

May 13th 2026

Supervisor Roach opened the meeting of the Sheridan Town Board at 7:00 PM in the Sheridan Town Hall. Those present: Councilwoman Yerico, Councilmen Sutton, White, and Gentry, Code Enforcement Officer Crowell, and Highway Superintendent Feinen.

Eagle Scout Natasha Kemp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The floor was opened to the public.

Representatives from Silver Creek Central School District were present to present their budget. The current budget projection is \$33,421,717.00.

Multiple residents from Route 20 were present to discuss the ongoing issue they have been facing with flooded basements. Many residents have experienced damage to their property, appliances, and mold. They are concerned for their health and safety. It has become a financial burden to replace damaged property and items, as well as purchasing sump pumps to replace burnt out pumps. Residents expressed their desire to get the process expedited for getting something done to fix the issue. One resident expressing that the old railroad bed being taken out caused some issues with drainage as well. Supervisor Roach stated that Route 20 is a State road and it is ultimately their responsibility. Highway Superintendent Feinen stated it has been an ongoing issue for 20 years, the pipes going under Route 20 continue to fail every year and the problem gets worse as each pipe fails. Plans have been drawn up, but when it gets to Albany it just sits. If you look in Hamlet's field, that is ground water. At this point the board could not see how the Town could expedite the process as this is state infrastructure and we can't make them do anything. Senator Borello, Assemblyman Molitor, and Representative Langworthy are all away and have received emails and letters regarding the issue. Plans were made to get contact information for residents who would like to participate in a meeting with some officials and see if a better or faster solution can be thought up.

Marguerite Kaczor from Route 5 in Sheridan brought up the issue of erosion occurring on Lake Erie. She would like the Town to look at grants to research the issue. She wants the town to form a multi-agency task force, and hold a public meeting within 30 days involving state and local agencies and wants a timeline funding commitment. She requested Sheridan get a Comprehensive plan, and expressed issue that the Zoning Board and Planning Board serve as one combined board. Supervisor Roach informed her that the Town of Sheridan has combined those two boards for years, and other municipalities operate the same way. Ms. Kaczor stated that the City of Dunkirk took 8 months to develop their plan for the break wall. She wants to see a break wall spanning the waterfront along the entirety of the Town of Sheridan. Supervisor Roach stated that there is no way to put a one month or even a one year deadline on this. There

are state and legal issues that also go into this. Ultimately it is not the Town's responsibility. Highway Supt. Feinen stated that when he was working on the possibility of a break wall at Sheridan Bay Park, he met with a coastal erosion specialist out of Watertown who said that they would not be putting any more structures into the lake, and that the lake is starving for sediment. Supervisor Roach concluded by stating that Ms. Kaczor is welcome to look into things on her end, and keep the board informed of what she comes up with. He personally doesn't feel it is the responsibility of the Town, it is a federal responsibility.

As there was no one wishing to speak further, Supervisor Roach closed the floor to the public at 7:50 PM.

Copies of the minutes of from last month's meeting had been distributed to all Town Board members prior to the meeting. Councilman White made a motion to accept the minutes as reviewed. Councilman Gentry seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote of "aye".

Copies of the Financial Report were also distributed prior to this meeting. Councilman White made a motion to accept the Financial Report. Councilman Sutton seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote of "aye".

After having reviewed the bills, Councilwoman Yerico made a motion to pay General Fund vouchers 109 through 137 for a total of \$27,544.60, Highway Fund vouchers 70 through 78 for a total of \$17,138.76, Special District voucher numbers 10 to 11 for a total of \$366.33, and Capital District Voucher number 12 through 15 for a total of \$4,563.11, and Capital District Voucher number 13 through 18 for a total of \$56,073.22. Councilman White seconded the motion. Resolution #27-5/2026 passed with the following roll-call vote: Councilwoman Yerico votes "aye", Councilman Sutton votes "aye", Councilman White votes "aye", Councilman Gentry votes "aye", and Supervisor Roach votes "aye".

CORRESPONDENCE:

From Sheridan Historical Society, a letter requesting a donation for the support of the Historical Society. The budgeted amount is \$1,500. Supervisor Roach made a motion to donated the previously approved and budgets amount to the Historic Society. Councilwoman Yerico seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote of "aye".

