

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF SHERMAN,

July 6, 2023

A regular meeting of the Town of Sherman Board was held on Thursday, July 06, 2023 at the Town Highway Building, 111A Mill St, Town of Sherman, Chautauqua County, New York at 7:00 PM.

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

Absent: Ben Nickerson - Council Member

Guests: Minerva Library Board Members – Elizabeth Meeder, Cindy Sears, Carol Chase, Darlene Barney and Beth Armes, Town Resident – Greg Rater, County Legislator – Mary Proctor.

Supervisor Persons called the meeting to order at 7:00 and led the Pledge to the flag.

Minerva Library:

Library Board Member Elizabeth Meeder presented the Town Board with the June 2023 Financial Update and Sustainable Funding Analysis regarding the Minerva Library. After discussion / questions Elizabeth Meeder asked if the Town of Sherman could support the Library with \$85,000 per year. The Library Board feels that is the sustainable amount the library needs to continue operating. Supervisor Persons and the Town all agreed that figure was not a possibility for The Town of Sherman budget. Further discussion was held with the Library and their options of either having a 414 Vote in the fall or a 259 Vote in the Spring. After no further discussion Supervisor Persons thanked them for attending the meeting and advised them that the Town Board would further discuss the matter and give them the Town Boards final determination.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION #36

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

RESOLUTION #37

ABSTRACTS/CLAIMS

Councilman James Higginbotham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Howard Crump to approve payment of General Claims #93 through #112 in the amount of \$5,127.26. Highway Claims #57 through #71 in the amount of \$29,026.19, Youth Claims #3 through #6 in the amount of \$3,536.55 and that the Town of Sherman Youth Account to pay \$1508.00 of the Jamestown Cycle Shop invoice (voucher #6).

MOTION CARRIED.

JUDGE’S REPORT – NO REPORT

Judge Coopers May report shows fines of \$ Civil fees of \$ and surcharges of \$ for a total of \$

CLERK/REGISTRAR’S REPORT

- Clerk Tamera Weise presented the following year end report from Heather Ramsey – Youth Baseball Director:

2023 Youth Baseball Report

This year’s Sherman baseball league was a success!

There was a total of 7 teams after adding one additional little league team with a total of 87 players.

This year with the help of our 14 sponsors we were able to buy better shirts for the teams, pee wee hats, socks two sets of caters equipment, T-ball stands, baseball bats, and several other needed equipment items.

We also added team pictures this year and had an end of year celebration with hotdogs, chips, and ice cream sundaes. The players also enjoyed playing a game of kickball at the end of the year party.

The Sherman Little League **Gold Team** won this year’s championship game.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be the little league director.

Sincerely,
Heather Ramsey

- Clerk Weise presented the 2024 Youth Recreation Program Budget to the Sherman Town Board along with the Youth / Baseball account balances as of 7/6/2023.
After questions/discussion it was decided to add \$356.00 for Fringe Benefits (Soc. Security / Medicare) and \$2,000 for Consumable Supplies to the 2024 Youth Budget bringing the total Budgeted Expenditures for 2024 to \$3, 956.00.

RESOLUTION #38

Supervisor Mark Persons made the motion, seconded by Councilman Brant Henning to adopt the 2024 Youth Recreation Program Budget with the addition of \$356.00 for Fringe Benefits (Soc. Sec./Medicare) and \$2,000 for Consumable Supplies bring the total 2024 Budgeted Expenditures to \$3,956.00. MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Mark Persons – Aye
Councilman James Higginbotham – Aye

Councilman Howard Crump - Aye
Councilman Brant Henning - Aye

2024 YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM BUDGET

TOWN OF SHERMAN

Saturday Morning Basketball	Director's Salary	\$ 500.00
Tee-ball, Pee-wee, & Little League	Directors' Salary (2)	\$ 800.00
Liability & Medical Insurance		\$ 356.00
Fringe Benefits (Soc. Sec. / Medicare)		\$ 300.00
Consumable Supplies		\$ 2,000.00
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TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES		\$ 3,956.00

REVENUE BUDGET

Town Of Sherman	\$2,000.00
Village of Sherman	\$2,000.00
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— TOTAL REVENUE 2024	\$ 4,000.00

7/6/2023 Youth Checking Account Balance	\$ 287.80
<u>7/6/2023 Youth Savings Account Balance</u>	<u>\$3,374.47</u>
	\$3662.27

7/6/2023 Youth Baseball Program	\$2,023.02
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ASSESSOR'S REPORT – June 2023

- There were 5 deeds filed at the County Clerk's Office for the month of April
- Grievance Day with the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) was held on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 in the Assessor's Office. There were 7 scheduled hearings (1 no-show), 2 walk-in hearings, and no mail-in reviews for a total of 6 properties for the BAR to review.
- Determination notices of the BAR were mailed to petitioners on Friday, June 2, 2023
- The 2023 CAP-wide reassessment project is now complete.
- The 2023 Final Assessment Roll will be filed with the Chautauqua County Real Property Tax Office and NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services by July 1, 2023
- The 2023 Final Assessment Roll will be posted on the municipal website and the cap4 website within 10 days of the July 1 filing.
- I will be away from the office from June 26, 2023 – July 5, 2023
- Thank you all for your continued support!

