

Minutes of the October 7, 2024, Regular Board Meeting of Sherman Township

The regular scheduled meeting of the Sherman Township Board was held on Monday October 7, 2024, at 7:00 pm, in the meeting room of the township hall. The 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 D Berens to approve the agenda as presented. All approved, motion passed.

Motion was made by K Berens and 2nd by D Berens to approve the minutes from September 3, 2024, as presented. All approved, motion passed.

For public comment, Dan Peters spoke on behalf of the Robinson Lake Weed Committee, thanking the board for their work to reestablish the weed SAD and to encourage them to work towards a better option for the roll assessment for the next tax cycle. The committee's proposal will be presented for next month's meeting.

Michelle Klompstra asked for updates on the Goody Drive zoning violation process. Ken reported that he and the Zoning Administrator were meeting with the lawyer later in the week to write the official citations and encouraged her to document what she can for evidence. He also confirmed that the Health department was no help when he called on the human waste issues either. Kevin Aney confirmed that the person with a PPO against him is still living there and they have reported it to the authorities and the man sneaks out before being caught. They also reported the burning of garbage to the fire department, and no one came out to investigate. Gary Fetterley confirmed that he has also witnessed the coming and going of the same person. Officer William Nemcek advised the public to always call with a report of concerns to the police department and provide documentation by photo or video. He also suggested trying to contact the DNR or DEQ about the human waste issue to see if they may have more authority. Stan is going to check into the alleged report placed with the White Cloud Fire Department.

Peter Van Dop spoke on behalf of the group trying to get the remainder of Beach Street west of First Street declared abandoned. He provided the original description and his evidence that they believe a typo was made on the original allowing for a short section to be left out from the original ruling. The County Road Commission provided a letter of support for the revision of the original abandonment. The group is just asking for support to continue the process to have this error corrected with the revision. Resolution 2024-9, for vacating remainder of Beech Street- Point Pleasant No. 1, was presented for consideration. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by J Kukal to adopt resolution 2024-9 with the one striking of the section, "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CLERK SHALL, AND". Roll call vote was taken. Yes: K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, K Smalligan No: none. Motion passed.

Treasurer-Berens presented her report of outgoing funds, highlighting the total cost so far applied to the Robinson Lake committee for the SAD renewal proceedings of \$3,145. With no questions on the report a motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by D Berens to accept the report and authorize the paying of the bills. Roll call vote was taken. Yes: K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, K Smalligan No: none. Motion passed. Karen reminded the board that the newsletter is due to the printer no later than November 11th. She is also supposed to meet with the mechanics from Orchard Hill this week to evaluate the water softener issue.

Clerk-Kukal presented her report highlighting the work on the Robinson Lake SAD renewal and the start of the election cycle. With no questions about her report, she moved on the present the Mayo Drive SAD Advisory Committee members for approval. The committee recommended the addition of Kevin Kaastra, Stan Stroven,

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Jack Hendon, Buzz Kasprzycki. There was some discussion about if they were replacing old members or if they were and addition of members and Jame said she would confirm the full list of members with the chair. Motion was made by D Berens and 2nd by K Berens to accept the appointment of the new members. All approved, motion passed. **(Confirmed full committee members list as of 10/9/24: Aaron Mater, Tuan Lam, Kevin Kaastra, Stan Stroven, Jack Hendon, Buzz Kasprzycki)** For Robinson Lake Manager and SAD Advisory Committee, Dale Twing resigned, and Doug Fouser was recommended to fill his seat. A motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by D Berens to accept the appointment of the new member. All approved, motion passed. **(Confirmed full committee members list as of 10/7/24: Dan Peters, Tracy Streichhirsch, Tim Davis, Ben Patton, Tony Wedeven, Dave Koster, Karen Koproces, and Doug Fouser)**

For the snow removal bids, one bid was received for the Township Hall, from Chad Kukal for \$85 per plow and \$60 per salt. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by D Berens to accept the bid from Chad Kukal for 2024-25 snow removal at the Township Hall for \$85 per plow and \$60 per salt application. Roll call vote was taken. Yes: K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, K Smalligan No: none. Motion passed. For Mayo Drive, two bids were received with no recommendation from the committee. The first was from Christian Brothers for \$75 per plow and the next from Chad Kukal for \$175 per plow. Stan voiced his opinion as a committee member that he thought the committee was not happy with the service Chirstian Brothers has provided in the last few years. The decision was tabled for next month and the Clerk will seek a recommendation from the Chair on the subject.