From Natasha Kemp, a letter announcing she received her Eagle Scout Rank, and asking for a letter or certificate of acknowledgement to be presented at her Eagle Court of Honor. Supervisor Roach stated he is already working on a letter.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Justice Szumigala reports 144 Vehicle and Traffic law cases received, 162 disposed of; 1 Penal Law received, 1 disposed of; and 1 Transportation Law received, 1 disposed of for the month of April. A total of \$15,684.00 was collected and turned over for distribution.

Code Enforcement Officer Crowell reports 17 building permit applications, 18 inspections on construction, 7 public safety inspections, 1 investigation of a complaint, 1 notice of violation, 1 court action, and 1 address change. 98 miles travelled, 115.5 hours worked, and took in a total of \$1,136.50 for the month of April.

CEO Crowell and Superintendent Roach met with Attorney Passafaro, he feels the way to go is to keep citing Szukala through the Town Court. It is going to cost a lot of money to go through the Supreme Court. The current penalty right now is \$1,500. Atty. Passafaro feels it will cost more than \$1,500 to pursue the issue. He does not feel it is a wise use of the tax payers money. Councilwoman Yerico stated that is a decision the board will need to make. Short discussion was held.

Highway Superintendent Feinen reported crews dug out Newell Rd. pipe, he is waiting on the County engineer to determine the size. He is trying to find someone to build the bridge deck. Swept Town roads (Fredonia did the plaza). Crews pulled posted signs, cleaned plow damage, fixed washouts, and rebuilt the shoulder on Laona Rd. Ditched a section of Newell Rd., hauled in gravel, got the FEMA paperwork problem solved. Patched holes at the Town Hall and installed a new rear end on truck #6. Truck #17 is almost done at DeMarcos, trucks were stripped of their plow equipment. Cleaned and chopped down trees from winter that were pushed aside for better weather. The broom was removed and the tractor was set up to mow.

The pavilion at Sheridan Bay Park was torn down, the tractor serviced, fixed, and delivered. What is left of the beach was cleaned up and a barrier fence with "Do Not Enter" signs were put up. Driveways and washouts were fixed and a stone dam was built on the west side of the park to slow water and stop erosion from going next door. Also dug up the sewer line for the contractor and doing digging for the hot box as a part of our in-kind work.

Tree bids were received for the Cemetery.

Highway school is June 1st to the 3rd, and registration needs to be in by May 15th. Cost is \$175.

Cole Szumigala resigned, we have received some applications and interviews will start soon.

The camera on Christy Rd. was placed in a bad position, it has been moved, the pole is still sitting there and Hwy. Supt. Feinen will see if they can pull it, or if they will let the farmer pull it.

Supervisor Roach stated he has been working with Eden Veterinary Clinic on a contract with them. It was finished yesterday. He received a notice from NYS Ag and Markets that they

did not have it on record that we had a contract and we were in violation. The contacted them and sent a copy of the contract to them. They responded back with thanks.

Town Clerk Schafer reports a total of \$274.50 was taken in for the month of April. \$247.50 was turned over to the General Fund, \$27.00 was sent out to NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets for dog licenses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Water District #4: May 8th was the last day to apply for connection to Water District #4. Due to such few sign-ups, Dave Hardenbrook from CPL, and Lauren from CBI recommended the board approve to install all the meter pits and curb stops at the 68 locations, but only put meters in at the locations who have signed up for water service. That will cut back the costs of the meters. With the 34 signed up and 10 extra meters, we will need to order 44 meters. They will be starting around the end of this month or very early in June. It will take around 3-4 weeks to finish.

Sheridan Bay Park: Supervisor Roach reported that the sign required by the state was up for 3 days and stolen. Another one has been ordered. There was also some damage done to the inside of the bathhouse, it is minimal. It appears someone was trying to bend and tear out the copper pipe that was put in. A police report has been filed.

To date we have paid \$378,364 towards the bathhouse, a good portion of that has been turned in to Jody Faulkner with receipts and cancelled checks, for reimbursement. Hopefully we can see that money coming to us from the stated in 2-3 weeks.

