

ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

Every year the Sherman DPW provides its customers with an Annual Water Quality Report (AWQR) to let them know how our water quality stacks up against established federal and state drinking water standards. We encourage you to review this report as it provides details about the source and quality of your drinking water.

In an effort to be more environmentally responsible we are no longer printing the AWQR but have made it available on our website at **www.shermanny.org** on the DPW and Water page. You can also go directly to the 2019 AWQR at:

https://5fff6357-d116-40cc-9304-c847fc0d99e.filesusr.com/ugd/341c45_cf21aa8bbe3f48bfa6392cfa4740c42a.pdf

If you would like a printed copy, please call the office at 716-761-6781 and we will send you one.

NEW LOCAL LAWS

Details of the new local laws (passed on May 6th, 2020) can be found on our website at **www.shermanny.org** under the Government, Village Laws.

- **LL 1-2020 Opt Out of Tax Exemption**

The Village of Sherman hereby opts out of the tax exemptions provided by Section 487 of the Real Property Tax Law for Solar or Wind Energy Systems of Farm Waste Energy Systems constructed after the effective date of this local law.

- **LL 2-2020 Regulation of Telecommunications**

The purpose of this local law is to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the Village of Sherman; to provide standards for the safe provision of communications...; to minimize the total number of communication towers in the community...; and to minimize adverse visual effects... thereby protecting the natural features and aesthetic character of the Village of Sherman.

- **LL 3-2020 Amendment of Sewer Rents Law**

The fees for the Sewer Rents are hereby amended to

- A. Increase the base sewer service charge to \$45/month per EDU (equivalent dwelling unit) beginning June 1st, 2020;
- B. Increase the base sewer service charge to \$49/month per EDU beginning June 1st, 2021; and
- C. Increase the base sewer service charge to \$53/month per EDU beginning June 1st, 2022.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

We strongly encourage tax and utility payments to follow these three payment options: mail in your payment, use the drop box at the office, or use our online payment options found at **www.shermanny.org** under the payments tab. Garbage bags can be purchased from Graham's Market any day of the week. For all other services please call ahead to make an appointment.



**The Village of
Sherman
is considering
applying for a
grant to help homeowners
with necessary home
repairs!**

Owners must be low to moderate income.

Homes must be owner-occupied.

**If you might be interested, please fill out a
pre-application at the Sherman Village Hall or
call Chautauqua Home Rehab
& Improvement Corp (CHRIC)
at 753-7650 for more information**

The funds will be made available by the New York State Office of Community Renewal's Community Development Block Grant Program. If awarded, the program will be administered by Chautauqua Home Rehabilitation & Improvement Corporation (CHRIC).

Go to www.shermanny.org for more information

Opportunities to Get Involved in Your Community

Tree “Beautification” Committee

Purpose: Relining the streets of Sherman with shade trees.

The Tree Committee is led by Mary Swanson, along with members Jennifer TeWinkle, Susan Wolfe, Georgia Peck, Rose VanVolkenburg, Garrett Spitzer, Anne Kolesar, and Jim Mayshark. *No village residency requirement, **all are welcome.***

Trail Committee

Purpose: Extend the CR2T’s from Brocton to Mayville to Sherman and now **Sherman to Clymer.**

The Trail Committee consists of members of Chautauqua Rails to Trails, municipal leaders and county legislators along with Village department heads and interested community members like Jerry King, and it involves the cooperation of the Snowmobile Club and assistance from the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency. The conversion of the old railroad from Sherman to Clymer will extend the CR2T’s network and connect miles of trails. This “Trail Town” distinction brings opportunities for economic development for our businesses, museum, and recreational activities including hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, and snowmobiling. *No village residency requirement, **all are welcome.***

Historic Preservation Committee

Purpose: Preserving the historical assets of the Village of Sherman and the greater Sherman Community, highlighting Sherman’s architecture, schools, churches, Minerva Library, Yorker Museum, Civil War / Underground Railroad elements, Sherman’s connection to Chautauqua Institution, Cemeteries, Parks and Trails. The Historic Preservation Committee is presently being organized by Jennifer TeWinkle. She wishes to encourage everyone interested in learning about Sherman’s rich history to get engaged in this project. *No village residency requirement, **all are welcome.***

Community Visioning Workshop

Purpose: Defining ‘Sherman’ and developing the community’s Comprehensive Plan for the future.

Next Community Visioning Workshop – TBA – *no residency requirement to attend, **all input is welcome!***

The Steering Committee led by Rose Crane has included the insight from members: Tim Minge, Shannon Stevens, Melissa Gormley, Gary Emory, Georgia Peck, Doug Crane, John Swabik, and Ryan Sanders in directing the engineers in compiling the data collected from our stakeholders on our Sherman community’s strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. *The Steering Committee has a village residency requirement under NY State Village Law.*

Planning Board

Purpose: Advises the Village Municipal Board with their experience and expertise.

Members Garrett Spitzer, Kelly Jo Becker, and Bill Piazza, are led by Brian Bates. *The Planning Board has a village residency requirement under NY State Village Law.*

ZBA – Zoning Board of Appeals

Purpose: The impartial body that applies orders and requirements, make decisions, interpretations, and determinations from the local zoning law.

Members Randy Sweatman, Fred Hamilton, Doug Crane, Paul Fisher, and Carl Van Curen are led by Nick Kenyon. *The ZBA has a village residency requirement under NY State Village Law.*

Village Municipal Board

Purpose: The Board of Trustees of the Village of Sherman exists to facilitate the needs of the community in areas of health, safety, and welfare, business and economic development, public works and sanitation, historical preservation, parks, and recreation.

Trustees Donna Lee Higginbotham, Kirk Ayers, Ryan Sanders, Deputy Mayor Isaac Gratto, and Mayor Colleen Meeder are the elected officials serving in this capacity. *The Village Board has a village residency requirement under NY State Village Law.*

Sherman Community Organizations

(No residency or other requirements to participate.)

Stanley Hose Company led by Chief Matt Oehlbeck, and President David Brown, is an all-volunteer fire and EMS service. All fire companies are in need of volunteers. The roles of volunteers are not limited to fire and emergency medical service skills, but drivers, fire police – directing traffic and cordoning off an area, and mechanics are among others essential volunteers needed for the continued success of our Company.

Sherman Historical Society led by Roberta Tenpas, includes Sherman Historian Donna Lee Higginbotham and other members of the greater Sherman community that are committed to the preservation and promotion of our community's jewel, the **French Creek Yorker Museum**.

Sherman Area Food Pantry led by Helen Reynolds and other community members, under the Area Christian Action Council (ACAC) are working to serve the families and residents of the greater Sherman Central School District at the new location in the rear of 123 W Main St, accessible near Graham's Market off of Church St.

Sherman Area Chamber of Commerce led by Debra Sanders includes business representatives *and* community members interested in their initiatives to support the local economy.

Stanley Hose Ladies Auxiliary led by Kim Oehlbeck is for any man or woman, or youth volunteer who'd like to support the efforts of the Stanley Hose Company.

SNYYF – the Sherman NY Youth Foundation led by Joel Fisher is eager to reach out and get active again following this PAUSE.

Minerva Free Library led by Mary Reyda encourages your interest and patronage.

Sherman Community Cat Project led by Kelly Thornton to safely trap, treat and release our feline friends.