

Minutes of the April 3, 2023, Regular Board Meeting of Sherman Township

The regular scheduled meeting of the Sherman Township Board was held on Monday April 3, 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 K Berens and 2nd by D Berens to approve the agenda as presented. All approved, motion passed.

Motion was made by D Berens and 2nd by S Stroven to approve the minutes from March 6, 2023, as presented. All approved, motion passed.

A motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by K Berens to approve the minutes from the March 28th, 2023, budget meeting as presented. All approved, motion passed.

For public comment, Commissioner-Jim Maike spoke highlighting a partnership between Newaygo county and the Fremont Area Foundation for affordable homes and the possibility of the county hosting an upcoming training for zoning and planning members. He also reminded the board of the monthly NCTOA meeting coming up on Wednesday.

Mr. Allen Warfield asked the board to consider allowing him to process and remove downed and dead firewood from the township's 24th ST property, which adjoins his land. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by K Berens to allow Mr. Warfield permission, with the township lawyers consent, to remove downed and dead firwood from the township's 24th St property, with his four-wheeler and not for recreation purposes. All approved, motion passed.

Treasurer-Berens presented her report of outgoing funds highlighting the payment of the Fremont Fire contract billing of \$45,427 and the White Cloud Fire Department contract billing of \$23,951. Berens recommended transferring funds to the Cemetery fund for general operational expenses now that burials have started. Clerk-Kukal agreed that the budgeted \$4,000 should be transferred and recommended transferring a large portion of the \$189,000 budgeted road transfer at the same time. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by D Berens to accept the treasurer's report, authorize the paying of bills and approve the budgeted transfers of \$4,000 to cemetery fund and \$100,000 to road fund. 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 her work on the budget, a county wide clerk's meeting and May election preparations. For communications she presented upcoming MTA training for both Board of Appeals and Cemetery Management. Kukal also reported that the BS&A Online contract has been signed and submitted and she is waiting on confirmation of a start date to the process. She presented a copy of the June 3, 2023, Township Junk Drive Ad for revision prior to submission. The board also asked Kukal to run an ad for bids on the cemetery road resurfacing.

For trustees' reports, trustee-Stroven said he had inquired of the county parks about their supplier for picnic tables and park grills and was given the company name of Pilotrock.com and recommended the board take a look at the options.

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Supervisor- Smalligan presented his communications and presented a thank you card from Lee Hoppa's family. Smalligan also confirmed that an AED device will be installed at the township hall. For hall flooring, Stroven reported that he is still awaiting bids. Smalligan also confirmed that the road contract was signed and returned for this year's scheduled work on 32nd ST. For flags at the hall, Stroven had inquired with Rocket Enterprise, Inc where they would provide 4 flags a year for \$175. He also presented an alternative from Flags.Legion.org where we could get flags for \$17.95 apiece. Motion was made by K Smalligan and 2nd by D Berens to authorize Stroven to order 12 3x5 flags at \$17.95 a piece, to have on hand for both the hall and cemetery poles. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, Ken Smalligan and J Kukal No; none. Motion passed.

Sexton-Tollefson reported that the first burial of the year had just taken place and she was very pleased with the new vault company and their services. She also confirmed that her husband had moved the old fencing that was left behind by the company at installation, to the back of the property. Chad Kukal volunteered to make sure it was permanently removed so it would not be in the way for the next expansion stage.

Assessor-Story was not present, and no report was provided.

For the planning commission, D Berens reported on a quick March meeting and that the subcommittee started looking at the 2nd round of ordinance amendments. For this month's meeting there will be a public hearing for a possible event barn on Luce Ave along with the meeting.

Building inspector-Smalligan reported doing 5 permits and 10 inspections last month.

Zoning Administrator-Kukal confirmed the 5 permits for zoning in our township last month.

For White Cloud Sherman Utilities, Karen Koprolices reported that at today's meeting they approved the 23-24 budget. They are working on an agreement with Evart Township for a few homes that are currently using the sewer system. They passed a new purchase order policy and are in discussions with the City of White Cloud and the assets of the sewer lines.

For Fremont Fire District, K Berens reported billing \$7,577 and collecting \$0 for the month of March. For White Cloud, Stroven reported that set the meeting dates for 23-24 and he will make sure the board has all the updated material for the proposed MFR so a timely decision can be reached on participation.

For new and unfinished business there was nothing.

For public Comment, Jim Maike recommended that our Sexton and anyone else interested attend one of the upcoming cemetery conferences for some very useful information.

There was no board member comment at that time.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm

Submitted by: Jamie Kukal-Clerk

Visitors present:	Gary Smalligan	Chad Kukal	Karen Koprolces
	Wayne Berens	John Borgman	Al Smalligan
	Vonda Tollefson	Jim Maike	Allen Warfield
	Steven McQueen	Jerry Engel	

Jamie Kukal, Sherman Township Clerk Balance Sheet As of March 31, 2023

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▼ ASSETS	
▼ Current Assets	
▼ Checking/Savings	
▼ MASTER ACCOUNT	
101-001 · General Fund cash	352,673.73
203-001 · Mayo Drive cash	23,698.89
220-002 · Robinson Lake Cash	33,265.66
221-001 · Crystal Lake Cash	55,738.86
336-001 · Fire protection millage Fr & WC	7,017.71
MASTER ACCOUNT - Other	-12.98
Total MASTER ACCOUNT	472,381.87
151-001 · Cemetery cash	2,034.10
202-001 · Road Checking	20,446.99
249-001 · Capital acquisition cash	3,626.29
▼ 260-001 · Gerber FCU	
261-336 · Gerber Fire Runs Savings	39.46
263-001 · Gerber FCU ARPA Account	135,634.05
Total 260-001 · Gerber FCU	135,673.51
401-001 · Winter Tax Account	3,622.30
402-002 · Summer Tax Account	8,774.52
Total Checking/Savings	646,559.58
Total Current Assets	646,559.58
TOTAL ASSETS	646,559.58
▶ LIABILITIES & EQUITY ▶	646,559.58 ◀