

**Year End Meeting**  
**TOWN OF SHERMAN**  
**December 30, 2024**

The year-end meeting of the Town of Sherman Board was held on December 30,2024 at the Town Office Building, 111A Mill St., Sherman, NY, Chautauqua County, New York at 10:00 AM.

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

Supervisor Persons called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and led the Pledge to the flag.

**RESOLUTION # 54**  
**ABSTRACT/CLAIMS**

Councilman Ben Nickerson made a motion, seconded by Brant Henning to approve payment of General Claims #180 thru #185 in the amount of \$4715.66 and Highway Claims #134 thru #144 in the amount of #13,146.76.

Councilman Howard Crump	AYE	Councilman James Higginbotham	AYE
Councilman Ben Nickerson	AYE	Councilman Brant Henning	AYE
MOTION CARRIED			

**RESOLUTION #55**

Councilman Ben Nickerson made a motion, seconded by Councilman to make the following transfers in the Highway and General accounts.

Councilman Howard Crump	AYE	Councilman James Higginbotham	AYE
Councilman Ben Nickerson	AYE	Councilman Brant Henning	AYE
MOTION CARRIED			

**HIGHWAY TRANSFERS**

- \$466.16 from DA5142.4 Snow Exp. to DA5142.1 Snow P.S.
- \$4168.00 from DA5142.4 Snow Exp. To DA9010.8 Employee Benefit Retirement
- \$998.20 from DA5142.4 Snow Exp. To DA9030.8 Social Security

**GENERAL TRANSFERS**

- \$1254.18 from A1220.4 Supervisor Exp. to A1310.4 Bookkeeper Cont.
- \$2,000.00 from A1320.4 Ind. Auditing to A1310.4 Bookkeeper Cont.
- \$649.30 from A1420.1 Attorney P.S. to A1310.4 Bookkeeper Cont.
- \$174.70 from A1420.1 Attorney P.S. to A1310.4 Bookkeeper Cont.
- \$200.00 from A1410.2 Town Clerk Equip. to A1310.4 Bookkeeper Cont.
- \$160.30 from A1410.4 Town Clerk Exp. to A1310.4 Bookkeeper Cont.
- \$749.70 from A3510.1 Dog Control P.S. to A1310.4 Bookkeeper Cont.
- \$200.00 from A7510.4 Historian Exp. to A1310.4 Bookkeeper Cont.
- \$683.95 from A8810.1 Cemetery P.S. to A1310.4 Bookkeeper Cont.
- \$2153.86 from A1990.4 Contingency to A9010.8 Retirement
- \$400.00 from A1990.4 Contingency to A9040.8 Workers Comp.

**RESOLUTION #56**

Supervisor Persons made a motion, seconded by Councilman Brant Henning to transfer \$50,000.00 from Undesignated funds in the General Townwide Account to DA5130.2 Machinery Reserve.

Councilman Howard Crump	AYE	Councilman James Higginbotham	AYE
Councilman Ben Nickerson	AYE	Councilman Brant Henning	AYE

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #57**

Supervisor Persons made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ben Nickerson to raise the Town of Sherman Cap for health insurance to \$7,000.00 for a single and \$10,000.00 for a family.

Councilman Howard Crump	AYE	Councilman James Higginbotham	AYE
Councilman Ben Nickerson	AYE	Councilman Brant Henning	AYE

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #58**

Councilman James Higginbotham made a motion, seconded by Ben Nickerson to raise the following pay rates: CDL drivers \$1.00, employees that are not salaried .50 cents, with the exception of the cemetery helper, who will remain at the minimum pay rate.

Councilman Howard Crump	AYE	Councilman James Higginbotham	AYE
Councilman Ben Nickerson	AYE	Councilman Brant Henning	AYE

MOTION CARRIED

## **CLERK/REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

Clerk Annette Swan reported to the board that the NYS Department of Conservation is now allowing hunting license vendors to charge \$1.00 extra for each license they print. This extra charge allows each vendor to offset the expense of printing each license on plain paper, because the Department of Conservation is no longer supplying the paper. After further discussion:

### **Resolution # 59**

Councilman Howard Crump made a motion, seconded by Councilman James Higginbotham to add the extra \$1.00 charge to each license that is sold at the Town of Sherman office.

Clerk Swan read her Town of Sherman Historian Report to the board. The report was as follows:

In January, I received a collection of old Sherman Postcards from former Sherman graduate, Lynne Warner Steed. She has been collecting these postcards for several years and decided to donate them to the Town.

I also received a few Sherman postcards from Janet Loomis.

Linda Pratt Paige donated a small memo book diary that belonged to her g-grandfather Thayer from the early 1900's. It contains short mentions of different events that happened around Sherman. Coincidentally, Linda's g-g-uncle, Amos Thayer, was a local Sherman photographer and took many of the picture postcards that Lynne Warner donated.

I was asked by the village to compose two letters of support for grants that the village applied for. One was for the Peter Ripley house at the Yorker Museum and the other was for the NY Forward Grant. They wanted me to speak about the history of the buildings that were included in the grants and describe their importance to the community.

I was also given log-in permissions by the village for two Facebook pages that they had originally started. The Town of Sherman and the Sherman Historian page. On the Town of Sherman page, I can post when there are town board meetings, etc. I plan on posting some old photographs and history related items on the Historian Facebook page.

As for information requests this year, I received 3. Although the information they requested wasn't available in the town's records, I was able to give them other resources that might be helpful to them.

Although many old records were lost in the stolen safe, I found some microfilm copies of old birth records in the records room and I want to go through them, copy the information and keep it in a binder, so it can be available for future requests.

Respectively Submitted,  
Annette Swan  
Town Historian

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

\_No Report

**SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Supervisor Persons reported to the board that he had received the 4 dog kennels that will be used to comply with the NYS Dangerous Dog Law. Work on this project will begin in the spring.

Supervisor Persons reported to the board that he had been looking over the sick day policy for the town and had compared it to other townships. He advised the board that it should possibly be updated to reflect similar rules with other townships. After discussion:

**RESOLUTION #60**

Supervisor Persons made a motion, seconded by Councilman Brant Henning to decrease the maximum accumulated days of sick time from 180 days to 50 days beginning 1/1/25. Furthermore, any employee leaving their position for an elected position, will receive full compensation for accumulated sick days within 60 days at the same rate of pay per their last paycheck prior to changing positions. Any accumulated sick days beyond the allowed maximum at year-end will be compensated in final paycheck for the year.

Councilman Howard Crump    AYE  
Councilman Ben Nickerson    AYE

Councilman James Higginbotham    AYE  
Councilman Brant Henning    AYE

MOTION CARRIED

With nothing further to discuss,  
Meeting adjourned at 10:44 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette Swan  
Sherman Town Clerk