REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF SHERMAN
February 6, 2025

A regular meeting of the town of Sherman Board was held on February 6, 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
	Dennis Sweatman	Highway Superintendent

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

Resolution # 6
Approval of Minutes
Supervisor Mark Persons had a correction to the minutes from January 9, 2025.
Councilman James Higginbotham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Howard Crump to approve the minutes from the January meeting with the following correction to the sentence included in the "Reorganization for 2025": *James Weise will be paid $200.00.*

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

RESOLUTION#7
ABSTRACTS/CLAIMS
Councilman Brant Henning made the motion, seconded by Councilman Ben Nickerson to approve the General Claims #11-#22 in the amount of $5468.96 and Highway Claims #4 - #16 in the amount of $19,402.63.

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

JUDGE'S REPORT
No Report

CLERK/REGISTRAR'S REPORT
Clerk Annette Swan reported that there were 18 dog licenses renewed for the month. The town's share is $108.00.
A workman from National Fuel will be replacing the gas meter sometime in February at no cost to the town.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

- Assessor Young-Deyell has not received December deeds as of February 3, 2025.
- Annual Telecommunication Ceiling Valuations have been received from NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services and will be applied to the upcoming 2025 Assessment Roll.
- Renewal applicants are continuing to file for their exemptions and have until March 1st to do so.
- Inspections of all properties with open building permits and requests for assessment review will take place from March 1-April.
- Requests will be made from each fire department for the administration of the Firefighters Exemption.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT
No Report

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
Superintendent Dennis Sweatman reported that it had been a busy month plowing snow. The highway crew had been plowing 28 days out of the last 31 days.
Also, Superintendent Sweatman got a final price on a new truck. For the truck (cab and chassis) it would cost $159,335.00. The truck body price is $165,856. If ordered soon, the truck cab and chassis should be delivered by July. The truck body wouldn't be delivered until possibly 2027.
RESOLUTION # 8
Councilman Brant Henning made the motion, seconded by Councilman Howard Crump to move forward with the truck purchase, which includes the cab, chassis and body.

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

SUPERVISOR REPORT
Supervisor Mark Persons submitted his Justice Court Audit to the board for approval.

Resolution #9

Councilman Ben Nickerson made the motion, seconded by Councilman Brant Henning to approve the Justice Court Audit.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Mark Persons presented to the board the 2025 Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds for general repairs in the amount of $130,000 upon 34.389 miles of highways in the township.

Resolution #10

Supervisor Mark Persons made the motion, seconded by Councilman Brant Henning to approve the agreement.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Mark Persons presented the Shared Highway Services Agreement of 2025 to the board for approval.

Resolution #11

Councilman Jim Higginbotham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Howard Crump to approve the Shared Highway Services Agreement.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Mark Persons presented to the board the names of two people who were interested in being the Youth Baseball Directors for the coming summer season. They are Jacob Ames and Heather Ramsey. After a short discussion,

Resolution #12

Councilman Brant Henning made the motion, seconded by Councilman Ben Nickerson to approve the appointment of Jacob Ames and Heather Ramsey as 2025 Youth Baseball Directors.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Mark Persons had been in contact with Mina Town Supervisor Rebecca Brumagin about the Efficiency Grant Program, which had been discussed at the January 9th meeting. This grant would have allowed the towns of Sherman, Mina and French Creek to purchase two pieces of equipment to be shared by all 3 townships. However, as Supervisor Brumagin was

working through the grant process, she realized that the townships would ultimately not qualify for the grant money based on the amount of data and analyzing the grant application required. For this reason, she will not be submitting the grant application.

Supervisor Mark Persons mentioned to the board that for the upcoming March board meeting, a decision must be made as to how to compensate the highway employees that have accumulated sick days over the yearly limit.

With nothing further to discuss,

Councilman Jim Higginbotham made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette Swan
Sherman Town Clerk