

## **Minutes of the August 2, 2021, Regular Board Meeting of Sherman Township**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Sherman Township Board was held on Monday, August 2, 2021, at 7:00 pm, in the meeting room of the township hall. Meeting was called to order by Supervisor-Smalligan at 7:00 pm. After the pledge of allegiance, roll call was taken and members present were Karen Berens, Doug Berens, Stan Stroven, Ken Smalligan and Jamie Kukal.

Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by D Berens to approve the agenda as presented. All approved, motion passed.

Motion was made by K Berens and 2nd by D Berens to accept the minutes from the July 6, 2021, regular meeting with spelling corrections . All approved, motion passed.

There was no public comment at this time.

No one showed up to talk about the Peterson Lake NO WAKE push, so Ken Smalligan read an excerpt from a PDF he received pertaining to the regulations of proceeding forward. The issue was tabled for next month.

Treasurer-Berens presented her report of outgoing funds, highlighting the cost of both 2020 and 2021 junk days and the Orchard Hill payment for the air conditioning repair. Berens also reported back on the cost of a seasonal porta potty for the Crystal Lake Park. It would be \$150 a month for one porta potty with monthly cleanings, or \$250 for a handicap accessible one. She did relay the message she received from a non-resident visitor of the park, complaining about the condition of the current bathrooms. She assured the visitor that options are being discussed. Berens reported that the ARPA funds request has been submitted. Finally, she asked if someone could spray the bees that seem to be around the building. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by D Berens to accept the treasurer's report and authorize the paying of bills. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, K Smalligan, and J Kukal No; none Motion passed.

Kukal presented the insurance renewal information for both the workmen's comp policy and the liability policy. K Berens pointed out that the liability had gone up \$326 from last year, however the workmen's comp was exactly the same cost as the previous year. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by K Berens to renew the liability insurance for the cost of \$6,184.25. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, K Smalligan, and J Kukal No; none Motion passed. Motion was made by D Berens and 2n by S Stroven to renew the workmen's comp insurance for the cost of \$1,308. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, K Smalligan, and J Kukal No; none Motion passed.

Trustee-Berens presented an invitation from the Fremont Community Rec Center for a Board meet and greet on August 18, 2021, at 7 pm.

Supervisor-Smalligan presented some of the mailing he had received for the month. Report on the survey results for governor performance satisfaction. Notice from Fremont Digester of local injections. Notice from the Newaygo County Road Commission on the upcoming hearing to abandon 40th between Croswell and Baldwin. Smalligan presented the Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy for the

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board to review and consider adopting prior to the issuing of the ARPA funds. It will be presented as a Resolution for the next meeting.

Doug Berens reported for the planning commission that last month's meeting was short.

Assessor-Story was not present, so K Smalligan read his brief email report. July BOR went well, and he continues to work on the site reviews.

Building inspector-Smalligan reported doing 4 inspections and 4 permits last month.

Deputy Zoning Administrator-Borgman confirmed the 4 permits. He also reported that the lawyer had sent the board a letter advising to not pursue the Peets issue for now and to push the planning commission to move forward with the ordinance changes to strengthen the township's regulations on short term rentals. John also reported a similar issue in Wilcox township, where their lawyer advised the same plan of action to adjust the ordinance.

Sexton-Tollefson reported on cemetery business of a slow month. However, hall rentals are rolling in.

White Cloud Sherman Utilities, Stan Stroven reported that at today's meeting a presentation was given on asset management plans and will be a topic addressed moving forward. Several of the generators for the newly updated stations are still on backorder.

For Fremont Fire District, K Berens reported billing \$323.17 and collecting \$622.57. For White Cloud Fire District, S Stroven said the biggest issue discussed was the renewal of a \$250,000 CD and who to invest with. He also mentioned the request for all township L-4029s for the budget.

There was no new or unfinished business.

For public comment, Don Clark asked about the STR moratorium previously presented and if there has been any direction given to the planning commission on how to proceed. K Smalligan confirmed that the moratorium is no longer an option, however the suggested changes provided by the lawyer were shared with the planning commission and should be taken as guidance. There was some conversation about using a consultant for ordinance revisions in all areas. Motion was made by J Kukal and 2nd by K Berens to request the planning commission seek ordinance revisions per the Zoning Administrators requests and specifically STR. All approved, motion passed.

Al Smalligan reported that three accidents had happened on Baldwin and 48th in the last two weeks. He is asking the township to put a little more push on the Newaygo County Road Commission to consider safety options for that intersection. K Smalligan explained that the issue has been presented to the Road Commission several times and the township's hands are basically tied, however he encouraged Al to make contact himself and see if he gets a different answer.

Karen Koprofces supported Don Clark's position on the STR issue being addressed further in the form of ordinance revisions.

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For board member comment, Trustee-Stroven commented that ten years ago a private person tried to purchase the property on the corner of 48th and Baldwin, with the intent of improving the line of vision on that intersection. However, that fell through, maybe that is still an option.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm

Submitted by: Jamie Kukal-Clerk

Visitors present:        Vonda Tollefson            Gary Smalligan            John Borgman        Jerry Engel  
                                  Wayne Berens

### Sherman Township Balance Sheet As of July 31, 2021

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<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
<b>MASTER ACCOUNT</b>	
101-001 · General Fund cash	171,212.64
203-001 · Mayo Drive cash	13,903.36
220-002 · Robinson Lake Cash	32,957.14
221-001 · Crystal Lake Cash	53,930.46
336-001 · Fire protection millage Fr & WC	11,731.08
MASTER ACCOUNT - Other	-12.54
<b>Total MASTER ACCOUNT</b>	<u>283,722.14</u>
151-001 · Cemetery cash	11,323.21
202-001 · Road Checking	10,488.18
249-001 · Capital acquisition cash	3,626.29
261-336 · Gerber Fire Runs Savings	1,431.24
401-001 · Winter Tax Account	437.38
402-002 · Summer Tax Account	49,283.40
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>360,311.84</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>360,311.84</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>360,311.84</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><b>360,311.84</b></u>