

**Town of Sherman  
BOS Budget Hearing  
April 16,2020  
ZOOM Teleconference**

**Member's Present:** First Selectman Don Lowe, Selectman Bob Ostrosky, and Selectman Kevin Keenan

**Member's Absent:** None

**Audience & Invited:** Treasurer Eric Holub, Business Manager Liz LaVia, and other members of the community via ZOOM

**Clerk:** Margaret Beatty

**Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:** F. Selectman Don Lowe called meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. after the Pledge of Allegiance.

All Selectman were in agreement with the budget, with the Covid 19 virus Park and Rec potentially can be affected but will stay in budget as is and can be re-evaluated when restrictions are tempered.

Treasurer Eric Holub noted that with the change in the economy and the decrease in interest rates, interest income maybe readdressed but does not affect spending. At the present time he also noted we do not need to reduce the tax collection rate.

First Selectman Don Lowe addressed letters received from the public in regards to the budget. The letters detailed were in opposition to the budget presented by the BOE, he also stated that with the current climate the potential is there for new families to integrate into our town so minimizing the BOE budget is not a consideration.

The Selectman updated the participating community of upcoming meeting, all to be done via ZOOM and the town website will be updated with all the pertinent information.

First Selectman Don Lowe made a motion to approve, presenting to the tax payers, the Town and BOE budget totaling \$14, 246,872.

**Motion by:** F. Selectman Don Lowe

**Seconded By:** Selectman Bob Ostrosky

**All in Favor:** Unanimous

Note: Selectman Bob Ostrosky indicated that both the Town Budget and BOE Budget should be presented together in the mailer to the community. First Selectman Don Lowe will follow up with Principal/Superintendent Jeff Melendez.

Lastly, First Selectman Don Lowe updated the community that the Town has gone 10 days without a new case of Covid 19, we all should continue to practice safe social distancing and state guidelines.

First Selectman Don Lowe motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7: 18 p.m.

**Motioned by:** F. Selectman Don Lowe

**Seconded by:** Both Selectman Ostrosky and Keenan      **All in favor:** Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Beatty on April 20,2020.