

YEAR-END BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF SHERMAN,

December 27, 2023

The year-end meeting of the Town of Sherman Board was held on Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at the Town Office Building, 111A Mill St, Town of Sherman, Chautauqua County, New York at 10:00 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 10:00 a.m. and led the Pledge to the flag.

RESOLUTION #61

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLUTION #62

Councilman James Higginbotham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Brant Henning to make the following transfers to the Highway portion of the 2023 budget: MOTION CARRIED

HIGHWAY TRANSFERS:

- \$2396.21 from DA5140.1 Misc. Brush/Weeds-PS to DA9060.8 Employee Ben-Hospital/Medical
- \$316.09 from DA5140.4 Misc. Brush/Weeds Contractual to DA9060.8 Employee Ben-Hospital/Medical
- \$1591.47 DA5142.1 Snow Removal-Pers Serv to DA9060.8 Employee Ben-Hospital/Medical
- \$1953.03 DA5142.4 Snow Removal –Contractual to DA9060.8 Employee Ben-Hospital/Medical
- \$1269.30 DA9060.8 Medical Ins.-Opt out to DA9060.8 Employee Ben-Hospital/Medical

RESOLUTION #63

Councilman James Higginbotham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Brant Henning to make the following amendment to the Highway portion of the 2023 Budget. To increase DA9060.8 Medical Insurance by \$1654.03, increase DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual by \$15,206.42, increase DA5130.1 Machinery Pers Svc by \$133.41, and increase DA9030.8 Emp Ben-Social Securing by \$929.64 for a total increase of \$17,923.50 MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Mark Persons – AYE
Councilman James Higginbotham – AYE
Councilman Howard Crump - AYE

Councilman Ben Nickerson – AYE
Councilman Brant Henning - AYE

RESOLUTION #64

Councilman Howard Crump made the motion, seconded by Councilman Ben Nickerson to make the following transfers to the General and General Townwide portion of the 2023 budget:

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Mark Persons – AYE
Councilman James Higginbotham – AYE
Councilman Howard Crump - AYE

Councilman Ben Nickerson – AYE
Councilman Brant Henning - AYE

GENERAL TRANSFERS:

- \$200 from A3120.4 Police & Constable to A1220.4 Supervisor Contractual
- \$395.07 from A1990.4 Contingency to A1220.4 Supervisor Contractual
- \$109.34 from A1355.4 Assessor Contractual to A1410.2 Town Clerk Equipment
- \$317.27 from A1990.4 Contingency to A1410.02 Town Clerk Equipment
- 300.00 from A1680.4 Central Data Contractual to A1410.11 Deputy Twn Clerks PS
- 227.60 from A 1990.4 Contingency to A1410.11 Deputy Twn Clerk PS
- \$289.53 from A8810.4 Cemetery Expenses to A1410.11 Deputy Twn Clerk PS
- \$1.62 from A 3510.1 Dog Control P.S to A1410.11 Deputy Town Clerk
- \$398.53 from A1990.4 Contingency to A1410.02 Town Clerk Contractual
- \$12.00 from A1110.4 Justice Contractual to A1420.1 attorney Personnel
- \$1026.00 from A8810.2 Cemetery Equip to A1420.4 Attorney Contractual
- \$143.39 from A7510.4 Historian Exp to A1910.1 Unallocated Insurance
- \$90.00 from A6410.4 Publicity to A5010.4 Hwy Supt Expense
- \$156.61 from A7510.4 Historian Exp to A7110.4 Parks
- \$2.20 from A1110.4 Justice Contractual to A7110.4 Parks
- \$193.39 from A8810.1 Cemetery PS to A7710.4 Parks
- \$4614.45 from A9010.8 NYS Retirement to A5132.4 Garage
- \$1140.99 from A8810.2 Cemetery Equip to A5132.4 Garage
- \$777.32 from A9030.8 Soc/Medicare to A5132.4 Garage
- \$100.00 from A1920.2 Municipal Dues to A5132.4 Garage
- 41.85 from A1110.4 Justice Contractual to A5132.4 Garage
- \$6.05 from A6410.4 Publicity to A5132.4 Garage
- \$154.41 from A8810.1 Cemetery PS to A5132.4 Garage
- \$143.18 from A5310.1 Dog Control PS to A5132.4 Garage
- \$1362.03 from Dog Surplus (2022 AUD) to A3510.4 Dog Control Contractual
- \$150.17 from B1990.4 Contingent to B3620.04 Safety Inspection

- Supervisor Mark Persons – AYE
- Councilman James Higginbotham – AYE
- Councilman Howard Crump - AYE
- Councilman Ben Nickerson – AYE
- Councilman Brant Henning - AYE

RESOLUTIONS #65

Councilman James Higginbotham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Ben Nickerson to make the following amendment to the General Fund portion of the 2023 Budget. To increase A5131.4 Garage by \$205.47 for a total increase of \$22,205.47

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Mark Persons – AYE
Councilman James Higginbotham – AYE
Councilman Howard Crump - AYE

Councilman Ben Nickerson – AYE
Councilman Brant Henning - AYE

RESOLUTION #66

ABSTRACTS/CLAIMS

Councilman James Higginbotham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Brant Henning to approve payment of General Claims #188 through #197 in the amount of \$3,297.93, Highway Claims #132 through #135 in the amount of \$28,552.61

MOTION CARRIED

CLERK/REGISTRAR'S REPORT

- Clerk Weise updated the Board that the 2024. Tax Collection is to begin Monday, Jan. 8th.

2023 Town of Sherman Historian Report- Submitted by Annette Swan, Town Historian

The year was a busy year for me, because it was the town's Bicentennial year. I attended the monthly Sherman Day committee meetings. I was able to share my ideas and help with the Sherman history facts. I was very happy with how the celebration all came together. All of the people involved did a great job.

I was especially pleased with the activities at the Yorker Museum. We had a great turnout of visitor and even some former "Yorkers".

I received a few inquirers during the year for genealogy information.

I was given a few old photos of Sherman, which I have added to the other materials I have.

I have also been keeping the obituary scrapbook up to date,

Respectively Submitted,
Annette Swan – Town Historian

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT- Dennis Sweatman

NO REPORT

SUPERVISOR

- Supervisor Mark Persons gave the Board members a copy of A local Law Requiring Notification of Highway Defects that he received from Attorney Joel Seacrist. He asked the Board members to read it over and bring back their thoughts to the January meeting.
- Discussion was had on 2024 Insurance rate increases to the employees. Supervisor Persons felt the Town should increase their contribution rate for 2024 and then in Aug of 2024 look into a different avenue on employee health insurance.

RESOLUTION #67

Councilman Brant Henning made the motion, seconded by Councilman James Higginbotham for the following rates for the Towns contribution for the 2024 health insurance to be \$11,000 annually for a family policy, \$9,000 for an employee + child, \$10,500 for and employee +spouse and \$6,500 annually for a single policy. The amount will be divided equally over the employees' scheduled pay periods.

- Discussion was held on the 2024 hourly rates.

RESOLUTION #68

Councilman Brant Henning made the motion, seconded by Councilman James Higginbotham for the following 2024 hourly pay rates: Dog Control Officer \$16.20, Deputy Town Clerk \$16.10 Cemetery Saxton \$16.70, Cemetery Summer Help \$15.00, Highway Employees: Michael Courtney, Michael Zemcik, and Ryan Robson \$1.00 per hour raise. The Court Clerk and Town Assessor' salary's will increase by 3%

MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamera M Weise
Sherman Town Clerk