Hwy. Supt. Feinen stated the beach has taken a beating this year, it usually washed out when the creek overflows. This year the erosion of the creek and the wave action took all the material we had placed along the creek. He met with Soil and Water and they discussed several options. The possibility was brought up of putting in blue clay, and geo-grid to armor the creek back up with the addition of more stone. Currently the beach is not a safe area, for now the beach has been closed off. The west side of the beach has been cleaned and will be available for people to use. A grant is being worked on that will take a year, to completely stabilize the area. Other options to combat the issue were discussed, like putting in more rock, but the blue clay seems to be the best option. It will also be redesigned to allow the creek to overflow on the parking lot side, as it is unlikely to washout and if it does and can be easily fixed. This project could be done in house with out own equipment, if we do run into problems we could rent a machine to help get the work done.

Community Center: "3 Pete's Masonry" has started working on the front of the Community Center and they will be moving along on that project.

West Sheridan Cemetery: “3 Pete’s Masonry” asked how the Town would like to proceed with the cemetery and the extra work that needs to be done there. He also wanted to know if the board would like to put the pipes back in that run between the pillars or to take them out. It was decided to not put them back in place. The check has been sent for the pillar work and picked up.

OLD BUSINESS:

CEO Crowell stated he and Steve met with Attorney Passafaro to discuss the ongoing Szukala issue. Attorney Passafaro is not keen on pursuing the issue in county court, he feels it would be more expensive than the \$1,500 that is owed to the Town. Discussion was held. CBI Waterworks has complained that he is blocking access to the water line blow off. The board decided in favor of going to Mayville and take the owner to court.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Roach stated that Lake Shore Bank now has Municipal/Government banking. He would like to look into the possibility of changing banks. If the board is open for investigating the possibility they would like to sit down and have a meeting. The Board decided in favor of looking at out options and a meeting will be scheduled.

Councilwoman Yerico made a motion to send any elected and/or appointed officials who wish to attend the Southern Tier West 31st Annual Local Government Conference June 4th at Houghton University; at a cost of \$50 per person. Councilman White seconded the motion. Resolution #28-5/2026 passed with the following roll-call vote: Councilwoman Yerico votes “aye”, Councilman Sutton votes “aye”, Councilman White votes “aye”, Councilman Gentry votes “aye”, and Supervisor Roach votes “aye”.

Councilman White made a motion to enter into contract with Roger Gloss for mowing at West Sheridan Cemetery, Pioneer Cemetery, and the Municipal Complex, at a cost of \$3,865 for the year. Councilman Gentry seconded the motion. Resolution #29-5/2026 passed with the following roll-call vote: Councilwoman Yerico votes “aye”, Councilman Sutton votes “aye”, Councilman White votes “aye”, Councilman Gentry votes “aye”, and Supervisor Roach votes “aye”.

Councilman Gentry made a motion to approve the changes and updates to the contract for Sheridan Bay Park Caretaker. Increasing the stipend by \$200 to accommodate the addition of a secondary caretaker, as well as allowing them 1st pick of their site, in the absence of the primary caretaker. Councilman Sutton seconded the motion. Resolution #30-5/2026 passed with the following roll-call vote: Councilwoman Yerico votes “aye”, Councilman Sutton votes “aye”, Councilman White votes “aye”, Councilman Gentry votes “aye”, and Supervisor Roach votes “aye”.

Councilman Gentry made a motion to send Highway Superintendent Feinen to Highway school at the cost of \$175.00. Councilman White seconded the motion. Resolution #31-5/2026 passed with the following roll-call vote: Councilwoman Yerico votes “aye”, Councilman Sutton votes “aye”, Councilman White votes “aye”, Councilman Gentry votes “aye”, and Supervisor Roach votes “aye”.

Bids were opened for the removal of trees in the Pioneer Cemetery. Kravitz bid \$13,700, Matthews bid \$13,500. After the board had a chance to look over both bids and what they entailed: Councilman Gentry made a motion to accept Matthews Tree Service bid. Councilman White seconded the motion. Resolution #32-5/2026 passed with the following roll-call vote: Councilwoman Yerico votes “aye”, Councilman Sutton votes “aye”, Councilman White votes “aye”, Councilman Gentry votes “aye”, and Supervisor Roach votes “aye”.

Memorial Day services were discussed. Councilwoman Yerico stated she would like to read Flander’s Field. Councilman White stated he would like to read the rolls for the Vietnam War.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Workshop meeting will be May 27th at 7 PM.

Next Board meeting June 10th at 7 PM.

Memorial Day service will be May 25th at 12 PM in the Sheridan Center Cemetery. With a rain location of the Community Center. The town offices will be closed May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.