

REGULAR MEETING, PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET
TOWN OF SHERMAN
Nov. 4, 2021

A regular meeting of the Town of Sherman Board was held on Thursday Nov. 4, 2021 at the Town of Sherman Highway Building, 111A Mill St, Sherman, NY, 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
	Tamera M Weise	Town Clerk
	Dennis Sweatman	Highway Superintendent

Guests: Greg Osman – CEE, John Jablonski – Chautauqua Lake Watershed Conservancy, Carol Chase, Greg Rater & Zach Williams – Town Residents

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

- John Jablonski from The Chautauqua County Watershed Conservancy explained exactly what the Watershed Conservancy does, who it effects, and handed out Stormwater Toolkits that helps to provide important information to help simplify and clarify the use of best management practices and permit processes and to direct people to the appropriate agencies and offices prior to project implementation. Those kits are available for the public at the Town Clerks Office or by contacting the Chautauqua County Watershed Conservancy directly.

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

Number of inspections for October are 17
Number of inspections this year are 127
Number of Permits issued for October are 1
Number of Permits for this year are 20
Dollar Amount of Permits for October are \$10,000
Dollar amount of Building this year are \$294,000
Miles traveled for October are 96

Permits issued to:

Melvin Detweiler, 3927 Rt 430 for a barn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION #60

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

RESOLUTION #61

ABSTRACTS/CLAIMS

Councilwoman Bessie Endress made the motion, seconded by Councilman Ben Nickerson to approve payment of General Claims #146 through #164 in the amount of \$4,287.06. Highway Claims #124 through #136 in the amount of \$15,076.45.
MOTION CARRIED.

JUDGE’S REPORT

Judge Penfold’s Oct. report shows fines of \$3705.00 Civil fees of \$280.00 and surcharges of \$1901.00 for a total of \$5,886.00.

CLERK/REGISTRAR’S REPORT

Clerk Weise presented the following to the Town Board:

- Reminder that the 2021 Sexual Harrasement Training will be held on Thurs. Nov. 18th at the Stanley Hose Company meeting room. There will be three one hour long sessions; 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. The total cost of the training is \$350 which will be divided by the three municipalities, Sherman, Clymer and French Creek.
- The Dog Enumeration mailing was a great success. 64 new dogs where licensed from Oct. 1 – Nov.4.

The Following Fund Balance was presented:

Justice Holding	\$0
Highway	\$109,117.54
General	\$ 30,753.20
Youth Checking	\$ 189.42
Youth Savings	\$ 4,873.37

CD’s

General	\$75,019.37	Highway	\$90,000.00
	\$75,019.73		\$90,000.00
Highway	\$50,012.91	To Mature	11/4/2021
	To Mature		11/7/2021

ASSESSOR’S REPORT – Oct/Nov

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- There were 5 deeds recorded in August.
- I Attended the Annual Assessor Conference. I have successfully completed my training requirement for continuing education for Assessor certifications.
- There have been several property owners with complaints regarding their STAR Credit/STAR exemption. In 2016, NYS DTF took over the administration of these exemptions, and I must follow their determinations for approvals and denials. I cannot circumvent these destinations, and property owners must now reach out to NYS Tax & Finance themselves if there has been an error. I wish I had the ability to be of more assistance to our property owners, but I cannot...

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- There were 6 deeds recorded in September.
- On October 25th, Governor Hochul signed a bill into law effectively closing the loophole that has cost many towns, cities, and villages millions in taxes. The “Dark Store” bill prohibits the use of comparable sales of closed, out of business big box stores rather than thriving national chain stores. The NYSAA legislative committee has been working diligently with Assemblyman Kenneth Zebrowski and Senator James Gaughran to eliminate “dark store” theory. Their sponsorship of this important bill was key to its passage in both chambers and being signed into law. Big box stores will now pay their fair share of taxes throughout New York State.
- Exemption Renewal application will be mailed by the end of November. Property owners have until March 1, 2022 to file their renewal in the office.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Highway Superintendent presented the following to the Board:

- The new employee Ryan Robson is doing a good job.
- Dennis is having trouble getting quotes/pricing for a new 550 Truck.
- The following bids were presented for the demolition of the dry storage building:
Kingsview Paving - \$ 750.00 Asbestos Test
\$21,000.00 Demolition Cost
(\$ 7,000.00) Town’s allotment for landfill and dumping into
Total \$14,750.00 Sherman residence for fill

Safford Services - \$25000.00 Does not include Asbestos Test

Affordable Excavating – No Bid Received

RESOLUTION #62

Councilman James Higginbotham made the motions, seconded by Councilman Howard Crump to move forward with the demolition of the dry storage building with the cost not to exceed \$14,750.00. MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Mark Persons – AYE

Councilman Howard Crump – AYE

Councilman James Higginbotham – AYE

Councilman Ben Nickerson - AYE

Councilwoman Bessie Endress - AYE

Preliminary Hearing on 2022 Budget:

RESOLUTION #63

After no further discussion of the Preliminary Budget Councilwoman Bessie Endress made the motions, seconded by Councilman James Higginbotham to adopt the Revised Preliminary Budget as the Final Budget. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Mark Persons – AYE

Councilman Howard Crump – AYE

Councilman James Higginbotham – AYE

Councilman Ben Nickerson - AYE

Councilwoman Bessie Endress – AYE

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Mark Person presented the Board with the following:

- Supervisor Persons received a request from Triple E Manufacturing asking if they could purchase a small section of property (.11 acres) from the Town of Sherman that sits behind the towns salt shed for an addition they are putting up and also use the Towns driveway to access the back of the building while they are putting up the new addition.
Highway Superintendent Dennis Sweatman didn't feel there was any issues with them purchasing the property and using the driveway. Supervisor Persons recommended that they sell the piece of property for \$1.00.

RESOLUTION #64

Councilman Howard Crump made the motion, seconded by Councilman James Higginbotham to sell the .11 acres of property to Triple E Manufacturing for \$1.00 with Triple E Manufacturing to take care of all legal fees. MOTION CARRIED
Supervisor Mark Persons – AYE Councilman Howard Crump – AYE
Councilman James Higginbotham – AYE Councilman Ben Nickerson - AYE
Councilwoman Bessie Endress – AYE

- Supervisor Persons presented the Board with the tentative Local Law No.3 of 2021 Regulating the Control of Livestock in the Town of Sherman.

RESOLUTION #65

Councilman James Higginbotham made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Bessie Endress to set the Public Hearing for Local Law No. 3 of 2021, A Local Law Regulating the Control of Livestock in the Town of Sherman for Dec. 2, 2021 at 7:05 p.m. at The Town of Sherman Office, 111A Mill St., Sherman, NY 14781. MOTION CARRIED.
Supervisor Mark Persons – AYE Councilman Howard Crump – AYE
Councilman James Higginbotham – AYE Councilman Ben Nickerson - AYE
Councilwoman Bessie Endress – AYE

Councilman James Higginbotham moved to adjourn the meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 p.m. .
Respectfully Submitted,

Tamera M Weise
Sherman Town Clerk