

Village of Sherman –Special Budget Public Hearing
Village Office-111 Mill St
April 28th, 2017

Present: Mayor Patterson, Trustees: Gratto and Higginbotham
Others: Doug Crane, Clerk Ramm, Jim Higginbotham

Mayor Patterson opened the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Mr. Higginbotham questioned the budget amount of \$70,000 for sales tax suggesting that it was too high. The Clerk replied that the County had stated that this Village receives \$15,000 – \$20,000 per quarter for sales tax, so this amount was the average. Mayor Patterson asked for previous years' sales tax income and Clerk Ramm reported that records showed 3 payments in 2016 adding up to \$55,131 and 4 payments in 2015 adding up to \$70,378. After discussion it was decided to leave the budgeted amount at \$70,000.

Trustee Higginbotham readdressed the idea of employing a Deputy Clerk. She reiterated that this would ensure that there would always be someone in the office and prevent the chaos we experienced when the previous clerk left. She also mentioned that this was an appointed position. It was decided that each Trustee would come to the next meeting with suggestions for possible candidates as well as suggestions for the wage and hours of a deputy.

Mr. Higginbotham also asked what the percentage of our Village tax rate was. Clerk Ramm replied that it was 10.75%. He stated that we were then increasing taxes as last year was just over 9%. It was explained that the tax rate is based on the overall assessed value and doesn't mean a tax increase per Village resident. But the Clerk would make sure there is no tax increase.

RESOLUTION #2 On motion made by Trustee Higginbotham and seconded by Trustee Gratto to move into executive session at 5:42 pm.

AYES: 2

NAYES: 0

RESOLUTION #3 On motion made by Trustee Gratto and seconded by Trustee Higginbotham to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting at 5:57 pm.

AYES: 2

NAYES: 0

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Ramm
Clerk/Treasurer