

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**TOWN OF SHERMAN**  
**Dec. 7, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Town of Sherman Board was held on Thursday Dec. 7, 2023 at the Town Office Building, 111A Mill St, Sherman, NY, Chautauqua County, New York at 7:00 PM.

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| 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: Marty Proctor – County Legislator

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION #56**

Councilman James Higginbotham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Howard Crump to approve the November minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION #57**

**ABSTRACTS/CLAIMS**

Councilman Brant Henning made the motion, seconded by Councilman Howard Crump to approve payment of General Claims #166 through # 187 in the amount of \$10,352.88 Highway Claims #120 through #131in the amount of \$44,291.74. MOTION CARRIED.

**JUDGE’S REPORT**

Judge Cooper’s Oct. report shows fines of \$ 525.00, Civil fees of \$0 and surcharges of \$0 for a total of \$525.00.

Judge Cooper’s Nov. report shows fines of \$705.00, Civil fees of \$0 and surcharges of \$353.00 for a total of \$1,058.00.

**CLERK/REGISTRAR’S REPORT**

Clerk Weise presented the following to the Town Board:

- Clerk Weise reminded the Town Board that the Year-end meeting is set for Wed. Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- 2024 Chaut. County/Town taxes are printed and that collection will begin on Jan. 8,2024

## **ASSESSOR'S REPORT**

### **November Assessor Report**

- There were 3 deed transfers for September
- The current database has been sent to the Chautauqua County Real Property Tax Office for the processing of town/county bills.
- Exemption renewal applications for Ag and low income senior will be mailed out in mid-December and with the deadline to renew being March 1 of each year.

### **December Assessor Report**

- There were 5 deed transfers for October
- Exemption renewal applications for Ag Low-income senior will be mailed out in mid-December and with the deadline to renew being March 1 of each year
- The office will be closed from Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup> to January 2<sup>nd</sup> and will re-open January 3<sup>rd</sup>. I will continue to check voicemail and respond to emails during this time.
- Thank you all for your continued support!

### **Dennis Sweatman – CEO gave his monthly reports as follows:**

- Number of inspections for November are 2

## **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Highway Superintendent Dennis Sweatman presented the Board with the following:

- The Highway Chevy Pick-up truck came in at \$2,000 more than what was quoted.  
After discussion;

### **RESOLUTION #58**

Councilman James Higginbotham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Brant Henning that Supervisor Mark Persons and Highway Superintendent Dennis Sweatman will check with a couple of local dealers to see if they have anything available on their lots at the original quote or less. The Town Board will accept the decision of Supervisor Persons, & Superintendents Sweatmans decision on the purchase .

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Councilman Ben Nickerson - AYE  
Councilman Brant Henning – AYE

- Bridge NY application is open for 2024. The application would be for box culvert project on the Freeman Rd.

**RESOLUTION #59**

Councilman Brant Henning made the motion, seconded by Councilman James Higginbotham to move forward with the 2024 application for Bridge NY.

MOTIONN CARRIED.

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

Councilman Ben Nickerson - AYE  
 Councilman Brant Henning – AYE

- Dennis asked that with the rising costs of health insurance that the Town Board take a look at their contribution toward the employee’s health insurance.
- Discussion was held on the Town of Sherman Certificate of Abandonment of Portion of Klondyke Road. Dennis spoke with Town Resident Mike Schmitz and he has no issues with the Sherman end of the abandonment.

**RESOLUTION #60**

Supervisor Mark Persons made the motion seconded by Councilman Brant Henning to sign the following Certificate of Abandonment of Portion of Klondyke Rd:

**Town of Sherman  
 CERTIFICATE OF ABANDONMENT  
 OF POTION OF KLONDYKE ROAD**

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, Town of Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Sherman, Chautauqua County, State of New York, hereby certify that Klondyke Road, running westerly from a point fifty feet (50’) west of the west bounds of Parker Road to the municipal boundary line with the Towns of Ripley and Mina is unnecessary for highway purposes, has not been opened or worked for the past six (6) years, and is no longer used as a public highway.

Also, we the undersigned members of the town Board, constituting the whole or majority thereof, do hereby consent to the making and filing of this Certificate, and do hereby sign the same.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 205 of the Highway Law, the described portion of the said highway is declared to be, and hereby is, discontinued and abandoned.

Dated: December 7, 2023

MOTION CARRIED

Highway Superintendent Dennis Sweatman - AYE  
 Supervisor Mark Persons – AYE  
 Councilman James Higginbotham – AYE  
 Councilman Howard Crump - AYE

Councilman Ben Nickerson - AYE  
 Councilman Brant Henning – AYE

**SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Supervisor Mark Person presented the Board with the following:

- Town Assessor Heather Dyell is working with The Sherman Fire Dept. in regards to those members who will qualify for the Property Tax Break in 2024.
- Sales Tax came in strong at \$77,930.62 for November.

Councilman James Higginbotham made the motion to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 p.m. .  
Respectfully Submitted,

Tamera M Weise  
Sherman Town Clerk