal for the garage at 143 East Main Street, the home of Greg Gormley, Village Enforcement Officer of Code and Zoning (CEO, ZEO), to which Jeff Messenger, the Village Enforcement Officer of Code and Building & Safety Inspector (CEO, BSI) issued the building permit and subsequent renewal. This FOIL request was made the afternoon of Tuesday, July 14, 2026, and the Records Manager and Clerk-Treasurer Jeanette Ramm prepared the 8 pages.

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

FOIL RQUEST & RESPONSE ATTACHED.

The mayor is meeting with the NYS DOS Oversight Unit on Monday, July 20, 2026 to review the two complaints submitted by the Piszczek's for Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Messenger and the Village of Sherman regarding the 143 East Main Street garage building permit. This meeting was prompted (much earlier than anticipated) by the Village having submitted a FOIL request for the documents CPLT-2026-01058 & CPLT-2026-01059, as the copies provided appear to be incomplete.

The Chautauqua County Department of Health has asked the village, along with other communities in Chautauqua County, to consider putting a moratorium on battery storage. This will be included in next month's new business at the regular 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 Crane
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FROM DPW DIRECTOR

Streets, Water, and Sewer Departments

- East Street is complete.
- We are finishing up reclamation at the dry detention pond and behind North Haven. The idea is to keep it maintained to prevent excess brush from clogging up the system.
- The Reservoir Inspection is complete, and everything went really well.
- The Tagger System to connect the reservoir to our computer and alarm system is in the process of being finalized, although their quote did increase by roughly \$1,500 to accommodate the software issues.

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

COMPREHENSIVE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- Upper Basins – CCSWCD (Chautauqua County Soil and Water Conservation District) provided approximately \$8,000 in hydroseeding at the dry detention pond. Hydroseeding is the planting method that sprays a slurry of seeds, mulch, fertilizer, and water onto the soil to promote rapid and uniform vegetation growth. We are expecting a final \$20,000 bill from them for work subcontracted out to Legend. Our employees have taken over all reclamation and landscaping from this point forward. A soil conditioner was rented to finish behind North Haven (Sherman Apartments) and level the bottom of the basin of the dry detention pond. Previously we would borrow the School's brush hog, but they no longer have one, so we may need to invest in one to keep this area maintained and along CR-430. Barton & Loguidice was on site July 9th to inspect the progress in order to close out the stormwater permits.

COMPLETE STREETS

CREDC Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation

- Matt Zarbo of Square Engineering continues to follow up with the NYSDOT on details that are not clearly defined in the manual.

CHRIC Housing Projects

- **CDBG Housing Project #1071HR324-23** – Final APR Report to be submitted.
- **MMHR** (Mobile & Manufacture Home Replacement) Grant – the environmental review is ready for submission this month and we will be applying for a supplementary grant to cover the short fall of the 2023 award. A meeting with Kate Merriman from the program is set for July 21st.

ASSET MANAGEMNT GRANT

- The Wastewater Asset Management program is in the final stages of completion.
- Meeting held on July 14, 2026 and the next meeting is scheduled for Aug 4, 2026.
- This grant analyses where we are with our current systems, and lays out maintenance, repair and replacement projections, supporting reserves and rate structure. It helps ensure that there is enough fund balance for operations (filters, chemicals, etc.) plus building up reserves in case a piece of equipment goes down, and we are suddenly required to cover a \$80,000 bill.
- Asset management always covers the rate structure. They are suggesting nothing less than a 3% annual increase on the total revenues for each utility.

NY FORWARD (NYF) PROGRAM

The Chautauqua County's Department of Economic Development did reach out to us, they are supportive of everything we do and would like to fund our NYF Grant application. It would be really good to include our memorial park in the next application.

COMMITTEE & AGENCY UPDATES

FRENCH CREEK YORKER MUSEUM / VILLAGE COMMONS & MEMORIAL PARK

- **Cherry Pickers of the 1950's**
 - We had favorable responses and many shared memories in response to the Facebook post about the event.
 - The dedication of the historical marker will be held Saturday July 25, at 11am.
 - Historical Society to provide refreshments at the Yorker Museum.
 - Ron Moore and others will be sharing at the event.

SHERMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- Next Meeting Thursday, August 13, 2026, in the Village Office at 9am.

SHERMAN DAY COMMITTEE

- Next Meeting July 27th, 2026, at 6pm at the Cooler.

MAYOR

- Since 2011, Joyce Ayers has served as the substitute crossing guard at Sherman Central School for the Village of Sherman, hanging up her vest after 15 years. We would just like to extend our thanks and appreciation for her years of service to this community.
- We have an upcoming meeting with the insurance company's Sr. Risk Control Representative for Tokio Marine HCC – Public Risk Group, as part of their annual review.
- Residents and community members are devastated by the recent tree trimming – using that word loosely as most are calling it a butchering. Some of the trimming decisions seemed arbitrary and inconsistent leaving behind awkward limbs and unsightly shaped trees. Some suggest the trimming and timing of the trimming may lead to the death of several trees.
- Some positive news is that 170 Park Street (corner of East) has been sold to a local man who is planning to restore it, 117 Franklin is also in the final stages of being sold to another local, 110 West Main Street has been sold, and 114 East Main Street is in negotiations with Williams Restoration and Construction Company from Randolph. Greg Russian is in the process of purchasing the empty building next to the volleyball courts with the intention of using it for an overhead door business. A lot of good things are going on.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public present.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FROM CLERK-TREASURER

