

The regular meeting of the Sherman Township Board was held on May 6th , 2019 at 7:00pm at the township hall. Meeting called to order by Supervisor. After the pledge of allegiance, roll call taken: members present: D Berens, K Berens, Miller , K Smalligan, Stocking. Absent: none. There was a motion by K Smalligan, 2nd by D Berens to approve the agenda with addition of election laptop computer and sewer authority contract under supervisor. All yes, agenda approved.

There was a motion by K Smalligan, 2nd by K Berens, to approve the minutes of the April 1st , 2019 regular meeting with correction of contract details of Luke Stroven computer work and Miller computer he was trying out. K Smalligan to check on phone vendors. All yes, minutes approved.

There was no public comment at this time.

K Berens gave the treasurer's report including bills to be paid. There was a motion by K Smalligan, 2nd by D Berens to accept the report and pay the bills. Roll call vote; YES: D Berens, K Berens, Miller , K Smalligan, Stocking. NO, none. Absent: none. Motion passed. Berens also said the phones are still not working all the time. She said that when someone calls and dials the extension they want, the call often goes back to the start. Bids were going to be obtained on getting the system corrected or replaced.

Clerk presented a letter of agreement from AT&T for right of way permit extension for AT&T. there was a motion by K Berens, 2nd by D Berens to approve the extension. Vote taken, all yes. Extension approved.

The junk drive is set for June 8th. Miller said that assessor Wallace wants a new laptop computer with docking station for assessor use. She had gotten a bid of \$480.00 K Smalligan said that she should ask Luke Stroven for a bid and that it will be put on the agenda for June. The mileage report form is being used and mileage can be charged from the home of the inspector etc.

There are some private streets/roads in the township that do not have street signs. The road commission will have signs made and install them for a cost of \$70.00 to \$90.00 Property owners will be contacted as to the name of the street that will be on the sign. There was a motion by K Smalligan, 2nd by D Berens to pay the road commission to install the sign at the private road on the west side of Alley Lake. Roll call vote taken: YES: D Berens, K Berens, Miller , K Smalligan, Stocking. NO, none. Absent: none. Motion passed Miller presented a letter from the Dept of Interior about a racetrack enlargement in Muskegon. Stocking said the required laptop computer for elections has been ordered from the State.

A contract from the White Cloud/Sherman Sewer authority was presented to the board. It may be amended later. There was a motion by K Smalligan, 2nd by K Berens to approve the contract. Vote taken; All yes. Contract approved.

There was no trustee comment at this time.

K Berens gave the report on the fire run billing. She had billed for \$1,302.63 and collected \$0.00

Planning/zoning commission is working on the master plan and the 3 month limit on camper use.

The building inspector gave his report with 6 new permits and 8 inspections.

Kukal gave the zoning administrator report.

Chenard said the Utilities Authority is still working on the sewage discharge on Mayo Dr and is getting ready to let out bids for construction work on the system.

Assessor Wallace said all she had was the laptop that was brought up earlier.

There was some discussion about the cemetery work. Kukul said he would meet board members at the cemetery on Tuesday, May 14 to go over what should be done.

The WC fire dept is going to have the area around the bay doors painted and they have hired someone to mow the lawn. Nothing from Fremont fire dept.

under unfinished business Miller brought up a proposed resolution drawn up by the township lawyer about nepotism and who may not work for the township. After he read the resolution, Stocking asked about recital B that states "the township board finds that nepotism in certain local government positions is generally disfavored and creates a significant number of problems with the municipality involved." He asked to see proof that the township did find disfavor and problems. K Smalligan said that this was just how the lawyer worded it. Stocking also asked about Recital C. stating that the township had a longstanding policy of making employment decisions. Stocking wanted to see that policy. There was no reply. Stocking also asked about Recital F and the source of the statement in recital F. there was no reply. Stocking stated that it is not illegal for relatives of the supervisor, treasurer, or clerk to be deputy supervisor, treasurer, or clerk. Miller said that the township may adopt a policy that is more restrictive than the state policy. Stocking said that if there was a problem with the deputy clerk, why wasn't he notified and met with. There was no answer. There was no public comment at this time. There was a motion by K Berens, 2nd by K Smalligan to adopt the resolution that Miller had presented (2019-4). Vote taken, YES: K Berens, D Berens, Miller, K Smalligan. NO; Stocking. Motion passed.

under public comment Karen Koprolces said that the private sign issue should be in the zoning ordinance. Kukul said it is in the ordinance. She also said she agreed with the nepotism resolution.

Nellie Pikaart asked if other townships had been contacted about the wording of the resolution. Miller said no, but that the lawyer said the wording had been used with other townships. K Smalligan said that other townships had been contacted and that they hadn't had any problems with nepotism. Nellie Pikaart spoke in support of the clerk. Miller said after the doors had been re-keyed, he didn't expect to see the deputy clerk in the office. Stocking said the deputy was doing work for him.

Stan Stroven said the policy was not handled properly, that Stocking should have been consulted if complaints were received about the deputy clerk. Stroven said the clerk has done a super job.

Under board member comment, Stocking submitted his resignation as clerk effective May 18th, 2019. There was a motion by K Smalligan, 2nd by Stocking to accept the resignation. Vote taken: YES: Miller, K Smalligan, Stocking. NO: K Berens, D Berens.

Miller asked the audience members if anyone was interested in the position of clerk. There was no interest. He said that an ad will be placed in the paper and a special meeting held to appoint a new clerk.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm Submitted by: Murry D Stocking clerk

Visitors to meeting: Gary Smalligan Stan Stroven Marv Deur Lee Hoppa Karen Kopolces
 Dick Chenard Chad Kukal Cindi Wallace Karl DeVisser Nellie Pikaart Jeri Miller

	<i>Gen fund</i>	<i>*(Fire protect)</i>	<i>*(Fire station)</i>	<i>*(Cryst lake)</i>	<i>*(Mayo dr)</i>	<i>*(Rob lk)</i>
Starting bal	22,632.7	18,735.08	119.44	51,655.82	16,135.86	38,069.62
Receipts						
Expenditures						
	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>New balance</i>						

*Fire protection, Fire station, Crystal Lake, Mayo Drive, Robinson Lake monies are kept in general fund account but not shown in General Fund total.

	<i>Cem fund</i>	<i>Fire run</i>	<i>Cap aq fund</i>	<i>Road fund</i>	<i>Win tax fund</i>	<i>Sum tax fund</i>
Starting bal	34,659.31	955.28	6,255.55	77,039.00	24,272.91	5,229.16
Receipts						
Expenditures						
	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>New balance</i>						

CEMETERY FUND TRANSACTIONS

Rec

	xxx	
Ck 1768	25.58	CPCo
1769	0.00	VOID

ROAD FUND TRANSACTIONS

Ck

Rec

CAP ACQ FUND TRANSACTIONS.

FIRE RUN COLLECTION TRANSACTIONS

15233	500.00	State farm
15234	228.49	CPCo
	728.49	

SUMMER TAX FUND TRANSACTIONS

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Winter TAX FUND TRANSACTIONS

Ck	Amount	To	Rec#	amount
1901	0.00	VOID		
1901	30,965.11			