

YEAR-END BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF SHERMAN,

December 29, 2022

The year-end meeting of the Town of Sherman Board was held on Thursday, December 29, 2022 at the Town Office Building, 111A Mill St, Town of Sherman, Chautauqua County, New York at 9:30 AM.

Present:	Mark D. Persons	Supervisor
	James L. Higginbotham	Council Member
	Howard E. Crump	Council Member
	Brant Henning	Council Member
	Ben Nickerson	Council Member
	Tamera M Weise	Town Clerk
	Dennis Sweatman	Highway Superintendent

Supervisor Persons called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and led the Pledge to the flag.

RESOLUTION #53

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman James Higginbotham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Howard Crump to approve the minutes from the last board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

HIGHWAY TRANSFERS:

RESOLUTION #54

Supervisor Persons made the motion, seconded by Councilman Brant Henning to make the following amendment to the Highway portion of the 2022 Budget. To increase DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual by \$2705.00 and DA5142.4 Snow Removal Contractual by \$2534.00 for a total increase of \$5239.00.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #55

Councilman Howard Crump made the motion, seconded by Councilman Ben Nickerson to make the following transfers to the General portion of the 2022 budget:

MOTION CARRIED

GENERAL TRANSFERS:

- \$589.60 from A1990.4 Contingency to A1220.4 Supervisor Contractual
- \$321.09 from A1355.1 Assessor Personnel to A1355.4 Assessor Contractual
- \$320.00 from A1410.2 Town Clerk Equipment to A1410.11 Deputy Town Clerk
- \$130.00 from A1410.2 Town Clerk Equipment to A1410.4 Town Clerk Contractual
- \$1207.46 from A1910.1 Unallocated Insurance to A1410.4 Town Clerk Contractual
- \$503.54 from A1990.4 Contingency to A1410.4 Town Clerk Contractual
- \$8.55 from A1990.4 Contingency to A7510.4 Historian Expense
- \$12.25 from A1990.4 Contingency to A8810.1 Cemetery PS
- \$85.86 from A1990.4 Contingency to A8810.2 Cemetery Equipment
- \$301.98 from A1990.4 Contingency to A8810.4 Cemetery Exp.
- \$2106.30 from A1990.4 Contingency to A5132.4 Garage - Other

RESOLUTION #56

ABSTRACTS/CLAIMS

Councilman James Higginbotham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Brant Henning to approve payment of General Claims #192 through #200 in the amount of \$4,243.33, Highway Claims #128 through #136 in the amount of \$8,802.15.

MOTION CARRIED

CLERK/REGISTRAR'S REPORT

- Clerk Weise updated the Board that the 2023 Tax Bills from the County have been received and ready to be mailed today 1/29/2022. Tax Collection is to begin Thurs. Jan. 5th.

2022 Town of Sherman Historian Report- Submitted by Annette Swan, Town Historian

In the beginning of the year, I was able to start a Sherman Historian You Tube page and I uploaded movies from the Verna Gabriel collection that I had digitized. There are currently 4 videos that are viewable on the page and more will be added in the beginning of 2023. The page can be found by going to You Tube directly or there is a link on the Shermanny.org website. The village added a Sherman Historian page under their INFO tab with the YouTube link, as well as the email address and phone number where I can be reached.

As for information requests, I had 2 requests this year. One person was writing about her time growing up in Sherman and wanted some photos to go along with her story. I was able to give her the ones she was looking for. The other person wanted info about a relative that lived in Sherman, unfortunately I didn't have the information she needed, as it was before 1881. I did give her some other resources that she might try to help with her request.

I did receive two photos from Gary Yonkers, a former Sherman resident that lived on Kipp Street. One photo was of Gary with the team of oxen he owned when he lived in Sherman and the other was a photo of a horse show that took place on Main Street in the early 1900's. I sent him a thank you note and told him how much I appreciated him sending the photos and helping to preserve some of Sherman's history.

When I took over as historian in 2021, I was given 2 albums of obituaries that were cut out of the local newspaper. I have been keeping those current and I plan on typing the names into an alphabetized list in the coming year. I would like to make these obituaries available to people doing family research on relatives who lived in Sherman. I haven't quite worked out how that could be done, but I know it would be a great resource for family genealogists.

I have also started a scrapbook album with articles of current Sherman events that hopefully will be a good resource in years to come.

Respectively Submitted,

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT- Dennis Sweatman

Discussion was held on what the exact design, wording and colors for the “Welcome to Sherman signs entering the Town of Sherman.

SUPERVISOR

- Supervisor Mark Persons was contacted by Brenda Ireland from Edwards Insurance asking if the Town was going to accept or reject the Anti-Terrorism Insurance Coverage for 2023.
After discussion/ questions it was decided it was in the Towns best interest to accept the Anti-Terrorism Insurance.

RESOLUTION #57

Councilman James Higginbotham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Howard Crump to add the Anti-Terrorism Insurance coverage to the 2023 Commercial Insurance for an additional \$331.00. MOTION CARRIED.

- Discussion was held on the 2023 hourly pay rates.

RESOLUTION #58

Councilman Brant Henning made the motion, seconded by Councilman Howard Crump for the following 2023 hourly pay rates: Dog Control Officer \$15.60, Cemetery Sexton \$16.10, Cemetery Summer Help \$14.20, Highway Employees: Michael Courtney \$.87 per hour raise & Michael Zemcik & Ryan Robson \$.84 per hour raise.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #59

Councilman James Higginbotham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Brant Henning for the following rates for the Towns contribution for the 2023 health insurance to be \$10,000.00 annually for a family policy, \$8,000.00 for an employee + child, \$9,500 for an employee + spouse and \$6,000.00 annually for a single policy. The amount will be divided equally over the employees’ scheduled pay periods.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:14 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamera M Weise
Sherman Town Clerk