Community Bank Accounts:

General Checking Account: Balance (07/15/2026) is \$40,998.25 & book balance (\$104,709.48)
NYS Fund Bank Account: Balance (07/15/2026) is \$15,000
Parks Fund Account: Balance (07/15/2026) is \$1,204.64
Climate Smart Account: Balance (07/15/2026) is \$0.00
Stormwater Account: Balance (07/15/2026) is \$12.59

NYCLASS Account:

Of which is:

Balance (07/15/2026) is \$363,260.99

General Funds \$291,046.21

Capital Funds \$30,460.83

Contains Stormwater BAN proceeds and Bldg Proj. Balance

Debt Funds \$579.25

Repair Reserve Funds \$41,174.70

Receipts:

Total \$287,260.42

RES 2026-07-15.3: VOUCHER #2 2027

Motion to accept Voucher #2 for \$160,702.29 for June 2026, of which \$0 is from the NYS Special Fund, \$416 is from the Parks (Purple Heart Trail) Fund, and \$0 is from the Climate Smart/Economic Development Fund.

Moved by Trustee Emory

Seconded by Trustee Sanders

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Carried

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

RES 2026-07-15.4: 157 W MAIN ST - LAND BANK - TAX BILL ADJUSTMENT

Motion to approve the \$216.67 adjustment of Village Tax Bill No. 366 for the (non-profit) Chautauqua County Land Bank holding the 157 West Main Street property for future Village of Sherman development.

Moved by Trustee Crane

Seconded by Trustee Watson

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Carried

RES 2026-07-15.5: 2026 CFA APPLICATION(S)

Motion to approve the Village of Sherman's application through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) for the Mobile and Manufacture Home Replacement (MMHR) Grant for the implementation of the removal and replacement of three single wide mobile homes of eligible property owners. In concert with the originally awarded MMHR grant, this will provide additional funding to complete the project, layering in the funds with the current grant.

Moved by Trustee Crane

Seconded by Trustee Sanders

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Carried

RES 2026-07-15.6: \$600 FOR TRUCK, CHERRY PICKERS OF THE 1950's SIGN

Motion to approve the \$600 contribution toward the historical marker commemorating the Cherry Pickers of the 1950's to cast the image of a truck symbol.

Moved by Trustee Emory

Seconded by Trustee Crane

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Carried

RES 2026-07-15.7: AMENDMENT OF STANLEY HOSE COMPANY BYLAWS

Motion to approve the Bylaws of The Stanley Hose Company, Inc. as amended June 30, 2026.

Moved by Trustee Emory

Seconded by Trustee Crane

Ayes: 0

Nays: 5

Motion failed.

After discussion, motion was declined pending the drafting and approval of the Sherman Fire Department Bylaws in coordination with The Stanley Hose Company, Inc. Bylaws.

Motion to move into Executive Session at 6:57p.m. 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: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

Returned to the regular meeting at 7:45pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm.

Moved by Trustee Emory Seconded by Trustee Crane

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Ramm

Clerk-Treasurer

Next Meeting: **Regular Meeting Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 6pm.**
 TBA Special Meeting for the confirmation of Fire Department Members.

FOIL request below:

VILLAGE OF SHERMAN
APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TO RECORDS



To: Records Management Officer
Village of Sherman
111 Mill Street
P O Box 629
Sherman, NY 14781

This form is provided only as a convenience. No particular form of request is required by law. Your request must be in writing. Pursuant to applicable provisions of law, access to some of all the records may be denied. A cost of \$0.25 per page will be charged to the requestor.

<<< PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY SO THAT WE MAY ASSIST YOU CORRECTLY >>>

Identify records and/or reasonably describe documents you are interested in as clearly as possible.

I hereby apply to access the following record(s): I am requesting any and
all public record regarding the latest building
Permit on property located at 143 E. main St.
Sherman, Ny 14781 (tax parcel ID: 328.11-1-37
Specificallly pertaining the buliding permit application,
recent

(Attach additional sheet if needed)

Karen Piszczek
NAME (PRINT)

Karen Piszczek
(SIGNATURE)

(REPRESENTING)

7/14/2026
(DATE)

145 East Main St Sherman Ny
STREET ADDRESS

716-761-6083
TELEPHONE NUMBER

P.O Box 252 Sherman, Ny 14781
MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)

Karen.piszczek@yahoo.com
EMAIL ADDRESS

NOTICE: The Freedom of Information Law also stipulates that certain information can be denied, however, you have the right to appeal a denial of this application to the Mayor of Sherman, P O Box 629, Sherman, NY 14781. If you choose to appeal a denial of information, you must do so in writing within 30 days of receipt of such denial. The appealing authority will fully explain the reasons for his/her denial in writing within 30 days of receipt of an appeal.

blueprints, site plans and all supporting documentation submitted for the recent building permit. All paperwork board minutes, public notices, and official resolutions regarding the area Variance/Height Variance report approved for this property's tall height restriction relief

Any Certification of Compliance issued upon completion
If any of this request is denied, Please provide
the specific legal justification for denial in writing

Karen Puszyk