

**TOWN OF SHERMAN
BUDGET PLANNING MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2022**

Chairman, Chase Potter called the Budget Planning Meeting to order at 6:00pm at the Sherman Town Hall and stated the meeting had been properly noticed and published.

Chairman, Chase Potter, Board Members Paul Heifner, Lynn Smith, Kelley Krause, Clerk/Treasurer, Ashley Score and patrolman Terry Ford were present. Amanda Klosterman was absent. (Refer to sign in sheet for others present)

The Board reviewed the budget planning support material. Chairman Chase noted the cost of living/inflation rate is 8.2%. Discussion on making 8.2% increase for patrolman and patrolman assistant positions. Patrolman wage set at \$24.00/hr (from \$22.00/hr) and Assistant set at \$15.00/hr (from \$13.75/hr). Patrolman health comp raised from \$315.00/month to \$341.00/month. Discussion in making election inspector wages the same as assistant patrolman and increasing Chief inspector wages. Election inspector wages increased to \$15/hr. Chief inspector wages increased to \$16.50/hr. Decision to increase cemetery sexton annual compensation to \$200.00. Dog license fees will remain the same at \$4.00 for spayed/neutered and \$9.00 for non-spayed/non-neutered. Solid waste fee will increase per the contract with Green For Life to \$192.00 annually (from \$180.00). Permits will stay the same at \$25.00 for building, driveway. Discussion on increasing charges for services to accommodate Patrolman's time and wage increase by 10%. Decision to increase truck/man time to \$71.50/hr, grader/man time to \$93.50/hr, and emergency driveway plowing, salt/sand, winging, and grading to \$55.00. Discussion on raising the Supervisor #1, Supervisor #2, and Chairman positions by less than the inflation rate for the two-year term. Chairman salary will increase 4% to \$5,644, and supervisor #1 and #2 salaries 4% to \$3,176 per year. Discussion in clerk/treasurer salary and increasing wages 8.2% to \$23,300.00 annually.

The Board reviewed the Income Comparison prepared in October 2022 for the year 2023.

Highway aids income estimated \$105,587.08 for 2023. Shared Revenue \$29,937.78. Tax roll settlement from allowable levy limit increase from general obligation debt for Bremer loan for Boyceville Fire-hall \$200,053.00. The Board went through income comparison spreadsheet line by line for additional consideration.

The Board reviewed Category #1 General Government. Previous discussion on increasing Supervisor 1 and 2, Chairman, and Clerk/Treasurer Salaries. Discussion in remaining general government expense lines making the category #1 General Government \$74,959.00.

The Board reviewed Category #2 Public Safety. Ashley noted the assessments received to date, and will enter remaining assessments when received, with approximate guess of \$77,000.00 for category #2 Public Safety.

The Board reviewed Category #3 Public Works. General discussion on public works expenses. Category #3 public works to increase from \$120,000.00 to \$132,000.00 for cost increases in supplies and wages.

The Board Reviewed Category #4 Health and Human Services, and created a line item for cemetery office expense. The budgeted expenditures for category #4 Health and Human Services total \$83,510.00

The Board reviewed Category #5 Capitol Improvements. Discussion held on the expenditures for category #5. The budgeted expenditures for category #5 Capitol Improvements set at \$120,000.00

The Board reviewed Category #6 Contingency. The budgeted expenditures for category #6 Contingency will increase to \$14,000.00 due to potential internet availability at Town hall when broadband is installed.

The Board reviewed the debt service amount of \$28,959.62 for the fire hall loan.

The Board compared the budgeted income to expenses. Motion to approve the draft 2023 budget as edited with estimated total at \$530,428.62 made by Kelley, 2nd by Paul. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Chase, 2nd by Paul. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Ashley Score
Clerk/Treasurer,
Town of Sherman