

## Minutes of the January 6, 2025, Regular Board Meeting of Sherman Township

The regular scheduled meeting of the Sherman Township Board was held on Tuesday January 6, 2025, 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 attendance was taken, and members present were Karen Berens, Doug Berens, Stan Stroven, Ken Smalligan, and Jamie Kukal.

Motion was made by Stan Stroven and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Berens to approve the agenda as presented. All approved, motion passed.

Motion was made by K Berens and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Berens to accept the minutes from the December 2, 2024, meeting as presented. All approved, motion passed.

There was no public comment at that time.

Treasurer-Berens presented the treasurer's report for review, confirming receiving the revenue sharing check for \$36,517. With no questions on the report, a motion was made by S Stroven and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Berens to accept the treasurer's report and approve 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 the clerk's report for review and there were no questions at that time. There were still no other interested parties for the BOR alternate position, so the board decided not to fill it at this time. Kukal reminded the board of the minimum wage increases to take effect and that consideration was needed for the current hourly rate. K Smalligan said that can be looked at in the future. For the annual review of elected officials' salaries, clerk-Kukal presented the resolution and a salary comparison from MTA for review. According to the MTA comparison, the salary of positions for supervisors and clerks are at the bottom of the base line of the comparison, where the salary of treasurer position is in the lower half of the comparison, and the salary of the trustee position is in the middle of the comparison. Smalligan asked for each board members' preference for fair compensation for their position. K Berens asked for a \$25 per month raise to her rate. J Kukal declared that she is no longer able to fulfill the role and will be actively looking for a replacement and asked that the board consider a \$100 per month raise to the rate. D Berens requested a \$10 per meeting raise to the trustee's rate. The move was made by K Smalligan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Kukal to accept the request for a pay increase with the exception of the Treasurer, resulting in a \$100 raise to that rate, leaving the rates as such: Treasurer at \$1200 a month, Clerk at \$1100 a month, Supervisor at \$1000 a month and Trustees at \$135 per meeting. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, K Smalligan, and J Kukal No; S Stroven, Motion passed.

Motion was made by J Kukal and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Berens to accept Resolution 2025-4 of township board officers' salary as presented. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, K Smalligan and J Kukal No; none, Motion passed.

Supervisor-Smalligan updated the board with the lawyer's opinion on how to proceed with the proposed Robinson Lake SAD changes outside of the regular budget meeting, due to the sensitivity of the subject and the different options to consider. J Kukal requested that the board not even consider any options until the full committee has had a chance to review and resubmit as their approved proposal. Smalligan presented the Brine bid from D& B Brine for consideration. It is for 13.5 cents a gallon. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Berens to accept the 2025 Brine bid as presented. 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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There was nothing for Trustee's reports

Assessor-Story was not present however he had provided the annual assessor-related resolutions for consideration. Resolution 2025-1, ACCEPTING LETTERS OF PROTEST FROM TOWNSHIP RESIDENTES FOR THE MARCH 2025 BOARD OF REVIEW. Motion was made by D Berens and 2<sup>nd</sup> by S Stroven to adopt Resolution 2025-1 as presented. All approved, resolution 2025-1 was adopted. Resolution 2025-2, A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR ALTERNATE STARTING DATES FOR MARCH, JULY AND DECEMBER 2025 BOARD OF REVIEW. Motion was made by J Kukal and 2<sup>nd</sup> by K Berens to adopt resolution 2025-2 as presented. All approved, resolution 2025-2 was adopted. Resolution 2025-3, ADOPTION OF THE FEDERAL POVERY GUIDELINES TO BE USED IN THE DERMINATION OF PEVERY EXEMPTIONS FOR 2025. Motion was made by K Berens and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Berens to adopt resolution 2025-3 as presented. All approved, resolution 2025-3 was adopted.

Sexton-Tollefson did not have anything to report on for the cemetery at this time.

D Berens reported for the planning commission that Ryan Coffee would be presenting language for minimum dwelling size to consider this month.

For White Cloud Sherman Utilities, Karen Koprolices reported that the audit confirmed that the books are in order and things seem to be going smooth with the new manager, Josh Frantz.

Building inspector-Smalligan presented his monthly report of 2 permits issued and 2 inspections.

Zoning administrator-Kukal confirmed that 2 permits were issued last month. There is also a court date set for the Goody Dr issues.

For Fremont Fire district report, K Berens billed \$1,035.26 and collected \$511.82 last month. For White Cloud, S Stroven reported that at the budget workshop it was decided to do no increase in wages at this time, due to the need for money allocations elsewhere. They are also looking for more tables and chairs and Stan would like to offer the township's old metal chairs. There will be a recognition dinner coming up in February. It was decided to donate the old metal chairs to the White Cloud Fire Station.

For new or unfinished business J Kukal asked the new hall coordinator, Julie Berens, to speak on any concerns she may have. Julie asked if the meeting room flooring could be cleaned, or squares replaced and reported that the hot water smelled like rotten eggs and did not get hot. She is to get with Dale Berens to replace the carpet squares and K Berens will call to have the hot water heater looked at.

For public comment there was a request for an explanation of the Robinson Lake SAD proposals and fees for last fall's public notices for such. K Smalligan requests both meet with him at a later time to discuss further.

There was no board member comment at that time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Visitors present were;	Gary Smalligan	Chad Kukal	Brett Derks
	Vonda Tollefson	Wayne Berens	Jerry Engel
	Karen Koprolices	Dick Chenard	Butch Duer
	Julie and Dale Berens		

**Jamie Kukal, Sherman Township Clerk**

**Balance Sheet**

As of December 31, 2024

		Dec 31, 24
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Checking/Savings</b>		
<b>MASTER ACCOUNT</b>		
101-001 · General Fund cash		334,675.41
203-001 · Mayo Drive cash		24,892.85
220-002 · Robinson Lake Cash		2,576.57
221-001 · Crystal Lake Cash		43,998.86
336-001 · Fire protection millage Fr & WC		<u>18,013.48</u>
<b>Total MASTER ACCOUNT</b>		<b>424,157.17</b>
151-001 · Cemetery cash		3,475.73
202-001 · Road Checking		35,792.47
249-001 · Capital acquisition cash		3,626.29
<b>260-001 · Gerber FCU</b>		
261-336 · Gerber Fire Runs Savings		3,528.26
263-001 · Gerber FCU ARPA Account		<u>553.15</u>
<b>Total 260-001 · Gerber FCU</b>		<b>4,081.41</b>
401-001 · Winter Tax Account		252,669.60
402-002 · Summer Tax Account		<u>209,276.90</u>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>		<b>933,079.57</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>933,079.57</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b><u>933,079.57</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		<b>933,079.57</b>