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## Water help available for some in Sherman

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**SHERMAN** — Sherman village residents who have a low income may be able to receive federal assistance with their water bills, Board of Trustee members learned at their regular meeting on December 8.

Village clerk Jeannette Ramm told board members that residents can apply for assistance to the federally funded Low Income Household Water Approval Project (LIHWAP) for water bill assistance. Eligibility for assistance is based on the same criteria as the Heat and Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), she said.

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Ramm said that assistance from the program is awarded on an individual basis and funds are committed as they are awarded.

"The earlier we get people to apply, the better," she said. "The more people that apply, the more people that will receive it."

The program further assists both residents and the village, because the bills are submitted directly to LIHWAP, Ramm said.

"The nice thing is that we would send the bills to them and they will pay us directly," she said. "The customer doesn't have to do it."

Sherman Mayor Colleen Meeder noted that the program could help the village recoup outstanding bills.

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"We did not relevel the water bills last year," she said. "It would be great if they (residents) could go backward with this and get caught up. Those bills are just sitting there to be re-levied in April 2022."

In other business, Meeder reviewed a video from Griffin Residuals, illustrating what the proposed drying facility in the village would look

like once it is completed. The facility would incorporate two 10 by 50 foot dryers to convert sludge to usable biosolids. The company would be responsible for providing the equipment as well as the building it is housed in, Meeder said.

"The village will probably not build the building," she said. "We don't want to tie up our debt

limit with this."

Meeder said the project would fund itself. If Griffin is able to obtain the permits, the facility could be in place sometime in 2022.

"We are just at the beginning stages of this" she said. "It's as fast or slow as the permitting process."

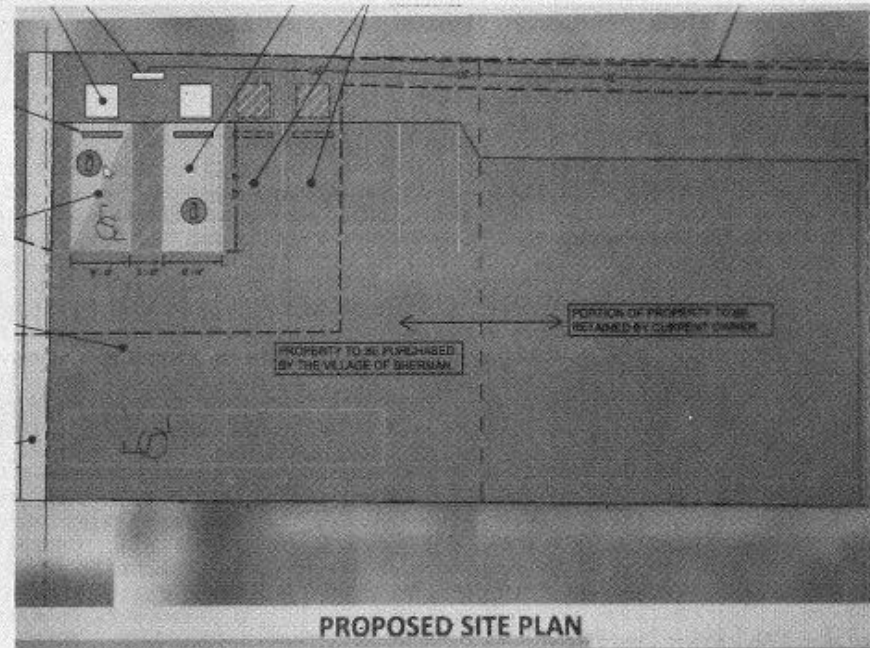
Meeder also updated board members on the progress of building two fast-charging electrical vehicle stations in the parking area just above Graham's Market. The village recently purchased a portion of the parking lot which will be re-landscaped and cleaned up, she said.

The stations will be fast-charging,

"We're talking minutes, not hours. That's why they are so expensive," Meeder said.

She noted that the slower-charging stations would be obsolete by the time they were installed.