ASSESSOR'S REPORT – July 2023

- May deeds have not been received from the Chautauqua County Clerks Office as of July 2, 2023
- On June 15, 2023, NYS established a Final Equalization Rate for C.A.P. #4 at 100% for the 2023 Assessment Roll. An email to the Town Supervisor and I was received on that date. I ask that the Town Board approve the allotted incentive for creating a 100% equalization rate assessment roll.
- The 2023 Final Assessment Roll was filed with Chautauqua County Real Property Tax Office on June 21, 2023
- The 2023 Assessor's Report was sent to the NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services on July 5, 2023
- Final Special Franchise values have been received from the state for verification. They coincided with the 2023 Tentative values that were issued in February and no corrections were necessary.
- Requests for information : NONE
- Thank you all for your continued support!

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dennis Sweatman

- Highway Superintendent Dennis Sweatman brought to the boards attention that the County did away with the H.H. Rauh asphalt bid. Dennis made the recommendation to accept the Town of Busti asphalt bid and the Town of Sherman piggy back off of that bid.

RESOLUTION #39

Supervisor Mark Persons made the motion, seconded by Councilman James Higginbotham to accept the Town of Busti asphalt bid and the Town of Sherman piggy back off of that bid.

MOTION CARRIED

SUPERVISOR REPORT-Mark Persons

- Supervisor Persons received the following resignation from CEO Greg Osman on 6/21/2023:

Mark, I am writing you this text message to let you know that I have decided to retire.

I am still waiting for some more tests from my current heart attack but now have contracted shingles and I really don't think that I can or will want to go on doing codes any longer.

I will work with you until you can find somebody who will take my place. If Mike Gleason is interested I think he would probably do a good job.

Greg Osman

- Supervisor Mark Person was contacted by Dennis Sweatman with interest in taking over as The Town of Sherman CEO.
Mike Gleason said that he would be willing to work with Dennis to become licensed and work alongside of him until he has finished all of the necessary certification.

RESOLUTION #40

Supervisor Mark Persons made the motion, seconded by Councilman James Higginbotham to immediately appoint Dennis Sweatman as the Town of Sherman CEO with a monthly salary of \$441.67 and for Mike Gleason to continue as a mentor/CEO at his current hourly rate of \$30.00 plus mileage until Dennis has all of the necessary certification.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Mark Persons – Aye

Councilman Howard Crump - Aye

Councilman James Higginbotham – Aye

Councilman Brant Henning - Aye

- Assessor Heather Young-Deyell reached the 100% Equalization for 2023 and will be paid her bonus for that in July.
- Supervisor Persons presented the following:

Town of Sherman Bicentennial Proclamation August 5, 2023

Whereas, the Town of Sherman, comprised of 36 square miles in Chautauqua County, New York, and formally declared a TOWN on April 7, 1832 by the New York State legislature and incorporated in 1924, and

Whereas, in early 1823, Sherman's first settler, Dearing Dorman, located and established a residence on Lot #32, and later that year on November 28, 1823, his son, Archibald Dearing became the first child born in Sherman, and

Whereas, the Town of Sherman held its first meeting on the first Tuesday of March in 1833 to elect a Town Supervisor and Town Clerk, providing the first official local government structure, and

Whereas, rapid growth occurred in the late 1820s and throughout the 1830s establishing Sherman as a prosperous and vibrant community with a variety of businesses and agricultural interest, and

Whereas, after 200 years since the arrival of our first settler, Sherman continues to reflect the determination and fortitude of our forefathers by continuing to perpetuate the values and resolve demonstrated so well by them, providing a secure and satisfying place to work, live, and succeed in all aspects of life, and

Therefore, by resolution of the Town Board of Sherman, I do hereby proclaim August 5, 2023 as a day of celebration in honor of all those who have gone before us and to join together in continuing a strong legacy of faith, family, and prosperity in this community as we endeavor to push forward into the next 100 years for Sherman.

RESOLUTION #40

Councilman James Higginbotham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Brant Henning for the adoption of the Aug 5, 2023 Town of Sherman Bicentennial Proclamation.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Mark Persons – Aye
Councilman James Higginbotham – Aye

Councilman Howard Crump - Aye
Councilman Brant Henning – Aye

- All four Town of Sherman Bicentennial signs have been placed at the four main roads entering into the Town of Sherman.
- Supervisor Persons opened up further discussion/questions concerning the Town of Sherman’s support for the Minerva Library. After no further discussion;

RESOLUTION #40

Councilman Brant Henning made the motion, seconded by Councilman James Higginbotham that the Sherman Town Board offer \$55,000 per year beginning Jan. 1, 2024 to support the Minerva Library.

MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Mark Persons – Aye
Councilman James Higginbotham – Aye

Councilman Howard Crump - Aye
Councilman Brant Henning - Aye

Councilman James Higginbotham made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamera M Weise
Sherman Town Clerk