

## **Minutes of the July 6, 2021, Regular Board Meeting of Sherman Township**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Sherman Township Board was held on Tuesday, July 6, 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 S Stroven and 2nd by D Berens to approve the agenda as presented. All approved, motion passed.

Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by D Berens to accept the minutes from the June 7, 2021, regular meeting as presented . All approved, motion passed.

Motion was made by D Berens and 2nd by S Stroven to accept the minutes from the June 15, 2021, special meeting as presented. All approved, motion passed

For public comment, Bob Strong spoke. He informed the board that his best friend had passed away last year, and he had loved to sit at a certain picnic table, at the Crystal Lake park. Mr. Strong would like to have that table as a memorial for his friend and would intern replace the table with one of equal value. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by D Berens to allow Mr. Strong to take the table and supply a replacement of equal value. All approved, motion passed.

Mike Hutchens is a Ryerson Lake resident who lives next to the Peet's residence. He is concerned that the Peets are still renting out their residence and he would like to know what the township plans to do to address this ordinance violation. The Zoning Administrator assured him that it was a topic he would be addressing in his report later in the meeting.

Eva Miller-Videtich was present to represent Peterson Lake residents and their request for a NO WAKE designation. She read her letter detailing the history of the lake and the recent issues with newer residents. Ken had confirmed that back in 2011 a petition for designation was brought to the township and was in the filing system, however he could not find anything in the minutes where the board may have acted on the petition. Eva had been advised to start with the township level and get the support of the governing board, but ultimately it is a DNR controlled issue. She is asking for support to continue the process to have Peterson Lake designated a NO WAKE Lake. If presented to the DNR as a request, the DNR would do a full investigation of the resident's safety concerns and the environmental effects on the lake and surrounding property. If the designation was granted, the DNR would be the enforcing authority. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by D Berens to go on record to show support. Discussion was had and the motion was rescinded. A new motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by D Berens for it to go on record that the Sherman Township Board of Trustees was in full support of the residents of Peterson Lake pursuing a NO WAKE designation. All agreed, motion passed.

Treasurer-Berens presented her report of outgoing funds, highlighting that the bathrooms at the park had been cleaned by Countryside Septic and a correction on the delinquent sewer fees. Berens also reported receiving the latest revenue sharing check for \$32,979. Motion was made by D Berens and 2nd by S Stroven to accept the report and authorize payment of bills. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, K Smalligan and J Kukal No; none Motion passed.

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Clerk-Kukal presented a few correspondences she had recently received. The first being the Amar review letter, that the assessor would elaborate on. Then a letter from the State of Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, where Mr. Miller is notified that his request, for a new swine facility located at 3521 W 40th Street, was received, is currently under review, and is not advised to begin construction at this point. The last correspondent was from Mike Snapper, a resident of Ryerson Lake concerning the Peets continuing to rent out their residence and how it negatively affected the neighbors.

Kukal presented the hall rental agreement to the board again for consideration of opening it back up for rentals and if the agreement would need to be changed in any way if opened back up. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by K Berens to open the hall back up for rentals immediately with the previously revised contract highlighting cleaning practices. All approved and motion passed

For cemetery excavation bids, Clerk-Kukal confirmed that Kukal's Concrete was the only bid the township received and a statement of business ownership and disclosure of any pecuniary interest was posted properly prior to the meeting date. The bid of \$24,350 would cover leveling of the area, bringing in gravel for driveway and 20x30 parking lot, and the installation of topsoil 4" deep for future landscaping purposes. The contract also asks for 75% down for the cost of materials and the balance due at completion of the job. There was an estimated start time of 2 weeks with completion of four days, given the weather cooperates. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by D Berens to accept the bid from Kukal's Concrete, for the cemetery excavating, in the amount of \$24,350. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, K Smalligan and J Kukal No; none Motion passed.

Kukal then presented Resolution # 2021-5, Adoption of the Newaygo County Hazard Management Plan to the board. Motion was made by K Berens and 2nd by D Berens to adopt the Newaygo County Hazard Management Plan as presented. All approved, Resolution passed.

Finally, Kukal presented the Michigan Townships Association's principles of Governance. Motion was made by D Berens and 2nd by K Berens to affirm by pledge and practice the MTA principles of governance. All approved, motion passed.

