Dear Sherman residents and business owners,

There are a great number of exciting projects on the cusp of happening, which have been suspended due to the virus. This is all temporary, and we will be fully prepared to continue improvements to the Village and the greater community we serve.

The Steering Committee, Planning Board, Tree "Beautification" Committee, and other meetings involving the Trail extension, Main St and other community development initiatives will continue. Work and communication will be exchanged electronically, and inperson meetings will resume after the governor's executive order. Those serving on a committee or board should be mindful of emails over the next few weeks.

Though the residents and I believe there are many essential functions that need to continue, most are not critical to the health and safety of the community in this imminent crisis of the pandemic. Having said that I ask for your patience with our crews and operators as we all face delays in the coming weeks.

## **Village Office Hours**

Clerk Ramm is working remotely for the short-term, and will return calls.

Mayor Meeder is available most days. Please call ahead to ensure the office is open. The drop-box is available for your convenience.

## **Water & Sewer Penalty Fees**

The late penalty for water & sewer payments accepted after 3/20/2020 has been waived by the Mayor.

## Water & Sewer Re-levy

The April 1<sup>st</sup>, Water & Sewer balances set to re-levy will be given an extension to Wed. April 8<sup>th</sup>.

During an emergency, our primary focus is on the wellbeing of our residents and businesses. As to the concerns over the virus' impact on our residents and our responsibility as a Village to respond, the Village may engage in grocery and meal delivery if quarantines begin to affect our vulnerable population. I would ask that we all be thoughtful of the situation our businesses face and once restrictions are lifted, I hope to see patrons in our Sherman establishments. The grocery store will open pending the USDA inspection, currently State Department travel restrictions may cause a delay.

Jeanette Ramm continues to add links on the website <u>www.shermanny.org</u> for updates from the State, County, Town and Village. Please call the Village Office with any questions.

## Streets, Water, & Sewer Depts

The Village must have licensed operators available to maintain essential services. Currently, we are rotating one or two crew members out for a two-week period to ensure that when the virus sweeps through our area we have operators available.

This means that our regular operations will be reduced during this period, and the already lengthy lists of items, may be further delayed.

We appreciate your patience and have plans in place for a productive summer.

Sincerely,

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Mayor, Colleen Meeder 761-6781 Village of Sherman Tentative 2020-21 Budget highlights:

1% tax levy increase:

Individual tax bill effect on \$50,000 assessed property:

2019-20 tax rate 10.63 = \$531.50

2020-21 tax rate 10.75 = \$537.50

No changes to water rates, refuse bags, or permit fees.

Sewer Base Rate increase:

June 2020 +\$5/month June 2021 +\$4/month June 2022 +\$4/month

SPRING CLEAN UP TO BE ANNOUNCED FOR END OF APRIL Public Hearing of the Tentative 2020-21 Budget is scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at the Village Office.

Be prepared for updates to location or accommodations by visiting the website at

www.shermanny.org