



**Town of Sherman
Board of Selectman
Regular Monthly Meeting
Thursday, March 26, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Mallory Town Hall**

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Members Present: First Selectman, D. Lowe, Selectman J. Bruzinski and Selectman B. Ostrosky

Audience & Invited: L. La Via, A. Maloney, K. Fazzino, D. Jellen, F. Cullivack, and J. Robbins

1. **CALL TO ORDER** First Selectman D. Lowe Called the Meeting to Order at 7:00p.m.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

3. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

4. **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

A. Approval of Minutes:

BoS Budget Intake Meeting February 18, 2026

Selectman D. Lowe Moved to Approve the Minutes of BoS Budget Intake Meeting of February 18, 2026 as written.

Seconded by: J. Bruzinski

Vote: For: Unanimous

BoS Budget Intake Meeting February 21, 2026

Selectman D. Lowe Moved to Approve the Minutes of BoS Budget Intake Meeting of February 21, 2026 as written.

Seconded by: J. Bruzinski

Vote: For: Unanimous

BoS Regular Meeting February 26, 2026

Selectman D. Lowe Moved to Approve the Minutes of BoS Regular Meeting of February 26, 2026 as written.

Seconded by: J. Bruzinski

Vote: For: Unanimous

BOS Budget Workshop March 4, 2026- Tabled to the April Meeting

BOS Budget Workshop March 9, 2026- Tabled to the April Meeting

BOS Budget Workshop March 11, 2026- Tabled to the April Meeting

B. Financial Review:

Business Administrator, L. La Via shared a three month snapshot of FY 2025-26 and reported mostly everything is tracking as expected. The P&R Supplies and Part Time Wages are tracking high.

C. Tax Refunds:

D. Lowe Moved to Approve a Tax Refund in the amount of \$ 248.88.

Seconded by: J. Bruzinski

Vote: For: Unanimous

D. Acknowledgements/ Appointments:

D. Lowe Moved to Appoint Laura Jagodzinski to the Commission of the Arts as a full Commissioner for a three year term expiring January 1, 2029.

Seconded by: J. Bruzinski

Vote: For: Unanimous

E. FY 2026-27 Budget

Following a brief discussion, the Board of Selectmen moved to send the proposed FY 2026-27 Budget to a Town Meeting to take place on Saturday, April 18, 2026 at 10:00am at Charter Hall and set a Referendum for Saturday, May 2, 2026 between the hours of 10:00 am. and 8:00 pm. The Board discussed another Town Meeting to present additional items for consideration, including the Playhouse and Building fees.

D. Lowe Moved to Approve the FY 2026-27 Town Budget and set it for the Annual Town Budget Meeting to take place on Saturday, April 18, 2026 at Charter Hall at 10:00 am. to present the Town budget of \$7,934,192 and the Board of Education budget of \$10,095,148 recommended by the Board of Selectman and the Board of Education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and set a Referendum to take place on Saturday, May 2, 2026 between the hours of 10:00 am. and 8:00 pm.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky

VOTE: For: Unanimous

5. INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

A. SVFD monthly report:

Fire Chief, C. Fuchs was unable to attend, however provided correspondence which was read into record. Chief, Fuchs reported 72 Emergency calls to date. February was busy with several days where members responded to 5 calls within 24 hours. The Department welcomes one new member. The EMS responders trained their practical skills, including using the EKG monitor, giving intramuscular injections, and administering Narcan. The firefighters also became familiar with the new thermal imaging cameras. The Apparatus Committee visited Moline, Illinois to conduct a final inspection for Sherman's mini pumper which is expected in several weeks.

B. Public Works Report:

Supervisor, K. Fazzino reported he is hopeful winter is over, the sanders and plows have been removed from the trucks, cleaned and stored for next winter. K. Thompson has been diligently maintaining and repairing equipment. Street sweeping, and pothole maintenance has been a focus this month. Supervisor Fazzino reported he is currently training to be certified to be the Municipal Tree Warden. Supervisor Fazzino stated that he is currently seeking quotes to replace the pumps. The Board agreed to discuss the pump replacement at the April Meeting when they have a better idea of the cost of the work. Discussion followed regarding the catch basins and paving of Anderson Road to Hoyt Road to Route 39 North. Holiday Point Road was also mentioned needing attention regarding the catch basins and milling of the asphalt. Supervisor Fazzino stated he met with Seymour Sealing to discuss Leech Hollow and Sherwood Hill maintenance. Supervisor Fazzino requested the Board consider the expense of surveying the Public Works property. Discussion took place regarding future uses for Engine 3 and Brush Truck 4, both valued at approximately \$6,000 each. Supervisor Fazzino stated he will discuss the uses and report back at the April Meeting.

C. Sherman School Renovation project update:

First Selectman D. Lowe and Town Treasurer A. Maloney attended the Wednesday project update meeting. There will be a special ceremony on April 1, 2026 at 12:30 pm to celebrate the laying of the center beam, all are invited. The project is tracking well, steel started going up today. Selectman, Bruzinski reported that Project Supervisor Matt is working out great. First Selectman Lowe stated he would like to invite Newfield Construction to the May Meeting to provide a progress report.

D. Sherman Senior Center building Committee update:

The Senior Center Building Committee will meet next week to discuss details of a request for proposals seeking an Architect for the project.

E. Happy Acres:

B. Ostrosky Moved to Authorize an additional appropriation of \$10,000 funded from the accumulated Cell Tower revenue for farm related maintenance and operating expenses through 6/30/2026.

Seconded by: J. Bruzinski

VOTE: For: Unanimous

F. Happy Acres:

B. Ostrosky Moved to retroactively authorize an appropriation of \$ 6,397.53 from the Happy Acres Farm Restricted fund for the emergency purchase and replacement of a leaking fuel tank in the yard of Happy Acres Farm.

Seconded by: J. Bruzinski

VOTE: For: Unanimous

G. Happy Acres: 2026 Capital items and repairs:

D. Lowe Moved to send to a Town Meeting to Authorize an appropriation from the restricted fund, not to exceed the amount of \$11,000 for fence repairs to secure the perimeter of various pastures within the Happy Acres farm property for 2026 Capital items and repairs.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky

VOTE: For: Unanimous

H. Playhouse Power Upgrade:

Selectman, J. Bruzinski stated they are currently seeking bids to upgrade the power at the playhouse to a 400 amp. service before sending the request to a Town Meeting.

I. Cyber Insurance Premiums:

Business Administrator, L. LaVia stated that this service was recommended by IT, it is not needed yet. This discussion was tabled to another time.

J. Building Department Fees:

Discussion took place regarding a proposed change to the Building Department fees, which will then be brought to a Town Meeting.

D. Lowe Moved to send to a Town Meeting the approval of new Building Department fees.

Seconded by: B. Ostrosky

VOTE: For: Unanimous

K. HRRRA Member Ordinances:

First Selectman, D. Lowe reported, R. Bymes has been working with HRRRA for clarification. This discussion was tabled to another time.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Email policy- for future discussion

Hometown Heroes Banners Town Celebration: The Sherman Veteran's Association will hold a celebration ceremony at the Sherman Green on May 16, 2026 beginning at 11:00 am to honor Sherman Veterans.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

D. Lowe Adjourned the Meeting at 7:58 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Christine Branson
April 8, 2026