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SHERMAN — A new Sherman Village Board member and a new deputy mayor were sworn in during meeting held recently due to the resignation of Isaac Grotto, the former deputy mayor who moved out of the area.

New board member Dennis Watson was sworn in at the beginning of the meeting by Jeanette Ramm, village clerk. The board later accepted the appointment of trustee Ryan Sanders to the position of deputy mayor, effective Nov. 1, 2020, through May 31, 2021. Sanders will assume all duties of the mayor in her absence, including signatory as the village chief executive officer in the absence of Mayor Colleen Meeder. Sanders was officially sworn in by Ramm.

Meeder said both Sanders and trustee Kirk Ayers had character strengths that would enable either one to assume the duties of deputy mayor. However, she noted, Sanders is able to be more available.

In other business, Meeder and Jay Irwin, chief sewer operator, told board members about their visit to Watkins Glen to observe the Glasco Ultraviolet UV disinfection system in operation. Irwin said the Glasco UV system is the one that the Sherman wastewater treatment plant is going to be using.

Irwin explained how the water goes through the tubes and the UV bulbs are on the outside of them.

"I think it's a better system than Trojan," he said. "It should be easier to work on and you can use generic bulbs."

According to the Glasco UV LLC website, the company has been installing vertically oriented UV disinfection systems since the 1990s. Depending on the flow rate, modules (or segments) will turn on. This ensures that only the appropriate number of lamps are on. This saves both lamp life and energy. The water passes by the modules where it is exposed to lethal doses of UV light.

The benefits of a system like this include unlimited flows, energy efficiency, a small footprint, all connections above water, and automatic cleaning.

"And, it's \$90,000 cheaper," Irwin said.

Meeder noted that the system is more compact.

"They call it 'plug and play,'" she said. "It's an operational friendly system," Irwin said.

"It was certainly worth the



Dennis Watson is sworn in as a trustee of Sherman Village, replacing Isaac Gratto.



Sherman Trustee Ryan Sanders was chosen to become deputy mayor.

trip to Watkins Glen," Meeder added.

In other business, Meeder provided trustees with a cash budget review.

"We should be in a good total cash position by the end of the year," she said.

Meeder noted that \$23,000 in sales tax revenue from

June, July and August activity is only a few hundred dollars less than it was in November 2019, despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We had budgeted much more conservatively," she said. "The fact that New York state collects sales tax for all online sales is a big positive."