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The Sherman Nature Center is one of the areas where a stormwater basin will be constructed.

## Sherman stormwater project has approval

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At the meeting in February, Village of Sherman trustees approved an amendment to the Stormwater Engineering Agreement with the firm Barton & Loguidice to cover the full scope of the proposed Main Street Stormwater Infrastructure Project.

The amendment adds the construction resident inspection and all other engineering phases through post construction on Main Street. The amended engineering agreement now includes the final design of the upper retention

basins, which incorporates the Nature Center Retrofit Project.

Village Mayor Colleen Meeder told trustees that the original engineering contract had a budget of \$125,000. This amendment increases that amount to \$250,000, which covers the "full engineering and inspection of the Main Street Stormwater Project through post construction," she said.

The amendment also includes an additional \$150,000 for engineering costs through the final design of the upper basins.

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The total engineering agreement totals \$400,000 after these increases, she added.

Trustees also authorized Village Clerk Treasurer Jeanette Ramm to advertise to bid for the Main Street Stormwater Improvement Project. The bids were tentatively scheduled to be advertised on Feb. 23, and to be received and opened on March 20 at 2 pm.

In a related matter, trustees approved a motion to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, April 2 at 6:45 am for the purposes of accepting the results of the

Main Street stormwater construction bids and convening a special meeting of the Financial Committee on the 2024-25 budget.

In other business, Meeder told board members that both of the solar arrays are completely built. The first array is ready to be interconnected to the electric grid. The second array has "further engineering and infrastructure installation on the side of National Grid prior to going online with the grid," she said.

"There are numerous poles and right-of-way documents . . . more paperwork

than actual infrastructure issues."

Meeder noted the village has not yet negotiated the discounts for the village, businesses or residents. "You can have any electric supplier, just so they are included on the National Grid bill," she said. "As it was explained to me earlier, the discount is over the whole National Grid electric bill, so you want your supplier billing you through National Grid."

Meeder went on to say that there are regulatory requirements the village must follow. For instance, at least 60% of the discount must go to residential use, she said. "We are hoping for a mix of a high level of commercial discount for the village's municipal electric utilities that benefits all the customers and tax payers of the village," she said. "Typically, we are told discounts are between 5 and 10%. We are obviously hoping for 10%."

Meeder stressed residents and businesses alike must sign up to receive discounts. "Everyone — meaning everyone — must sign up for the discount. It is not automatic," she said. "Residents and business owners will have to sign up to participate. When the time comes, there will be information distributed to everyone."

In another matter, trustees approved the village's

application to the Preservation League of New York State for a Preserve NY Technical Assistance Grant. This grant will be used to nominate the Yorker Museum to the National Register of Historic Places, as well as to employ Clinton Brown Co. Architects to apply for the grant, Meeder said.

Meeder also noted the village is still waiting for the state DEC reimbursement for the EV charging stations. "The \$215,000 bond payment is due on the first of March," she said. "Without immediate reimbursement from NYS, we'll need to prepare to renew the \$200,000 bond."

In a final note, Meeder reminded everyone present that the Edmunds Park playground installation is scheduled for April. Work is also expected to be completed on the donated park restrooms at that time, she said. Additionally, a Home Repair and Energy Fair is scheduled for April 18 from 10 am to 2 pm, in the Minerva Library. Representatives from CHRIC, CCE for NYSERDA and USDA Rural Development will be present, she said. The event is designed for homeowners, future homeowners, landlords, renters, small businesses and low to moderate income residents, she added.

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