

REGULAR MEETING, PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET
TOWN OF SHERMAN
Nov. 2, 2023

A regular meeting of the Town of Sherman Board was held on Thursday Nov. 2, 2023 at the Town of Sherman Office Building, 111A Mill St, Sherman, NY, 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
	Ben Nickerson	Council Member
	Tamera M Weise	Town Clerk
	Dennis Sweatman	Highway Superintendent

Guests: Kelly Thornton – Dog Control Officer

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

Public Hearing regarding the 2024 Preliminary Budget:

RESOLUTION #52

Councilman Howard Crump made the motion, seconded by Councilman Brant Henning to open the Public Hearing on the 2024 Budget. As there was no one from the public in attendance Supervisor Mark Persons made the motions, seconded by Councilman James Higginbotham to close the Public Hearing.

MOTION CARRIED

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

Councilman Ben Nickerson – AYE
Councilman Brant Henning - AYE

Dog Control Officer Report

Dog Control Officer Kelly Thornton reported to the Town Board on a cruelty of animal case on Bement Rd in The Town of Sherman that she was called to by The Chautauqua County Sherriff Dept. per the Sheriff Deputy she retrieved 3 dogs, 2 cats and a calf. The calf passed away 3 days later but Kelly is required to keep the 3 dogs and 2 cats until after the court case.

At this time the cost for the seizure and housing of the animals is \$690.95. Supervisor Mark Persons will talk to the Towns attorney about being able to adopt out the animals.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION #53

Councilman Brant Henning made the motion, seconded by Councilman Ben Nickerson to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2023 Board meeting with the following correction;

RESOLUTION #51

Councilman Brant Henning made the motion, seconded by Councilman Howard Crump to adopt the Tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget with the change of the Highway Superintendents salary to the amount of \$59,000.00 and to set the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget for November 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Sherman Office Building.

MOTION CARRIED

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

Councilman Ben Nickerson – AYE
Councilman Brant Henning - AYE

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #54

ABSTRACTS/CLAIMS

Councilman James Higginbotham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Howard Crump to approve payment of General Claims #153 through #1165 in the amount of \$4,625.12. Highway Claims #111 through #1119 in the amount of \$21,405.85.

MOTION CARRIED.

CLERK/REGISTRAR’S REPORT – No Report

ASSESSOR’S REPORT – No Report

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – No Report

CEO Report

There were six inspections for the month of October

The following were issued Building Permits;

Jason Detweiler for a house- \$100,000

Verizon Wireless, Pelton Rd.

Nelson Lee for a house - \$100,000

Dan Mangione for a barn - \$30,000

Preliminary Hearing on 2024 Budget:

RESOLUTION #54

After no further discussion of the Preliminary Budget Councilman Ben Nickerson made the motion, seconded by Councilman Brant Henning to adopt the Preliminary Budget as the Final Budget.

MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Mark Persons – AYE
Councilman James Higginbotham – AYE
Councilman Brant Henning – AYE

Councilman Howard Crump – AYE
Councilman Ben Nickerson - AYE

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Mark Persons reported the following:

- Further discussion was held on the Cruelty of Animal case on the Bement Rd and if the Town of Sherman should be responsible for the cost. After no further discussion:

RESOLUTION #55

Councilman Howard Crump made the motion, seconded by Councilman James Higginbotham to pay the bills for the animal cruelty case on Bement Rd.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Mark Persons – AYE

Councilman James Higginbotham – AYE

Councilman Brant Henning – AYE

Councilman Howard Crump – AYE

Councilman Ben Nickerson - AYE

- Brenda Ireland from Edwards Insurance is working hard at getting the best deal for insurance. At this point there looks to be a 15% increase from last year.

Councilman James Higginbotham moved to adjourn the meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamera M Weise

Sherman Town Clerk