

**TOWN OF SHERMAN
BUDGET PLANNING MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2025**

Chairman, Lynn Smith 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, Lynn Smith, Board Members Sherri Vodinelich, Dennis Heifner, LuAnn Dohms, Clerk/Treasurer, Ashley Score and patrolman Terry Ford were present. (Refer to sign in sheet for others present)

The Board reviewed 2024 budget planning meeting minutes. Motion to approve meeting minutes with corrections as noted made by Sherri, 2nd by Dennis, LuAnn abstained. Motion passed.

The Board reviewed the budget planning support material. Chairman Lynn noted the cost of living/inflation rate is 2.9% in 2025. Supervisor 3 and 4 positions will increase to match Supervisor 1 and 2 positions to \$3,360 annually. Discussion on raising Clerk/Treasurer salary by 3% to \$25,632.00 annually. Discussion on making \$1/hr increase for Patrolman wage set at \$28.00/hr. and Assistant set at \$16.25/hr. Patrolman health comp raised from \$368.00/month to \$379.00/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 \$210.00 annually. 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 \$200.00/hr and grader/man time to \$200.00/hr, Emergency driveway plowing, salt/sand, winging, and grading will remain at \$200.00.

The Board reviewed the Income Comparison prepared in October 2025 for the year 2026.

Highway aids income estimated \$105,587.08 for 2025. Shared Revenue \$81,115.83. Tax roll settlement from allowable levy limit increase from general obligation debt for Bremer loan for Boyceville Fire-hall \$214,525.00.

The Board reviewed Category #1 General Government. Previous discussion on increasing Supervisor 3 and 4, and Clerk/Treasurer Salaries. Discussion in remaining general government expense lines making the category #1 General Government \$82,188.80

The Board reviewed Category #2 Public Safety for a total of \$121,611.01.

The Board reviewed Category #3 Public Works. General discussion on public works expenses. Category #3 public works to increase to \$167,000.00.

The Board Reviewed Category #4 Health and Human Services. The budgeted expenditures for category #4 Health and Human Services total \$93,305.00

The Board reviewed Category #5 Capitol Improvements. Discussion held on carryover funds and balancing the 2025 budget. Capital Improvements 2026 budget set at \$19,453.70

The Board reviewed Category #6 Contingency. The budgeted expenditures for category #6 Contingency will increase to \$16,500.00.

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 2026 budget as edited for \$529,018.10 made by Sherri, 2nd by Dennis. Motion passed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Ashley Score
Clerk/Treasurer,
Town of Sherman