

## Minutes of the August 5, 2024, Regular Board Meeting of Sherman Township

The regular scheduled meeting of the Sherman Township Board was held on Monday August 5, 2024, at 7:00 pm, in the meeting room of the township hall. The 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 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Berens to approve the agenda with the one addition of township insurance renewals under the clerk's report. All approved, motion passed.

Motion was made by S Stroven and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Berens to approve the minutes from July 1, 2024, as presented. All approved, motion passed.

For public comment, Michelle Klompstra asked why she would get a not secure message while trying to download the minutes from the township website. Clerk-Kukal responded that it was probably her browser or virus protection that was cautioning her.

Treasurer-Berens presented her report of outgoing funds, highlighting the billing for the dumpsters for the junk drive at \$1,950 and she reminded the board that \$743 was collected from residents that took advantage of the junk drive. With no questions on the report a motion was made by D Berens and 2<sup>nd</sup> by S Stroven 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 and J Kukal No: none. Motion passed.

Clerk-Kukal presented her clerk's report highlighting the election prep, insurance renewal questionnaire, ZBA mailing and SAD financial reports she has been working on. With no questions on her report, she went on to present the Hall rental agreement revision for approval. The motion was made by K Berens and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Berens to approve the wording changes to the hall rental agreement as presented. All approved, motion passed. Kukal presented the liability insurance renewal for \$7,156, the cyber insurance renewal for \$1,568.50 and a projected workmen's compensation renewal for \$1,294. Motion was made by K Berens and 2<sup>nd</sup> by S Stroven to accept the renewals and pay the bills as listed, liability at \$7,156, cyber at \$1,568.50 and workmen's compensation at \$1,294. Roll call vote was taken. Yes: K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, K Smalligan and J Kukal No: none. Motion passed.

Supervisor-Smalligan did not have anything for communications at this time. For the Robinson Lake SAD Committee update, he presented Resolution 2024-5 Robinson Lake Aquatic Weeds-Special Assessment District, for consideration. The recent Act 188 project for expired in 2023, so this resolution would reestablish the Robinson Lake SAD (in a manner to approve an initial year amount of assessments, but to keep the special assessment district perpetual to avoid this re-establishment process from occurring again. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Berens to adopt Resolution 2024-5 Robinson Lake Aquatic Weeds-Special Assessment District. All approved, motion passed. The public hearing will be set for August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to project feasibility.

K Smalligan is concerned with the condition of the retaining wall at Crystal Lake Park and would advise the board to consider taking bids for a new retaining wall as use for the remaining ARPA funds. J Kukal agrees that the retaining wall may need to be replaced, however the small amount of remaining ARPA funds would only be a drop in the bucket of the cost for a new retaining wall and might be better spent on other small projects, such as a bench at the cemetery by the columbarium, power washing the hall building or repainting the hall sign. Both subjects were tabled for more review next month.

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There was nothing from trustees at this time.

For the Cemetery, Sexton-Tollefson had nothing to report on the cemetery and Stroven said they are waiting for the weather to cooperate to fix the flagpole.

Assessor-Story was not present, however Smalligan reported that the township had been selected for an audit on the assessment roll.

Planning commission representative-Berens reported that Ryan Coffee was not in attendance last month, however they have a few issues to go over with him this month. There will be another ZBA hearing August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Building inspector-Smalligan presented his report indicating 2 permits and 5 inspections last month.

Zoning Administrator-Kukal confirmed the permits issued last month.

For White Cloud Sherman Utilities, Karen Kopolces reported that they received 3 bids for fence replacement along Echo Dr. White Cloud City manager is looking into federal direct appropriation funds for sewer repairs in the city that are much needed.

For Fremont Fire District, K Berens reported billing \$634.03 and collecting \$352.03 for the month. For White Cloud, S Stroven reported that new LED lighting has been added to the meeting room and hallway of the fire department and flooring replacement will start soon.

For new or unfinished business, K Berens had a resident ask about cleaning up state land across for her property. Smalligan recommended offering the use of the junk drive as an avenue for the cleanup. She also reported that Wayne Berens had fixed the broken tables in the hall closet. C Kukal asked for someone on the board to contact Rieth-Riley about the condition of the new parking lot.

For board member comments, K Smalligan appreciated the quick response of both the board and the lawyer with the Robinson Lake SAD issue. S Stroven reported that there is an upcoming training session for planning and zoning on August 28, 2024, and recommended offering to the group. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Berens to allow any planning or zoning members to attend the training in Cadillac on August 28<sup>th</sup> expenses covered by the township. Roll call vote was taken. Yes: K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, K Smalligan and J Kukal No: none. Motion passed.

There was no public comment at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm

Submitted by: Jamie Kukal-Clerk

Visitors present:	Brett Derks	Gary Smalligan	Butch Duer
	Chad Kukal	Vonda Tollefson	Michelle Klompstra
	Karen Kopolces	Daniel Peters	Jim May
	Gerald Engel	Steve McQueen	Diane McQueen

Jamie Kukal, Sherman Township Clerk

**Balance Sheet**

As of July 31, 2024

		Jul 31, 24
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Checking/Savings</b>		
<b>MASTER ACCOUNT</b>		
101-001 · General Fund cash		327,124.27
203-001 · Mayo Drive cash		26,298.89
220-002 · Robinson Lake Cash		25,687.36
221-001 · Crystal Lake Cash		50,368.86
336-001 · Fire protection millage Fr & WC		18,013.48
<b>Total MASTER ACCOUNT</b>		<u>447,492.86</u>
151-001 · Cemetery cash		6,058.40
202-001 · Road Checking		33,767.47
249-001 · Capital acquisition cash		3,626.29
<b>260-001 · Gerber FCU</b>		
261-336 · Gerber Fire Runs Savings		1,376.09
263-001 · Gerber FCU ARPA Account		552.63
<b>Total 260-001 · Gerber FCU</b>		<u>1,928.72</u>
401-001 · Winter Tax Account		668.24
402-002 · Summer Tax Account		73,278.93
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>		<u>566,820.91</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>566,820.91</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u><b>566,820.91</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		<b>566,820.91</b>