TOWN OF SHERMAN, Budget Work Session Meeting Sept. 30, 2021

The Sherman Town Board met on Sept. 30, 2021 for a special meeting. Supervisor Persons called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. The Following were in attendance:

Present: Mark D. Persons Supervisor

James L. Higginbotham Council Member/ Deputy Supervisor

Howard E. Crump

Bessie V. Endress

Ben Nickerson

Tamera M Weise

Council Member

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Town Clerk

Dennis Sweatman Highway Superintendent

- Supervisor Persons shared with the board that he had spoken to Marty Proctor about recommendations for fireworks for the upcoming 2023 Bicentennial Celebration. Mark was told to expect to pay around \$10,000 for a nice display. He told the Board he will see in the budget that he opened a reserve account with \$5000 designated to the 2023 celebration.
- Supervisor Persons advised the board that after reading several articles and speaking with the Town Accountant that a Capital Project is the best way to spend the ARPA's monies received from the State.

Budget Work Session:

- Supervisor Persons reviewed the Tentative Budget for 2022. He reviewed each line item and explained any changes that were proposed from the previous year. Supervisor Persons brought to the Boards attention that on the medical insurance line in the general account that when the employee withdrawal was set up it was for too much and that \$816 thus far is an over payment for Tammy Weise. Supervisor Persons would recommend that a check be cut for Tammy and that no more employee deductions be made for the rest of the calendar year. The Tentative budget is within the state comptroller's 2% tax cap.
- Highway Superintendent Dennis Sweatman asked the Board to take into consideration an increase in the starting wage and hourly rate for the Highway Dept. to be raised enough to be competitive with what the local State and County Highway Depts. pay.

Other Business/Actions:

• Dates for upcoming meetings are as follows: Thursday, October 7, 2021 (regular board meeting and adoption of preliminary 2022 budget), Thursday November 4, 2022 (regular meeting & public hearing on tentative 2022 budget & adoption of 2022 final budget). All meeting to be held at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamera M Weise Sherman Town Clerk