Supervisor-Smalligan addressed the need to appoint the allocation of the remaining ARPA Funds. The power washing has been removed due to Doug Berens and a small group volunteering to do it. For the possibility of a new bench at the cemetery a bid for a 42" composite bench has been presented for \$415. J Kukal commented that she would like to see if there are any more options for possibly someone making a bench and wondered if it should be tabled until the water softener issue is dealt with. The allocation of funds was tabled for another month.

There was nothing from trustees at this time.

Assessor-Story was not present, and no report was presented.

For the Cemetery, Sexton-Tollefson had nothing to report other than Harlyn has yet to get the dead trees taken down.

Planning commission representative-Berens presented a draft of the proposed ordinance text amendment for the board to review. The only recommendation came from Supervisor-Smalligan to consider that the parcel must be at least 5 acres for any shipping container. Doug will take that recommendation back to the Planning Commission to consider as they proceed.

Building inspector-Smalligan presented his report indicating 3 permits and 7 inspections last month.

Zoning Administrator-Kukal confirmed the 3 permits and the work on violations.

For White Cloud Sherman Utilities, S Stroven reported that the meeting went smoothly, and they have an issue with the sludge that needs to be assessed. There was a great deal of discussion on time sheet justification and productivity and that will be looked at more in the near future.

For Fremont Fire District, K Berens reported billing \$570.84 and collecting \$1,085.34 for the month. For White Cloud Fire District, S Stroven reported that the recent epoxy floor is not satisfactory, so payment is being held.

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There is also a strong possibility of revisiting the merger contract in the near future to account for the additional cost of implementation for the First Responders Program.

For new or unfinished business, Clerk Kukal presented the Audit results for the board to review.

For public comment Butch Duer asked if the current assessment roll for lake levels could be used for the Robinson Lake Weed SAD roll and Dan Petter confirmed that is the same roll currently used.

For board member comments, J Kukal informed the board that Ryan Coffee will be presenting a ZBA training on October 8th approximately 8 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm

Submitted by: Jamie Kukal - Clerk

Visitors present:	Brett Derks	Gary Smalligan	Butch Duer
	Chad Kukal	Vonda Tollefson	Michelle Klompstra
	Daniel Peters	Kathy & Dale Rivait	Peter Van Dop
	William Nemecek	Kathy Uhlir	Gerald Engel
	Kevin Aney	Gary Fetterley	

Jamie Kukal, Sherman Township Clerk
Balance Sheet
 As of September 30, 2024

Sep 30, 24	
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
MASTER ACCOUNT	
101-001 · General Fund cash	334,274.51
203-001 · Mayo Drive cash	26,035.35
220-002 · Robinson Lake Cash	15,602.98
221-001 · Crystal Lake Cash	48,898.86
336-001 · Fire protection millage Fr & WC	18,013.48
Total MASTER ACCOUNT	442,825.18
151-001 · Cemetery cash	4,716.75
202-001 · Road Checking	31,742.47
249-001 · Capital acquisition cash	3,626.29
260-001 · Gerber FCU	
261-336 · Gerber Fire Runs Savings	2,514.41
263-001 · Gerber FCU ARPA Account	552.63
Total 260-001 · Gerber FCU	3,067.04
401-001 · Winter Tax Account	668.24
402-002 · Summer Tax Account	162,793.24
Total Checking/Savings	649,439.21
Total Current Assets	649,439.21
TOTAL ASSETS	649,439.21
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	649,439.21

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