Supervisor-Smalligan said he had had contact with a Robinson Lake resident about the algae on the Lake this year and had advised a meeting of the association and residents to possibly adjust their management needs. Smalligan attended a webinar for the spending of the relief funds and is asking for help with the completion of the application process. He received a request for special occasion fireworks permits, outside of the designated legal days. After much discussion, a motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by D Berens to allow the supervisor to write fireworks permits for special occasions to qualified and insured people with a cut off of 11pm. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; D Berens, S Stroven, K Smalligan No; K Berens and J Kukal Motion passed 3-2.

Assessor-Story reported that the Township is now AMAR compliant. Brian requested that he be allowed to take over the land division/splits from now on. He explained that the chance would remove one obstacle from the process and allow for a more fluent flow of documentation throughout the process, while still coordinating with the zoning office. Story is proceeding with field visits when weather

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permits. July BOR is set for Tuesday July 20, 2021 at 10am for any clerical error or exemption corrections. Supervisor-Smalligan thanked Brian for all that he has done so far in his new role as assessor.

Building inspector-Smalligan reported doing 8 inspections and 2 permits last month and he is currently working on his continued education.

Zoning Administrator-Kukal confirmed the 2 permits. Kukal also reported that he had recently received three complaints on the Peets rental situation. As advised by the lawyer, he had sent a letter to the Peets indicating that they are once again violating the ordinance. He is now asking the board for approval to write a civil infraction. Motion was made by K Smalligan and 2nd by J Kukal to allow the zoning administrator to follow through with the lawyer and issue a civil infraction. Stan questions the previous correspondences from the lawyer to the Peets and Ken reread the letter from March 29th that clarified the violations. After more discussion, a vote was taken. All approved, motion passed.

Sexton-Tollefson reported on cemetery business of a slow month. Maintenance was completed on the lawn mower and a new weed whip was purchased.

White Cloud Sherman Utilities will have their meeting next week, due to the holiday, so nothing to report.

For Fremont Fire District, K Berens reported billing \$457.42 and collecting \$0.

For new or unfinished business Treasurer-Berens said she has had a few requests for a township sponsored recycle center. Due to the level of responsibility meaning one, the township has always supported recycling, but will not be sponsoring one.

For public comment, Larry Hasselman asked if neighbors could be advised if a fireworks permit were granted as a courtesy.

For board member comment, Trustee-Berens commented that he felt the ordinance was due for an overhaul in a few areas. Zoning Administrator-Kukal commented that the zoning department has a few items up for consideration of changes and plans to present them to the planning commission soon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm

Submitted by: Jamie Kukal-Clerk

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| Visitors present: | Vonda Tollefson      | Gary Smalligan          | Chad Kukal   |
|                   | John Borgman         | Jerry Engel             | Wayne Berens |
|                   | Nancy & Jim VanHall  | Dyann & Larry Hasselman | Joe Videtech |
|                   | Eva Miller-Videteich | The Strong Family       |              |

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**Sherman Township  
Balance Sheet**

As of June 30, 2021

|   |  | Jun 30, 21               |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                             |  |                          |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                     |  |                          |
| <b>Checking/Savings</b>                   |  |                          |
| <b>MASTER ACCOUNT</b>                     |  |                          |
| 101-001 · General Fund cash               |  | 146,731.23               |
| 203-001 · Mayo Drive cash                 |  | 13,903.36                |
| 220-002 · Robinson Lake Cash              |  | 35,707.14                |
| 221-001 · Crystal Lake Cash               |  | 55,555.46                |
| 336-001 · Fire protection millage Fr & WC |  | 11,731.08                |
| MASTER ACCOUNT - Other                    |  | 2.46                     |
| <b>Total MASTER ACCOUNT</b>               |  | <u>263,630.73</u>        |
| 151-001 · Cemetery cash                   |  | 30,927.35                |
| 202-001 · Road Checking                   |  | 10,488.18                |
| 249-001 · Capital acquisition cash        |  | 3,626.29                 |
| 261-336 · Gerber Fire Runs Savings        |  | 808.67                   |
| 401-001 · Winter Tax Account              |  | 437.38                   |
| 402-002 · Summer Tax Account              |  | 8,675.87                 |
| <b>Total Checking/Savings</b>             |  | <u>318,594.47</u>        |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>               |  | <u>318,594.47</u>        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                       |  | <u><b>318,594.47</b></u> |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>           |  | <b>318,594.47</b>        |