

Minutes of the December 4, 2023, Regular Board Meeting of Sherman Township

The regular scheduled meeting of the Sherman Township Board was held on Monday December 4, 2023, 2023, 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 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 November 6, 2023, with corrections. All approved, motion passed.

For public comment, Gary Fetterley submitted several zoning complaint forms. Michele Klompstra asked if there was anything she could do to confirm that her neighbor was living in his garage. Chad Kukal responded pictures from her own property. Warren Stroven complimented the board on the nice job on the resurfacing of the parking lot.

Treasurer-Berens presented her report of outgoing funds highlighting for the parking lot resurfacing and the election worker's pay. With no questions a motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by D Berens to accept the Treasurer's report 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 refund of \$42 from AF Group for the results of the workmen's comp insurance audit. Kukal presented some sample documents for review on the lawyer contact policy and code of ethics. Ken also provided a few samples to consider and review for next month.

There was nothing from the Trustees at this time.

Supervisor- Smalligan had a communication from the Newaygo County Board of Public Works requesting support for the recycling program. Motion was made by S Stroven to give the Newaygo County Board of Public Works recycling program a donation of \$300, there was no second. There was another communication from the EGLE flood insurance program guidance booklet for zoning and building. As for the Robison Lake Creek bridge dedication, MTA is hesitant to approve the funding of such by the township. The road Commission is fine with the idea, and they would do the work. After discussion, it was recommended to try and get it funded by private donations and Ken will look into the cost of signs.

Planning commission representative- Berens commented that last month's meeting went smoothly, and the subcommittee should have changes for the proposed ordinance change to consideration at next week's meeting. For the open position of planning commission, there were three candidates to consider, Mark Kukal, Jay Deihl, and Arnold Guikema. Supervisor-Smalligan recommended appointing Jay Deihl to the planning commission. No motion for support was made. Supervisor-Smalligan recommended reappointing Mark Kukal to the planning commission. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by D

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Berens to support the recommendation and reappoint Mark Kukal to the planning commission for a two-year term. All approved, motion passed.

Assessor-Story was not present, K Smalligan reminded the board that the December Board of Review is scheduled for December 12, 2023, at 10 am.

Sexton-Tollefson reported that due to the burial company cutting the power line, the howler system is still down, and Harlen will make contact.

Building inspector-Smalligan presented his report indicating 2 permits and 4 inspections last month.

Zoning Administrator-Kukal's report confirmed the 2 permits along with one Ag permit. He also updated us on the Hopkins violation where the trailer has been removed. For the Povey violation, Gary Smalligan reported that he had stopped in & the doors have been closed in with plywood, but still can not confirm that someone is living in the garage. Keven Aney commented that there is so much junk and sewage and burning garbage that it must be a violation. Chad explained the process of proceeding with a violation. Once issued they have 30 days to show progress of compliance with improvements. After that a citation may be issued, but in this case, it would go to the property owner and not the resident living there. Steve McQueen commented that they all pay taxes, and the language is terrible. He asked the board to drive through the ghetto to get to his house and see for themselves. Diane McQueen commented that she is disappointed that the township violation complaint procedures pit neighbor against neighbor. She also claimed that a member of the township office responded to the complaints with "If people who are not from here, don't like it they should go back to where they came from". A motion was made by J Kukal and 2nd by K Berens to allow the Supervisor and the Zoning Administrator to contact the lawyer for advice on proceeding forward with a citation or other options. All approved, motion passed.

For White Cloud Sherman Utilities Karen Koprolices reported on the meeting held earlier in the day. She claimed it was very brief and the supervisor is planning to meet with the City of White cloud to look at the issue of the City assets.

For Fremont Fire District, K Berens reported billing \$401.80 and collecting \$0 for the month. For White Cloud, S Stroven gave Clerk-Kukal a copy of the audit for record purposes. He invited everyone to a pancake breakfast on December 9th and the upcoming budget meeting on December 13th.

For new or unfinished business, Chad Kukal reported that the new parking lot is very slippery and recommended having salt applied cover any liability concerns. J Kukal and K Berens confirmed that with the new slope for drainage, the parking lot is often very slippery. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by D Berens to allow Kukal's Snowplowing to salt the lot as necessary at \$50 an application. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, Ken Smalligan and J Kukal No; none. Motion passed.

There was no board member comment at this time.

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For public Comment, Michelle Klompstra, commented that she is hesitant to supply pictures of the violation, given the violent history of the family in question at the location. Kevin Aney confirmed that at all hours of the night and morning there are lights on in that garage. Supervisor-Smalligan reiterated that the township does not employ a police force and it is a complaint driven system.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Submitted by: Jamie Kukal-Clerk

Visitors present:	Wayne Berens	Vonda Tollefson	Jerry Engel
	Gary Smalligan	Mark Kukal	Karen Koprolces
	Chad Kukal	Jay Deihl	Randy Bowlby
	Gary Fetterly	Warren Stroven	Kevin Aney
	Michelle Klompstra	Steve & Diane McQueen	

Jamie Kukal, Sherman Township Clerk Balance Sheet As of November 30, 2023

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
MASTER ACCOUNT	
101-001 · General Fund cash	220,647.90
203-001 · Mayo Drive cash	21,848.89
220-002 · Robinson Lake Cash	16,885.57
221-001 · Crystal Lake Cash	43,618.86
336-001 · Fire protection millage Fr & WC	10,913.84
Total MASTER ACCOUNT	313,915.06
151-001 · Cemetery cash	2,595.56
202-001 · Road Checking	62,161.93
249-001 · Capital acquisition cash	3,626.29
260-001 · Gerber FCU	
261-336 · Gerber Fire Runs Savings	4,371.05
263-001 · Gerber FCU ARPA Account	13,694.22
Total 260-001 · Gerber FCU	18,065.27
401-001 · Winter Tax Account	141.46
402-002 · Summer Tax Account	23,573.67
Total Checking/Savings	424,079.24
Total Current Assets	424,079.24
TOTAL ASSETS	424,079.24
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	424,079.24