

REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF SHERMAN
September 5, 2024

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

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
	Annette Swan	Town Clerk
	Dennis Sweatman	Highway Superintendent

Absent:
Guests: Julia Gress from FeedMore WNY
Greg Rater

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Julia Gress from FeedMore WNY spoke to the board about exactly what the organization does in the communities that it serves. The organization is looking for funding from the townships that it is serving. The one-thousand dollars that they are asking for would help them with administrative costs, as well as purchasing the food items that they give out. Even though they receive grants and have partnerships with local manufacturers, this extra money would help their money go a little farther. Prices are rising, but so are the needs of the individual communities. The board asked a few questions and thanked Ms. Gress for attending the meeting and giving her presentation. They would like to have a little more information as to how the local pantry is utilized by the local community. They plan on inviting one of the local volunteers to the next meeting to get more questions answered.

Code Inspection Officer Report

Tom McNinch, the Code Inspection Officer for the Town of Sherman, was introduced to the board. He gave a report as to what permits he had issued during the month of August. He has issued 4 permits:

- 2797 Armenian Road for a basement replacement.
- 2749 Clymer-Sherman Road for a pole barn.
- 3194 Route 76 addition for a house.
- 2983 Route 76 building a new house.

They also discussed an ongoing issue at the end of Bement Road. The family has reportedly been living in a camper and there are questions whether they are also living in the barn. More facts need to be gathered before a course of action can be taken.

Greg Rater asked Mr. McNinch about what he would need to do to put in a RV Park at his property on Manison Rd. He has purchased some small park model campers and wants to know what he would need to do to have them available for short term rentals. Mr. McNinch said he would look into that and contact him once he had more information.

Resolution # 34

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Howard Crump made a motion, seconded by Councilman Brant Henning, to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2024 board meeting.

AYES: 4 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION# 35

ABSTRACTS/CLAIMS

Councilman Jim Higginbotham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ben Nickerson, to approve payment of General Vouchers #119 thru # 131 in the amount of \$2738.70 and Highway Vouchers #92 thru #102 in the amount of \$47,969.71.

AYES:4 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

JUDGE'S REPORT

The Town's share of fines collected and fees earned by the court for the month of July is \$225.00

CLERK/REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Marriage License: 2 for the month of August. Total of \$80.00, the town portion is \$35.00
Dog License: 31 dogs were licensed (6 were first time licenses), only 4 were a result of the Rabies Clinic. Total \$440.00, the town portion is \$ 366.00.
Two cemetery plots were sold, for a total of \$800.00
Hunting Licenses: Total sales were \$4135.00. The town share is \$211.13

ASSESSOR'S REPORT – No Report

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Highway Superintendent Dennis Sweatman reported to the board that the oldest truck in the Highway fleet is 14 years old this year. He asked the board to consider during the budget process this year, to possibly replace it next year.

He also told the board that he plans on blacktopping the area in front of the highway buildings before the end of the year. This area has not been blacktopped in 16 years.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Persons discussed with the board about the NYS mandate for townships to house dangerous dogs. He feels that the best way for the Town of Sherman to comply with this mandate would be to set aside an area in the garage to house a dangerous dog. These dogs have to be housed for up to 48 hours before the DCO can incorporate the dog with other non-dangerous dogs that are being held. The area must also be climate controlled and have access to an outside area. Supervisor Persons will include an amount to be considered in the upcoming budget. And he may also invite DCO Kelly Thorton to attend the October meeting to answer any questions.

The Solar Farm, located off of Route 430, west of the village, has been sold to a different company called Catalyze. They recently contacted Supervisor Persons and reported to him that the first phase of the project, called Sherman 1, is in operation. They stated that they would be submitting half of the payment due to the Town of Sherman soon and would submit the second half of the payment once Sherman 2 is running. They expect Sherman 2 to be in operation between March and May of 2025.

Supervisor Persons reported to the board and email that would be sent soon to the townships regarding details as to what a township needs to do to become a Pro Housing Certified Community. This is something that the Town of Sherman would need to adopt to allow residents to be able to qualify and use the program. The email will provide more information and will be discussed at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION #36

Councilman Brant Henning made a motion, seconded by Councilman Howard Crump to allow a local veteran organization to place a marker in the Sherman Cemetery. This marker will contain the names of four past Sherman residents who served in the Civil War. The marker will be placed in the area of the cemetery call "Potter's Field", near the corner of Route 430 and Park Street Ext.

AYES: 4

NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.
Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Swan
Sherman Town Clerk