



**State of the Village
Address
September 30, 2026**



*** Boards organized
under NY State Law**

Village of Sherman

- ❖ **Board of Trustees ***
 - Fiscal "Trustees"
- ❖ **Planning Board ***
 - Vision, comprehensive perspective
- ❖ **Steering Committee**
 - Project prioritization or selection
 - Detail local law review
- ❖ **Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) ***
 - Balance the needs of an individual with the needs of the community.



Commonly asked questions

- ❖ The Village employs 5 full-time people, less than 7 full-time equivalents (the hours over all depts)
- ❖ Two licensed operators are required
 - Water - NYS DOH
 - Sewer - NYS DEC
- ❖ 3A Wastewater Treatment Plant



Essential Public Services

- ❖ **Water**
- ❖ **Sewer**
- ❖ **Streets**
 - basic maintenance & 'plowing'
- ❖ **Fire Protection**
- ❖ **Crossing Guard**



Other Public Services

- ❖ **Stormwater**
 - maintenance & improvements
- ❖ **Sidewalk**
 - basic maintenance
- ❖ **Streetlights**
- ❖ **Code Enforcement**
 - Building Code



Non-essential Public Services

- ❖ **Streets**
 - 'moving snow', areas aside from streets
 - mowing & trimming public spaces
- ❖ **Sidewalk plowing**
- ❖ **Refuse & Recyclable Pick up**
 - sanitation, trash, business cardboard
- ❖ **Leaf Collection**
- ❖ **Spring Big Trash**

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Non-essential Public Services

- ❖ **Recreation, Celebration, & Events**
 - incl. Main St lights, American Flags, Sherman Days, Tractor Parade, Music Festival, Memorial Day Ceremony, etc.
- ❖ **Parks & Trails**
 - development & maintenance
 - **Edmunds Park**
 - **Sheldon Park**
 - **Dog Park**
 - **Nature Center**
 - **Rosie Billquist Trail**

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Non-essential Public Services

- ❖ **Historic Preservation**
 - incl. Yorker Museum, Village Commons
- ❖ **Trees & Beautification**
- ❖ **Zoning Enforcement, local code**
 - and property maintenance laws
 - coordination w/ local law enforcement and NYS DEC, NYS DOH, Animal Control, and the CC Landbank

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Non-essential Public Services

- ❖ **Comprehensive Planning**
 - feasibility studies and analysis
 - safe & complete streets initiatives
- ❖ **Community Development**
 - housing rehabilitation grants
 - Food Pantry support
- ❖ **Economic Development**
 - downtown revitalization initiatives
 - business development grants

Etc.



Professional Coordination

- ❖ **(3) Attorneys (local, bond, special counsel)**
- ❖ **Fiscal Advisors**
- ❖ **Accounting Firm / CPA / Auditor**
- ❖ **(2) Engineering Firms**
- ❖ **Community Planners & Historical Advisors**
- ❖ **Multiple Associations incl. NYCOM, NYRWA and others**



❖ **NYS Dept of Transportation**

❖ **Chaut Co Public Facilities**

Agency Coordination

❖ **NYS Dept of Conservation (NYS DEC)**

❖ **Chaut Co Dept of Health (NYS DOH)**

❖ **Chautauqua County Agencies**

- **CREDC/CCPEG/CCIDA**
- **CC Landbank**
- **CCSWCD**
- **CC Sheriff's Dept***

❖ **Federal Agencies**

- **USDA RD, US Army Corp, Fish & Wildlife**
- **Seneca Nation, and others**



Financial Information

- ❖ **\$15M Infrastructure Projects Completed**
- ❖ **\$9.3M Grants Awarded**
- ❖ **Debt Financed**
 - ❖ **WWTP \$2,574,000 2.125% 35yr**
 - ❖ **Water \$ 857,434 0% 30yr**
 - ❖ **StrmW \$1,488,540 1.25% 35yr**



Financial Information

- ❖ **Total Annual Village Operating Budget**
\$1,280,000
 - **General** **\$653,000**
 - **Water** **\$230,000**
 - **Sewer** **\$397,000**

