

Minutes of the August 7, 2023, Regular Board Meeting of Sherman Township

The regular scheduled meeting of the Sherman Township Board was held on Monday August 7, 2023, at 7:00 pm, in the meeting room of the township hall. Meeting was called to order by Supervisor-Smalligan at 7:01 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 K Berens to approve the agenda with the addition of Insurance renewal under the clerk's report. All approved, motion passed.

Motion was made by K Berens and 2nd by D Berens to approve the minutes from July 3, 2023, as presented. All approved, motion passed.

There was no public comment at this time.

Treasurer-Berens presented her report of outgoing funds highlighting the annual generator maintenance by Platz Electric, and reminding the board that a bill for the balance on the recent road work should be expected soon and funds will need to be transferred to cover it. Berens had a request from Basil Hill, the park's lawn care man, for a weed whip for trimming around the park. Motion was made by K Berens and 2nd by D Berens for Basil to spend up to \$200 for a weed whip to be used for the park lawn service. After a brief discussion K Berens amended her motion to read as such " Motion made for Basil to spend up to \$200 for a weed whip to be used for the park and be housed at the township hall." Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, Ken Smalligan and J Kukal No; none. Motion passed. Berens had another request from Leanna Klements for a small shampooer for renters to use for spills and an area rug in front of the kitchen service window. The shampooer was declined at this time, however the rug will be considered once new carpet is in. Motion was made by J Kukal and 2nd by D Berens to accept the treasurer's report as presented, authorize the transfer of \$100,000 from the general fund to the road fund and authorize her to pay the bills. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, Ken Smalligan and J Kukal No; none. Motion passed.

Clerk-Kukal presented the clerk's report, highlighting the recent FOIA request for Fire Withholding Insurance Program invoices and the F-65 filling. Kukal also presented a financial breakdown of the cost for early in-person voting options, for the board to review for future decisions. For the insurance renewal she presented the proposal from Burnham & Flower Insurance Group for \$7,748.50. Motion was made by J Kukal and 2nd by D Berens to accept the bid for insurance renewal through Burnham & Flower Insurance Group for \$7,748.50. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, Ken Smalligan and J Kukal No; none. Motion passed.

Supervisor- Smalligan reported he asked Stan to present the bids for replacing the flooring in the meeting room and repairs in the entryway and men's bathroom. There were four different samples that ranged in price from \$6,344.63 to \$7,909.74. The board majority liked the #3 samples in sage. Motion was made by J Kukal and 2nd by D Berens to accept the bid from Newaygo Carpet for the #3 samples in sage for \$^,756.01 and repairs for \$176, totaling \$6,932.01. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, Ken Smalligan and J Kukal No; none. Motion passed.

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For trustees' reports, trustee-Stroven reported that the MTA is offering an Emergency Services conference in September and he would like to attend. Motion was made by D Berens and 2nd by J Kukal to pay for Stroven's attendance at the September MTA Emergency Services Conference in Frankenmuth for \$125. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, Ken Smalligan and J Kukal No; none. Motion passed.

Sexton-Tollefson reported that there is currently no water at the cemetery. Johnson's were out and confirmed that the well pump is not working and a well company will need to be contacted for the repair. Doug Berens volunteered to make contact and see to the repairs.

Assessor-Story was not present and no report was provided.

For the planning commission, D Berens presented the Home Business Occupations ordinance, proposed changes for consideration. S Stroven voiced his concern for #7 and would like it changed to read (plus not more than two non-resident). J Kukal voiced her initial concerns of contradicting the conservation of ag land that was recently passed and how current home business trends are up and the township could benefit by supporting the growth. K Smalligan is concerned about the potential of industrialization if the changes go through. K Berens asked why it was up for consideration in the first place? Butch Duer responded that COVID 19 changed the way many businesses are run and the committee felt this change would bring the township more inline with current home business needs. Motion was made by J Kukal and 2nd by D Berens for the planning commission to proceed with the proposed changes with consideration of the voiced concerns. Motion passed 4 to 1.

Building inspector-Smalligan presented his report indicating 3 permits and 5 inspections last month.

Zoning Administrator-Kukal confirmed the 3 permits.

For White Cloud Sherman Utilities Wayne Berens reported on the sale of the old truck for \$38,500. The City council and their attorney will be meeting with the utilities attorney soon to see if they can resolve their issues.

For Fremont Fire District, K Berens reported billing \$1023.8 and collecting \$354.47 for the month. For White Cloud, K Smalligan presented a new contract for review.

There was no new or unfinished business.

There was no board member comment at that time.

For public Comment, Jim Maike about the bills the commission is opposing at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm

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Submitted by: Jamie Kukal-Clerk

Visitors present: Wayne Berens Vonda Tollefson Jerry Engel Dale Twing
 Ryan Coffey Al Smalligan Chad Kukal Jim Maike
 Gary Smalligan Butch Duer John Borgman
 Several of the Amish Gentlemen from the Township

Jamie Kukal, Sherman Township Clerk **Balance Sheet** As of July 31, 2023

	Jul 31, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
MASTER ACCOUNT	
101-001 · General Fund cash	300,015.73
203-001 · Mayo Drive cash	23,148.89
220-002 · Robinson Lake Cash	27,658.74
221-001 · Crystal Lake Cash	52,088.86
336-001 · Fire protection millage Fr & WC	10,913.84
Total MASTER ACCOUNT	<u>413,826.06</u>
151-001 · Cemetery cash	5,224.63
202-001 · Road Checking	18,929.99
249-001 · Capital acquisition cash	3,626.29
260-001 · Gerber FCU	
261-336 · Gerber Fire Runs Savings	2,175.45
263-001 · Gerber FCU ARPA Account	134,791.21
Total 260-001 · Gerber FCU	<u>136,966.66</u>
401-001 · Winter Tax Account	3,897.73
402-002 · Summer Tax Account	87,608.72
Total Checking/Savings	<u>670,080.08</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>670,080.08</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>670,080.08</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>670,080.08</u>