

## **Minutes of the September 7, 2021, Regular Board Meeting of Sherman Township**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Sherman Township Board was held on Monday, September 7, 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 K Berens and 2nd by D Berens to approve the agenda as presented. All approved, motion passed.

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

For public comment, Ted Pottinger addressed the need for Woodside Rd to be designated a public road and not private. He claims it is not being used as it once was designated. More and more traffic, such as school busses, police and the general public have become an issue. He has been in charge of maintenance for the past several years and can no longer keep up with the needs. He is asking for direction to get the issue addressed. Supervisor-Smalligan directed him to contact the Newaygo County Road Commission for guidance.

Joseph Fox was representing Long/Ryerson Lake and expressed his thanks for the resurfacing of the road this summer.

For Peterson Lake NO WAKE push, Ken Smalligan read an excerpt from a PDF he received pertaining to the regulations of proceeding forward and requesting assistance from the DNR. Eva Miller-Videtch confirmed that a public hearing is the next step needed. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by D Berens to hold a public hearing on October 4, 2021, at 6:30pm, for the Peterson Lake request for DNR assistance. All approved, motion passed.

No one was present from the Crystal Lake SAD Advisory committee, so Ken Smalligan presented the recommendation to lower the assessment to \$150 per resident. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by D Berens to accept the Crystal Lake SAD recommendation as presented at \$150 per resident for 2022. All approved, motion passed.

Ken Smalligan presented the Robinson Lake SAD Advisory Committee recommendation to increase by the allowed 10% from 2021 assessment, which would be \$161.7 for lakefront properties, \$121.28 for Robinson Creek properties, and \$16.17 for unbuildable lots. Motion was made by K. Berens and 2nd by D Berens to accept the recommendation as presented. All approved, motion passed.

Smalligan then presented the Robinson Lake SAD Advisory Committee's recommendation of committee members going forward. Those recommendations were to add Dale Twing, Tracey Streichhirsch, and Gary Fetterley to the current members of Roman Miller, Tim Davis, Dan Peters, Karen Kopolces, and Dave Koster. It was pointed out that Gary Fetterley is not an assessed member as a back lot owner and might not be eligible to participate as a member. Gary confirmed that he is not assessed, however he was on the original committee when first started and at that time the committee chose not to assess back lots. Dale Twin commented that every other Lake committee that he deals with, does assess the back lots. K

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Smalligan question the way the past committee has handled issues and whether a Lake Improvement Board would be a better avenue or not. To have a lake improvement Board it would take an  $\frac{2}{3}$  petition from the Lake residents or a mandate by the current township Board. Gary Fetterley withdrew his name from the running for new member. Motion was made by J Kukal and 2nd by S Stroven to accept the recommendation of continuing with the current committee members and adding Dale Twing and Tracey Streichhirsch to the Robinson Lake SAD Advisory Committee. All approved, motion passed.

There was not a representative for the Mayo Dr SAD present and no recommendation had been received to present. A special meeting was set for Monday September 20, 2021, at 6:30pm to review the recommendations. J Kukal will reach out to the committee again and inform them of the date.

Treasurer-Berens presented her report of outgoing funds, highlighting the cost of the road balance due for this year's work. The balance due should be \$37,349. K Berens also reported a revenue sharing check of \$38,617 just came in. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by D Berens to accept the treasurer's report, approve the transfer of \$45,000 to the road checking 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.

Clerk-Kukal presented the clerk's report, highlighting the status of received for the Federal Funds request and upcoming open positions expiring in December. She mentioned that she had received a FOIA request and was currently working on it. Kukal also received the township's copy of the status of the Miller Farm request to the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, and it is currently still under review with a recommendation to NOT commence construction at this point.

Trustee-Stroven suggested that all SADs should be notified to present their minutes and public meeting notices. Kukal said she has notified the SADs to present minutes to her for record purposes.

Supervisor- Smalligan presented the Sherman Township Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy for the board to review and consider adopting prior to the issuing of the ARPA funds. He then presented Resolution 2021-6 is to adopt the Sherman Township Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by K Berens to adopt Resolution 2021-6 as presented. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, K Smalligan, and J Kukal No; none Motion passed.

Doug Berens reported for the planning commission that last month's meeting was cancelled due to a power outage. .

Assessor-Story was not present.

Building inspector-Smalligan reported doing 7 inspections and 4 permits last month.

Zoning Administrator-Kukal confirmed the 4 permits. Kukal also reported that the surveyor recommended getting the hydro-seeding done prior to the staking of the new plots. Clerk-Kukal said she could contact local companies and find some that provide the service to bid and present them at the September 20th special meeting so it could be done yet this fall.

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Sexton-Tollefson had nothing to report for the cemetery or hall.

White Cloud Sherman Utilities, Stan Stroven reported no meeting until next week due to the holiday schedule.

For Fremont Fire District, K Berens reported billing \$746.58 and collecting \$0. For White Cloud Fire District, S Stroven reported that the hydrant at Robinson Lake was currently under repair.

There was no new or unfinished business.

For public comment, Josh Schmidt, a Evert Township resident, voiced his concerns about his neighbor. He believes that the neighbor is a Sherman Township resident, building a retreat without proper permits. He is also concerned about the potential traffic of people that would be using the retreat. Zoning Administrator-Kukal confirmed that he had no knowledge of such activity and would look into it.

Dale Twing reported the Drain Commission will be replacing the bridge from Robinson and Crystal soon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Submitted by: Jamie Kukal-Clerk

Visitors present: Vonda Tollefson Gary Smalligan Chad Kukal Jerry Engel  
Wayne Berens Butch Deur Roman Miller Karen & Louie Koproles  
Dan Peters Eva Miller-Videtich Josh Schmidt Dyann Hasselman  
Barb & Jack Grasman Ted Pettinger Joseph Fox Dale & Sue Twing  
Phil Frens Bob Delaro Mull Hansen

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**Sherman Township**  
**Balance Sheet**  
 As of August 31, 2021

	Aug 31, 21
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
<b>MASTER ACCOUNT</b>	
101-001 · General Fund cash	154,104.54
203-001 · Mayo Drive cash	13,453.36
220-002 · Robinson Lake Cash	28,217.14
221-001 · Crystal Lake Cash	52,112.81
336-001 · Fire protection millage Fr & WC	11,731.08
MASTER ACCOUNT - Other	-12.54
<b>Total MASTER ACCOUNT</b>	<u>259,606.39</u>
151-001 · Cemetery cash	11,021.98
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	437.39
402-002 · Summer Tax Account	143,696.88
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>430,308.35</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>430,308.35</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>430,308.35</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>430,308.35</b>