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Painting The Town

Sherman Ready For Mural Event This Month

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SHERMAN — At their meeting in August, village trustees learned that Emily Ding of Houston and Justin Suarez, aka "Aerosol Kingdom" of Rochester, will be painting the mural in Sherman for the Paint CHQ Mural Festival.

Both artists are nationally recognized professional muralists and are part of a group of five artists who will create public art in communities in Chautauqua County in early September. On Sept. 8, at 6 p.m. a "Meet the Artists" event will be at the Cornerstone Restaurant, Meeder said.

Meeder said the week-long festival, during which the mural will be created, involves many organizations. "Village coordination of the week-long festival with speakers and demonstrators, organized through the Paint CHQ Initiative, will be held in cooperation with the Sherman Chamber of Commerce and in conjunction with the annual music festival," she said.

Meeder reminded those present that the Sherman Music Festival will be on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 2 to 11 p.m., and the village is trying to determine if it will be necessary to hire day labor specific to the event. "Village staff will be asked to work through event days, assisting with parking, restroom management, trash pick-up and a host of logistical functions," she said.

Because the petition to close a short section of state Route 76 during the festival was denied, the village is



Emily Ding and Justin Suarez will be part of the CHQ Mural Festival in Sherman.

reapplying to close the east side shoulder and sidewalk, Meeder said. Paint CHQ is providing a boom lift and the artists will begin preliminary work at the end of August, she added.

During the Municipal Zoning Board portion of the meeting, a motion was passed to accept the proposed construction of a dry detention pond, northwest of the Nature Center. The detention pond, which is part of the Stage 2 Stormwater Project, will be located partially within the mapped out 100-year floodplain, Meeder said. The purpose of the detention pond is to slow the flow of stormwater, thereby lessening the impact on residences, she said.

During the regular meeting, Meeder updated trustees



on other aspects of the stormwater project. The west side of upper Franklin Street is receiving sidewalk and curbing, she said. Also, the village is working with Legend Excavating to resolve engineering challenges regarding the work on Church Street, she added.

Meeder also expressed hope that the parking lot off Franklin Street will be completed by the start of the Paint CHQ Festival.

Having received several inquiries about the Rosie Billquist Trailhead, Meeder said the village is working with the Hinman family on constructing gates to restrict motorized vehicles, while permitting hikers, bicyclists and equestrians to use the trail.

In other business, trustees approved a motion to authorize the distribution of tree removal agreements for the year 2025. The agreement states that, while trees along streets are the responsibility of the property owners, the village plans to contract with a tree removal company in order to negotiate a good price for this service.

Meeder said the village streets department will remove and clean up the right of way tree debris at no cost to the property owner. Furthermore, the village will contract with a stump removal company, which will grind the stumps at the request of the property owner.

Trustees were reminded that a special meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was to be Aug. 28. "The meeting is to approve the stormwater project and other timely items," Meeder said.