

**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF SHERMAN,**

**Oct. 7, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Town of Sherman Board was held on Thursday Oct. 7, 2021 at the Town Office Building, 111A Mill St, Town of Sherman, Chautauqua County, New York at 7:00 PM.

Present:

James L. Higginbotham	Council Member/ Deputy Supervisor
Howard E. Crump	Council Member
Bessie V. Endress	Council Member
Ben Nickerson	Council Member
Tamera M Weise	Town Clerk
Dennis Sweatman	Highway Superintendent

Absent: Mark D. Persons – Supervisor

Guests: Greg Osman – CEO, Greg Rater, Gary Emory – Town Residents and Marty Proctor

Deputy Supervisor Higginbotham called the meeting to order at 7:00 and led the Pledge to the flag.

\*Greg Rater – Town Resident/ owner of Slab City Organics first thanked the board for their support and let them know that the DEC had recognized his business as a composting facility.

He also asked the board for their support in writing a letter to Senator George Borrelo and/or County Executive P.J Wendel to help find possible funding for Greg to put up a dry composting building on his property.

\*Greg Osman- CEO gave his monthly report as follows:

Number of inspections for September are 18  
Number of inspections this year are 128  
Number of Permits issued for September are 1  
Number of Permits for this year are 17  
Dollar Amount of Permits for September are \$40,000  
Dollar amount of Building this year are \$324,400  
Miles traveled for 133

**Permits issued to:**

Nelson Lee, 2022 Sherman-Clymer Rd for a barn.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION #55**

Councilwoman Bessie Endress made the motion, seconded by Councilman Howard Crump to approve the minutes from Sept. 2, 2021 board meeting and the Sept. 30, 2021 Budget Work Session Meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Deputy Supervisor James Higginbotham asked for motion to reimburse Clerk Weise \$816 which was an overpayment of her health insurance and no further deductions for the rest of the calendar year as it was discussed at the Sept. 2, 2021 Board meeting.

**RESOLUTION #56**

Councilwoman Bessie Endress made the motion, seconded by Councilman Ben Nickerson to reimburse Tamera Weise \$816 for the overpayment for her health 2021 health insurance and that there will be no further payroll deductions for the rest of the calendar year.

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #57**

**ABSTRACTS/CLAIMS**

Councilwoman Bessie Endress made the motion, seconded by Councilman Ben Nickerson to approve payment of General Claims #127 through #145 in the amount of \$5,035.33. Highway Claims #114 through #123 in the amount of \$5,944.19. MOTION CARRIED.

**JUDGE'S REPORT**

Judge Penfold's Sept. report shows fines of \$1,915.00 Civil fees of \$20.00 and surcharges of \$1,424.00 for a total of \$3,359.00.

**CLERK/REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

- Clerk Weise informed the board that the 2021 Sexual Harassment Training will be held on Thurs. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at the Sherman Fire hall meeting room. There will be three sessions each 1 hour in length at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. The Towns of French Creek and Clymer will also be participating in the training.
- The Dog Enumeration mailing went in the mail on Tues. Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> to all town/village residents.

**The Following Fund Balance was presented:**

Justice Holding	\$3,746.99
Highway	\$1,731.73
General	\$43,283.85
Youth Checking	\$ 189.42
Youth Savings	\$ 4,873.32

**CD's**

General	Highway	Highway
\$75,010	\$50,006.66	\$90,000
\$75,010	\$20,006.66	\$90,000
Mature 10/7/21	Mature 10/7/21	Mature 11/4/21

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT – No Report**

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Highway Superintendent Dennis Sweatman reported the following to the Board:

- The oldest mower is leaking rear end oil, Dennis is waiting for a price on repairs.

He did bring to the Boards attention that there are now mowers available with rear grass output. It might be worth looking into for the cemeteries.

- Safford Services and Kingsview have both stopped to look at the demolition of the dry storage building. They will both be sending their quotes.
- A new highway worker has been hired and will begin Oct. 12, 2021.
- As requested from the Work Session meeting Dennis is requesting to start the new highway employee at \$18.00 per hour and to up the other highway guys \$1.50 per hourly rate. These raises would be an addition \$8000 to personal service categories of the budget.

### **SUPERVISOR REPORT**

- A quote from Matt & Jarod Oehlbeck of \$700 was presented for the removal of three large tree stumps in the cemetery.

#### **RESOLUTION #58**

Councilman James Higginbotham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Howard Crump to hire Matt & Jarod Oehlbeck to remove the three large stumps in the Sherman Cemetery at a cost of \$700.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **2022 Budget**

James Higginbotham - Deputy Supervisor presented the Town Board with the Tentative 2022 Budget for the Town of Sherman as follows:

General	\$231,345
General Outside Village	\$ 14,900
Highway Town Wide	\$265,000
Highway Outside Village	\$251,190
Fire District	<u>\$ 42,969</u>
<b>TOTAL 2022 TENTATIVE</b>	<b>\$805,404</b>

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Discussion/questions were held on the Tentative Budget.

#### **RESOLUTION #59**

**Councilwoman Bessie Endress made the motion, seconded by Councilman Ben Nickerson to adopt the Tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget and to set the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget for November 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Sherman Office Building.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55 pm.  
Respectfully Submitted,

Tamera M Weise - Sherman Town Clerk