Meeder said the village would be hearing about state Comptroller's Office approval of the procurement, then the village



Village of Sherman board members reviewed the site plan for two electrical vehicle charging stations to be built at 104 Church St. This photo shows a drawing of two 10 by 50 foot sludge dryers which may be constructed in the Village of Sherman.

plans for a short-term bond on the first of next month. The bond will be reimbursed by the state's rebate, she said.

Board members subsequently approved a reso-

lution to act as lead agency for the State Environmental Quality Review required for the project. Meeder explained that the interested agencies in the project are the Village

Planning Board, the DEC, the county planning and developing board and the state Historic Preservation Office.

In another matter, board members approved a motion to purchase a used snowblower attachment for the village's

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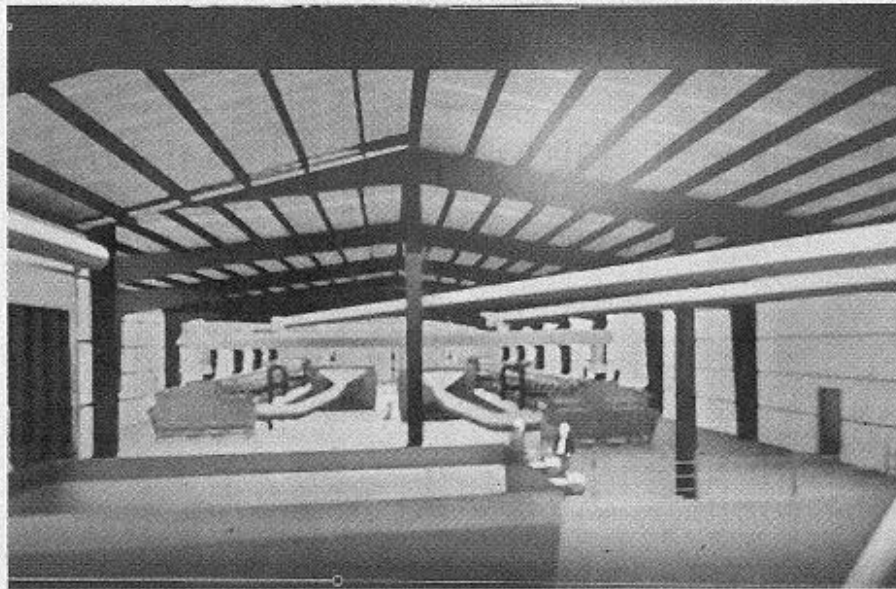
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a motion to purchase a used snowblower attachment for the village's trackless tractor, not to exceed \$5,000. Wastewater Treatment Plant Chief Operator Jay Irwin said the attachment would improve the village's ability to plow the sidewalks.

"It's just going to be able to clear the sidewalk a lot better as winter progresses," he said. He noted that a new attachment would cost \$14,000.

Meeder announced that two new businesses have opened this month on Main Street: The Cooler Bar & Grille and the Sweet Meadows Shoppe.

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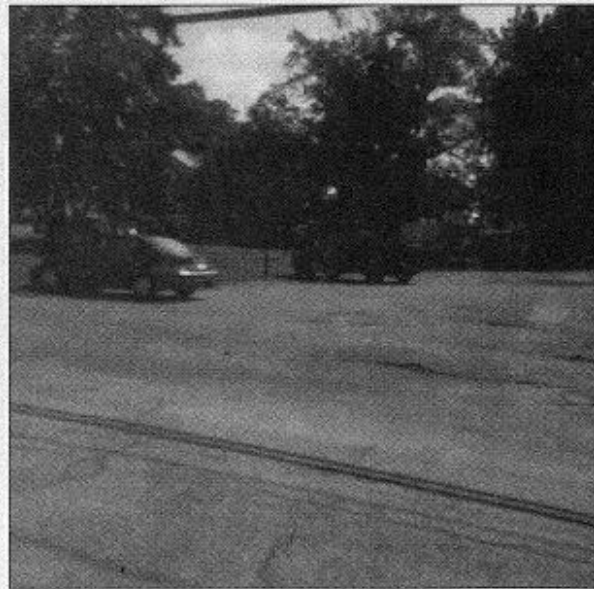
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