

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF SHERMAN

May 7, 2020

A regular meeting of the Town of Sherman Board was held on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at the Town Highway Building, 111A Mill St, Town of Sherman, 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
	Bessie V. Endress	Council Member
	Ben Nickerson	Council Member
	Dennis Sweatman	Highway Superintendent
	Tamera M Weise	Town Clerk

Absent:

Guests: Greg Osman – CEO, Greg Rater – Town Resident

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

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

Number of inspections for April 14

Number of inspections this year is 24

Number of Permits issued for April 8

Number of Permits for this year is 9

Dollar Amount of Permits for April \$180,800

Dollar amount of Building this year are \$195,800

Miles traveled for April 94

Permits issued to:

Richard Oldani, 2203 Clymer Sherman Rd for a porch

Mark Burkholder, 7383 Freeman Rd for a house.

Mark Burkholder 7383 Freeman Rd for a barn.

Walt Covert, 209 Park St for a roof

Gordon Pugh, 3261 Mt Pleasant Rd for a barn.

Jessie Griswold, 3353 Clymer Sherman Rd for a garage addition

- Greg Ossman brought to the Board attention that the NYS Building Code books are no longer being sent out to CEO's in hard copy. They are requesting that you download them to your computer.

Greg would like to purchase a laptop computer at the cost of \$125.00 to use for his CEO duties and to download the NYS Code book.

RESOLUTION #18

Councilwoman Bessie Endress made the motion, seconded by Councilman Howard Crump for Greg Osman, CEO purchase a laptop at the cost of \$125.00. MOTION CARRIED.

LOCAL LAW NO. 3-2020

Discussion was help on questions and permit fees for the Local Law 3-2020 on Enacting Regulations for Solar Energy Systems. CEO Greg Osman will reach out to other

Municipalities to see what their fee schedules are for permits for Solar Energy Systems and report back at the June board meeting.

RESOLUTION #19

Councilman James Higginbotham made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Bessie Endress to hold the Public Hearing for LOCAL LAW 3-2020 – A LOCAL LAW ENACTING REGULATIONS FOR SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS on June 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Sherman Highway Building. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION #20

Councilwoman Bessie Endress made the motion, seconded by Councilman Ben Nickerson to approve the minutes from the last board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #21

ABSTRACTS/CLAIMS

Councilwoman Bessie Endress made the motion, seconded by Councilman Howard Crump to approve payment of General Claims #58 through #72 in the amount of \$3,838.16, Highway Claims #50 through #58 in the amount of \$8,196.20. MOTION CARRIED.

JUDGE'S REPORT

No Report until further notice

CLERK/REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Clerk Weise reported that the 2020 Youth T-Ball / Little League Program will be cancelled due to the fact that the schools are still closed due to COVID 19. Clerk Weise asked the Board to consider giving Fred Gable a stipend for the work he has done in preparation for the program.

RESOLUTION #22

Councilman James Higginbotham made the motion, seconded by Ben Nickerson to pay Fred Gable a \$50 Stipend for the 2020 Summer Little League\ T-Ball program for the work he had done for the preparation before it was cancelled. MOTION CARRIED.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

April Assessor' Report: (4/6/2020)

- There were 5 deeds transferred in March.
- 2020 Assessment change notices have been mailed. Informal hearings will begin on Monday April 13, and will continue through Friday April 24th.
- The deadline to schedule an informal hearing is April 10th.
- There have been 22 hearings scheduled total between the 3 towns.
- Inspection of new construction and demolition will begin upon completion of informal hearings.

- The new Cap4assessment webpage is active, and contains pertinent information for the reassessment project, and will be continuing to add more forms and current information as they become available.
- New construction and demolition assessments will be mailed in early May.

May Assessor’s Report (5/6/2020)

- There have been no deeds reported for the month of April.
- The informal hearing process has concluded, and phone hearings were a success.
- There were a total of nearly 50 hearings between the three towns.
- Inspection of new construction and demolition has been completed and notices will be sent out to those property owners that require an assessment change.
- Assessment change notices for both construction and informal review will be mailed Monday May 11th.
- The cap4assesemtn web page has been tremendous help during this time, and look forward to utilizing this for much more in the future.
- The 2020 Tentative Assessment Roll was filed with the Chautauqua County Real Property Tax Office on May 1, as required by NYS RPTL. This was an extraordinary task this year.
- Grievance Day will be held on Wednesday, May 27th. It is yet to be determined if all hearings will take place by phone, or if there will be an ability for property owners to meet with the Board of Assessment Review in person.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Highway Superintendent Dennis Sweatman reported the following to the Board:

- Cemetery Help – There was only 1 application turned in for Cemetery help in regards to the help wanted ad, Colton Courtney. After discussion it was agreed to appoint Colton Courtney.
- Cemetery Trees – Dennis brought to the attention of the Board that there are 2 big trees in the cemetery that need cut an a couple more that need trimmed. He received the following three quotes as the job is to big for the Highway Dept. to handle.

Ben Cravits - \$3000 a day (will need 2 days)	\$6000.00
Dan Johnson Tree Service - Cost to cut trees	\$5200.00
Grind Stumps	<u>\$ 325.00</u>
Maple Springs Tree Service – Cost to cut trees	\$3900.00
Cost to Trim trees	\$ 900.00
Haul away	\$ 100.00
Stump Grinding	\$ 450.00

After discussion it was decided to have the Trees, cut, trimmed and hauled away and use the County Highway Dept. stump grinder to take care of the stumps.

RESOLUTION #23

Councilman Howard Crump made the motion, seconded by Councilman James Higginbotham to hire Maple Springs Tree Service at the cost of \$4900.00 to do the tree work in the Cemetery and to use \$3400 from the Cemetery CD toward the cost of the project. MOTION CARRIED.

- Dennis reported that he needs to replace the hydraulic jack in the shop. He found a 50 ton hydraulic jack for the cost of \$750.

RESOLUTION #24

Supervisor Mark Persons made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Bessie Endress for Highway Superintendent Dennis Sweatman to purchase the 50 ton hydraulic jack at the cost of \$750.00. MOTION CARRIED

- NYS CHIPS monies – Dennis reported that as of today (5/7/2020) that the monies are still available for road repairs. He is hoping to know more after the State meeting on May 15th.

Dennis asked the Board on their thoughts of spending monies for repairs at this time. After discussion it was decided that Dennis should hold off and will have more discussion at the June meeting.

- Discussion on hiring a new employee to replace Jan Freligh was held and decided that if possible, Dennis should hold off hiring until at least July at this point.
- Dennis was approached by Doug Crane from the Village of Sherman about two old steel pipes the Town has for the Village to use in the creek behind Bittingers building on Hart St. Dennis figured out what the cost for scrap would be and is going to bill the Village \$700 for the pipe.

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Mark Persons brought the following to the Boards attention:

- Sales Tax for the 2nd Quarter of 2020 was \$49000. 3rd and 4th Quarter is undetermined at this time. At the weekly conference call with County Executive PJ Wendel he feels that the 3rd & 4th quarter will be significantly less than 2019. After running some figures Mark feels that we could be at least \$35000 short on our Highway Budget for the year due to COVID -19. County Exec. PJ Wendel is encouraging the county to not cancel all of the summer activities as of yet. He is hopeful that we can begin to open things back up in the County within the next few weeks.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:20

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamera M Weise
Sherman Town Clerk