

YEAR-END BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF SHERMAN,

December 30, 2021

The year-end meeting of the Town of Sherman Board was held on Thursday, December 30, 2021 at the Town Office Building, 111A Mill St, Town of Sherman, Chautauqua County, New York at 9:30 AM.

Present:	Mark D. Persons	Supervisor
	James L. Higginbotham	Council Member
	Howard E. Crump	Council Member
	Bessie V. Endress	Council Member
	Ben Nickerson	Council Member
	Tamera M Weise	Town Clerk
	Dennis Sweatman	Highway Superintendent

Absent:

Supervisor Persons called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and led the Pledge to the flag.

RESOLUTION #71

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Bessie Endress made the motion, seconded by Councilman Howard Crump to approve the minutes from the last board meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #72

Councilman James Higginbotham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Ben Nickerson to make the following transfers and amendment to the 2021 budget:

MOTION CARRIED

GENERAL TRANSFERS:

- From A1110.1 Justice Personal Service to A1110.11 Court Clerk Personal Service \$1,692.46.
- From A1110.1 Justice Personal Service to A1110.4 Justice Contractual \$1,590.83
- From A1990.4 Contingency to A1110.4 Justice Contractual \$73.48
- From A1990.4 Contingency to A1220.4 Supervisor Contractual \$114.83
- From A1355.1 Assessor Personal to A1355.4 Assessor Contractual \$94.05
- From A1990.4 Contingency to A1920.2 Municipal Dues \$99.00
- From A3510.1 Dog Control Personal Service to A3510.4 Dog Control Contractual \$90.34
- From A1990.4 Contingency to A7510.4 Historian Expenses \$47.35
- From A1990.4 Contingency to A8810.1 Cemetery Personal Service \$195.00
- From A1990.4 Contingency to A8810.2 Cemetery Equipment \$414.41
- From A1990.4 Contingency to A8810.4 Cemetery Expense \$252.68

RESOLUTION #73

ABSTRACTS/CLAIMS

Councilman Howard Crump made the motion, seconded by Councilman James Higginbotham to approve payment of General Claims #182 through #198 in the amount of \$4,236.20, Highway Claims #151 through #163 in the amount of \$6619.81. MOTION CARRIED

JUDGES REPORT

Judge Penfold's Dec. report, fines \$1545.00, civil fees \$70.00, and surcharge of \$607.00 for a total of \$2,222.00

CLERK/REGISTRAR'S REPORT

- Clerk Weise received a letter from Tim Sears-Sherman Babe Ruth Coordinator along with a check for \$63.21 stating that due to a number of circumstances (COVID, lack of participation, and lack of league organization) there hasn't been a Babe Ruth league since the summer of 2019. And at this time the participation was extremely low from the Sherman community. There as a balance of \$63.21 in the bank account and rather than continue to maintain the bank account and pay fees for an account, he thought it was best to issue the funds back to the Town of Sherman and close the account. Clerk Weise reported that she deposited the check into Youth Checking account.
- Clerk Weise updated the Board that the 2021 Tax Bills from the County have been received and ready to be mailed today 1/30/2021. Tax Collection is to begin Thurs. Jan. 6th.

The Fund Balance as of 12/30/2021 was presented to the Board as follows:

Justice Holding	\$0.00
Highway	\$97,663.70
General	\$71,841.14
Youth Checking	\$ 252.63
Youth Savings	\$ 4,873.41

2021 Town of Sherman Historian Report- Submitted by Annette Swan, Town Historian

I took over for Donna Lee Higginbotham on January 1, 2021. She has turned over to me the materials and notes she accumulated during her term.

I have had a few requests for genealogy information. Most of it has been for very early records. I am using the online resources of old Sherman Chautauqua Newspapers on Fultonhistory.com. They go back as far 1889. I was able to find an obituary for one of the request.

I am in the process of going through the photos, movies and slides given to the town form the estate of Verna Gabriel. I have gotten a 5 movie reels digitized and will go through the rest of them in 2022. Several of them contain videos of scenes around Sherman. I plan on starting a viewing page on YOUTUBE that will allow the public to view them, also.

Respectively Submitted,
Annette Swan – Town Historian

ASSESSOR'S REPORT – NO REPORT

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT- Dennis Sweatman

- Highway Superintendent Dennis Sweatman reported that the Town of Sherman DID NOT receive the Bridge NY project that the town applied for on the Freeman Rd.
- The dry storage building has been demolished. Dennis will be reaching out for bids to put up the new building.

SUPERVISOR

- Discussion was held on the 2022 hourly pay rates. Highway Superintendent brought to the Boards attention his concern that beginning next year that the cost to obtain a CDL License will be \$8000 to \$12000 with a 45 minute pre-trip test. He is concerned about what this is going to do with future employees for the municipalities.

RESOLUTION #74

Councilman Howard Crump made the motion, seconded by Councilman Ben Nickerson for the following 2022 hourly pay rates and the Highway Department longevity rate: Dog Control Officer \$15.00, Cemetery Sexton \$15.50, Cemetery Summer Help \$13.20, Deputy Court Clerk \$18.00, Deputy Town Clerk \$15.50, Highway Employees: Michael Courtney & Michael Zemcik \$1.50 per hour raise. Ryan Robson will receive his \$1.50 hourly raise at his 6 month anniversary. Highway Dept. Longevity pay will be 20 cents per hour.

MOTION CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamera M Weise
Sherman Town Clerk