

**TOWN OF SHERMAN
BUDGET PLANNING MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2024**

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 Sherri Vodinelich, Lynn Smith, Michael Plachetka, Clerk/Treasurer, Ashley Score and patrolman Terry Ford were present. (Refer to sign in sheet for others present)

The Board reviewed 2023 budget planning meeting minutes. Motion to approve meeting minutes as presented made by Lynn, 2nd by Sherri. Motion passed.

The Board reviewed the budget planning support material. Chairman Chase noted the cost of living/inflation rate is 3.5% in 2023 and 2.4% in the last 12 months. Discussion in raising supervisor 1 and 2 positions by inflation rate of \$184.00 to \$3,360 annually. Discussion on raising Chairman salary to \$5,971.00 Annually. Discussion on increasing Clerk/Treasurer wages by 2.4%, \$724.00 to \$24,886.00 annually. Discussion on making \$1/hr increase for patrolman Patrolman wage set at \$27.00/hr. and Assistant set at \$15.75/hr. Patrolman health comp raised from \$354.00/month to \$368.00/month. Decision to keep 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 \$202.00 annually (from \$197.00). 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. Decision to increase truck/man time to \$125.00/hr and grader/man time to \$175.00/hr, and emergency driveway plowing, salt/sand, winging, and grading to \$200.00.

The Board reviewed the Income Comparison prepared in October 2024 for the year 2025.

Highway aids income estimated \$105,587.08 for 2025. Shared Revenue \$78,634.64. Tax roll settlement from allowable levy limit increase from general obligation debt for Bremer loan for Boyceville Fire-hall \$211,915.00. 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 \$79,804.32.

The Board reviewed Category #2 Public Safety for a total of \$106,285.67.

The Board reviewed Category #3 Public Works. General discussion on public works expenses. Category #3 public works to stay the same at \$137,000.00.

The Board Reviewed Category #4 Health and Human Services. The budgeted expenditures for category #4 Health and Human Services total \$89,409.00

The Board reviewed Category #5 Capitol Improvements. Discussion held on carryover funds and balancing the 2025 budget. Capital Improvements 2025 budget set at \$42,500.00.

The Board reviewed Category #6 Contingency. The budgeted expenditures for category #6 Contingency will increase to \$15,750.00.

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 draft 2025 budget as edited for \$499,708.61 made by Chase, 2nd by Michael. Motion passed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Ashley Score
Clerk/Treasurer,
Town of Sherman