

REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF SHERMAN
August 8, 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

Absent: Dennis Sweatman, Highway Superintendent

Guests: Wendy Shepard from My Benefit Advisor
Michael Courtney, town employee
Ryan Robson, town employee
Harold Reynolds, Sherman resident

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Guest, Wendy Shepard, updated the employee members in attendance about the upcoming changes to the insurance that they receive through the town employment. The changes have to do with pricing. She also discussed and answered questions about other insurance options and reviewed current benefits that are available with the insurance they have now.

Sherman resident, Harold Reynolds asked about burial rules at the Pleasant Valley Cemetery. He also inquired whether there were anymore plots available in the front row near the road. Supervisor Persons and Cemetery Sexton, Michael Courtney had both gone out to the cemetery and measured and recommend that no more burials be put in the front row, as they would be to close to the road. The board members were in agreement to that decision.

Resolution #31

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman James Higginbotham made the motion, seconded by Councilman Howard Crump to approve the minutes from the July 11th board meeting.

AYES: 4 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION#32

ABSTRACTS/CLAIMS

Councilman Ben Nickerson made the motion, seconded by Councilman Jim Higginbotham to approve payment of General claims #107 thru #118 in the amount of \$2221.65. Highway claims #80 thru #91 in the amount of \$17,598.43.

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 June 2024 is \$715.75.

CLERK/REGISTRAR'S REPORT

- There was a total of 5 marriage licenses sold for the month. The town share is \$87.50.
- There were 3 new dog licenses and 17 renewals, for a total of \$204.00. The town's share is \$153.00.
- 9 fishing licenses were sold for a total of 90.00. The town's share is \$4.97. These licenses were printed on Veleron paper, in which the NYS provided. Starting in August, licenses are printed on plain copy paper, which the town provides. The state is considering allowing license agents to charge a fee for the paper.
- Two building permits for a total of \$100.00.
- Two grave openings (ashes) for a total of \$300.00.
- Clerk Swan reported to the board members that she received her Notary Public license on July 29, 2024 and has already notarized papers for 2 individuals.
- Hunting licenses went on sale August 1, and the new program is working well and has been a smooth transition to printing on regular paper.
- Clerk Swan received confirmation from Albany that the Solar Law was received and filed.
- Kelly Thorton, Sherman DCO, is having a rabies clinic at the Town garage on August 28th from 5:00PM – 7:00PM. Clerk Swan will open up the clerk office during those hours so people can license their dogs.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Submitted July 31, 2024

There were 8 deed transfers for the month April.

The assessment database has been transferred to the county for processing school tax bills.

The annual sales verification process occurs through August and analysis reporting is required by the end of the month. While I advise with my analysis NYS DTF has the final determination on what sales are valid and usable for equalization purposes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT-DENNIS SWEATMAN REPORT No Report

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT No Report

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Persons shared a letter with the board that he received from FEEDMORE WNY requesting money from townships to help with the cost of their program. Board members would like more information about the program and will invite a representative from the organization to attend the next meeting.

RESOLUTION #33

Councilman Brant Henning made a motion, seconded by James Higginbotham to allow Clerk Swan to submit a voucher to cover the cost of her Notary License. The cost is \$60/4 years.

AYES: 4

NAYES:0

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman James Higginbotham made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:56PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette Swan
Sherman Town Clerk