

**TOWN OF SHERMAN
BUDGET PLANNING MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2021**

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, Amanda Klosterman, Lynn Smith, Kelley Krause, Clerk/Treasurer, Ashley Score and patrolman Terry Ford were present. (Refer to sign in sheet for others present)

Motion to approve the October 15, 2020 Budget planning meeting minutes with edit as noted made by Amanda, 2nd by Paul. Motion passed.

The Board reviewed the budget planning support material. Chairman Chase noted the cost of living/inflation rates are close to 5%. Discussion on Clerk/Treasurer salary with 4% increase making total \$21,525.00 annually (from \$20,700.00 annually). Discussion on making supervisor #3 and #4 salaries the same as supervisor #1 and #2 at \$3,025.00 (from \$2,667.00). Discussion on keeping the 4% increase for patrolman and patrolman assistant positions. Patrolman wage set at \$22.00/hr (from \$21.00/hr) and Assistant set at \$13.75/hr (from \$13.50/hr). Patrolman health comp raised from \$300.00/month to \$315.00/month. Discussion in making election inspector wages the same as assistant patrolman and increasing Chief inspector wages. Election inspector wages increased \$3.75/hr. (\$10/hr to \$13.75/hr). Chief inspector wages increased \$3.50/hr. (\$11.50/hr to \$15.00/hr. Decision to keep cemetery sexton annual compensation at \$100.00. Solid waste fee will be the same at \$180.00 annually with Menomonie Disposal curb side pick-up. 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 \$5.00 each. Decision to increase truck/man time to \$65.00/hr, grader/man time to \$85.00/hr, and emergency driveway plowing, salt/sand, winging, and grading to \$50.00.

The Board reviewed the Income Comparison prepared in October 2021 for the year 2022.

Highway aids income estimated \$101,500.00 for 2022. Shared Revenue \$29,946.61. Tax roll settlement from allowable levy limit increase from general obligation debt for Bremer loan for Boyceville Fire-hall \$194,890.00. Solid waste income for 2022 was set to \$68,400.00.

The Board reviewed Category #1 General Government. Previous discussion on increasing Supervisor 3 and 4 compensation and Clerk/Treasurer Salaries. Discussion in remaining general government expenditures including adding a plan commission expenses line making the category #1 General Government \$81,342.00.

The Board reviewed Category #2 Public Safety. Ashley noted the assessments received to date, and estimations were made for the remaining assessments. The budgeted expenditures for Category #2 Public Safety total \$72,641.77.

The Board reviewed Category #3 Public Works. General discussion on public works expenses. Category #3 public works to remain the same at \$120,000.00.

The Board Reviewed Category #4 Health and Human Services. The budgeted expenditures for category #4 Health and Human Services total \$75,450.08.

The Board reviewed Category #5 Capitol Improvements. Discussion held on the expenditures for category #5. Discussion held on future road improvement project expenditures and possibility of broadband project and using ARPA funds. The budgeted expenditures for category #5 Capitol Improvements will increase to \$200,000.00 (from \$150,000.00) to include the \$93,364.36 ARPA funds pledged to 24/7 Telcom for broadband expansion.

The Board reviewed Category #6 Contingency. The budgeted expenditures for category #6 Contingency will remain \$13,000.00.

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 budget as edited totaling \$591,393.47 made by Paul, 2nd by Amanda. Motion passed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Ashley Score
Clerk/Treasurer,
Town of Sherman