- ❖ **Mayor's Annual Salary** **\$6,000**

- ❖ **Trustees' (4) Total Annual Cost** **\$5,200**

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Financial Information

❖ 2026-27 Tax Warrant **\$272,000**

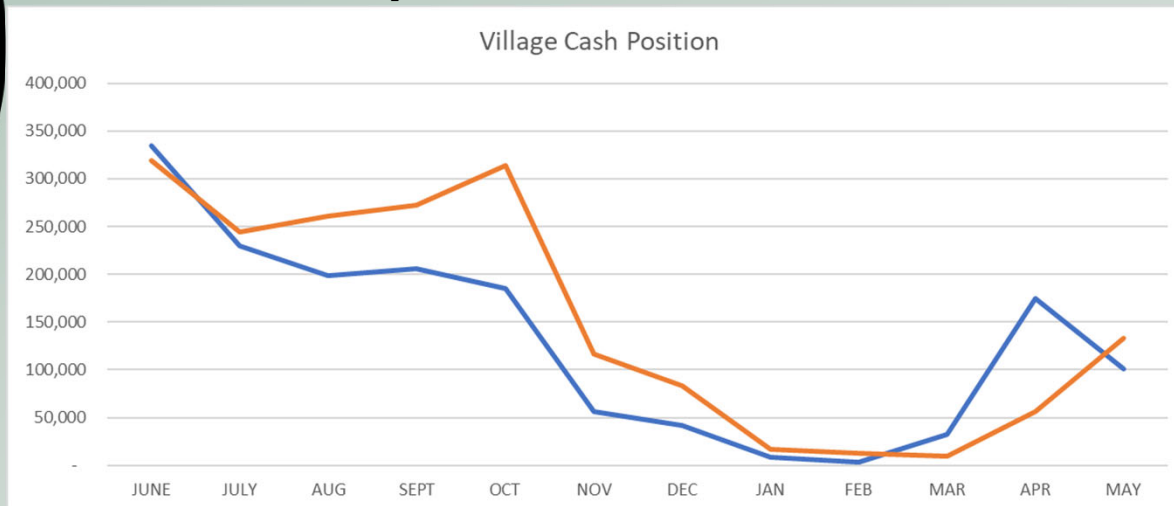
For years 2007-2020, the US Inflation Rate averaged 1.85% per year, jumping to 7% in 2021. The average inflation rate was 4.5% from 2021 through 11/2025. Using the **Village of Sherman June 2010 Tax Levy of \$178,987** and reflecting the US Inflationary Rate through 11/2025 and estimating the same 2.7% for 2026, the tax levy value (value of the dollar compared to 2010) **the same levy calculates to \$272,198 in 2026**. Noting the Village 2026-27 Tax Levy is \$272,000, (merely keeping up with the value of the dollar).

3/11/2026 Minutes



Financial Information

❖ Fiscal Cycle



5/2016 = \$175,380

Cash at Fiscal Year End

5/2026 = \$134,220

QUESTIONS ON THE VILLAGE PRESENTATION?



- 1.) Firefighters**
 - 2.) Village Residents**
 - 3.) Other Stakeholders**
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Community Solar Arrays

- ❖ **1st Array connected December 2023**
- ❖ **2nd Array connected March 2025**
- ❖ **NO Battery Storage**
 - **NO 'Leakage'**
 - **NO Noise**
- ❖ **Total Village Annual Income \$55,000**
For the purpose of debt service.
 - **Land Lease**
 - **Host Community Agreement**
 - **P.I.L.O.T. – Payment in Lieu of Tax**



Water & Sewer Bills

- ❖ TWO VERY DIFFERENT SERVICES
 - ❖ NEVER SHALL THE TWO COMBINE
 - ❖ INVOICED TOGETHER ON ONE BILL
 - ❖ EVERY OTHER MONTH
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- ❖ ESSENTIALLY 4 UTILITY BILLS IN ONE