

Minutes of the February 6, 2023, Regular Board Meeting of Sherman Township

The regular scheduled meeting of the Sherman Township Board was held on Monday February 6, 2023, 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, Stan Stroven, Ken Smalligan, Jamie Kukal, and Doug Berens.

Motion was made by D Berens and 2nd by S Stroven to approve the agenda with one addition of security/grant to the clerk's report. All approved, motion passed.

Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by K Berens to accept the minutes from January 3, 2023, with corrections. All approved, motion passed.

There was no public comment at that time.

Jackilyn Roseberry the Fremont Public Library director presented programming updates for 2023 along with some of their 2022 successes. They had 554 new patrons for 2022, a record high participation in the summer reading program at all levels and a successful outreach program with the Newaygo County Medical Care facility.

Treasurer-Berens presented her report of outgoing funds, there were no questions on her report. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by D Berens to accept the treasurer's report and authorize the paying of 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 passing of Lee Hoppa and his upcoming memorial service. Kukal updated the board on the denial of the application for the fall cycle of the Michigan Township Participating Plan Risk Reduction Grant Program. The board encouraged her to look into the denial further and possibly reapply for the spring cycle.

Supervisor- Smalligan presented his communications and read a letter from Derek at the Newaygo County Road Commission. The letter highlighted the increased costs incurred to maintain the roads and townships shared participation in those costs. There may be a need to filter more cost expenditures down to townships, especially where paint applications are needed. Smalligan presented the Brine bid for 2023 dust control, of 15,000 gallons @ \$.135 per gallon, a total cost of \$2,025 per application. He also presented the recommended road projects for review. The board asked the supervisor to contact Derek with a few questions and to report back for the next meeting. For the topic of the ARPA fund projects, Smalligan reported that Will from NCATS was looking into some grant options and they still have plenty of time to decide on the broadband. A few other possible options were brought up for consideration, such as township hall flooring, parking lot resurfacing and park pavilion and signage.

Trustee-Stroven suggested that with Lee's memorial service being held at the hall, it might be generous to offer the use of the hall for memorial services free to employees. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by K Berens to allow free usage of the township Hall meeting room for any past or present township employee and their immediate family to use for memorial services. All approved. Motion passed.

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Sexton-Tollefson was absent due to her father-in-law's funeral, so Clerk-Kukal relayed the only recent issue was with Curt Crandell wanting to have a winter burial after the board had voted to have no winter burials from November 1st to April 1st. S Stroven reported that the vault company confirmed that columbarium opening and closing costs would be the \$150 they charge for any cremation opening and closing. The board is still researching the price for columbarium niches to be set at for purchasing.

Assessor-Story was not present, so Clerk-Kukal presented the annual resolutions for review. Resolution .2023-3 was a resolution to provide for alternate starting dates for March, July, and December 2023 board of review. Motion was made by K Berens and 2nd by S Stroven to approve Resolution 2023-3. All approved. Motion passed. Resolution 2023-4 was a resolution updating state required poverty level income standards for property tax poverty exemption guidelines for tax year 2023. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by D Berens to approve Resolution 2023-4. All approved. Motion passed. Resolution 2023-5 was a resolution accepting letters of protest from township residents for March 2023 board of review. Motion was made by s Stroven and 2nd by K Berens to approve Resolution 2023-5. All approved. Motion passed.

The Planning zoning commission presented ordinance changes for approval. PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, GENERAL PROVISION, SECTION 3.02-2 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SHERMAN ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGING "ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) SQUARE FEET" TO "TWO HUNDRED (200) SQUARE FEET"; ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VIII, "A" AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, SECTION 8.04-4 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SHERMAN ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGING "LOT AREA: THERE SHALL BE A LOT AREA OF AT LEAST THREE (3) ACRES FOR ANY SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING." TO "LOT AREA: THERE SHALL BE A MINIMUM LOT SIZE OF FORTY (40) ACRES IN THIS DISTRICT."; ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SIGNS, SECTIONS 5.01, 5.01-1, 5.01-3-4, 5.02, 5.02-2-5 AND 5.03-1 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SHERMAN ZONING ORDINANCE ADDING LANGUAGE FOR RESORT, REMOVING LANGUAGE THAT MAY CONFLICT WITH FIRST AMEMNDMENT (FREE SPEECH) PROTECTIONS AND ADDING LANGUAGE TO PROVIDE FOR ATTACHED PERPENDICULAR SIGNS; ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT TO VERBAL DESCRIPTION OF THE SHERMAN TOWNSHIP ZONING MAP FOR SPECIFIED DISTRICTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SHERMAN ZONING ORDINANCE ADDING LANGUAGE TO DELINEATE THE LAKE RESIDENTIAL (L-R) DISTRICT FOR PECK LAKE AND PETERNSON LAKE, ADD AND REMOVE LANGUAGE FOR RESORT (R-D) DISTRICT AND REMOVE LANGUAGE IN COMMERCIAL (C) DISTRICT AND RURAL RESIDENTIAL (R-R) DISTRICT; ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II, DEFINITIONS AND ARTICLE III, GENERAL PROVISION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SHERMAN ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSIDER ADDING LANGUAGE FOR SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS INCLUDING ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS AND PROVISIONS FOR SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS; AND, ZONING ORDINANCE MAP AMENDMENTS TO TOWNSHIP OF SHERMAN ZONING ORDINANCE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP CHANGING VARIOUS ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by J Kukal to adopt the proposed zoning amendments as presented. All approved. Motion passed.

Building inspector-Smalligan reported doing 1 permit and 5 inspections last month.

Zoning Administrator-Kukal confirmed the 1 permit for zoning in our township and voiced some of his concerns with the STR application. It was recommended that he keep track of the issues or confusing aspects and maybe work with Mr. Coffey to make adjustments after a few more trial runs.

For White Cloud Sherman Utilities, Karen Koprolices reported that there were three meetings in January, a regular one, a special meeting for the plumber's report on the White Cloud City lines, and another

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special meeting for the personnel manual updates. The February meeting concentrated on the auditor's report on financials, and she gave the clerk a copy to retain for records. She also reported that at this time there is a slight conflict with the City of White Cloud and lawyers are involved.

For Fremont Fire District, K Berens reported billing \$1,094.05 and collecting \$83.25. For White Cloud, Stroven presented letters of interest from Murry Stocking and Stan Stroven, to continue as the township representatives on the White Cloud Fire District Command Board for the next 6-year term. Motion was made by K Berens and 2nd by D Berens to renew the appointment of Murry Stocking and Stan Stroven to the White Cloud Fire District Command Board for the 6-year term. All approved. Motion passed. S Stroven also presented the proposed 23-24 White Cloud Fire District Budget for the township's approval. Motion was made by D Berens and 2nd by K Berens to accept the proposed budget as presented. All approved. Motion passed. Stroven also presented the MFR committee meeting notes and the proposed municipality contribution fees if the township decides to support the program. The estimated municipality startup fee portion would be \$3,984 and an estimated yearly cost of \$2,875 above and beyond the contracted yearly contribution of \$23,951 for regular fire district services. They need a decision by June 1, 2023, in order to continue. Gary Smalligan reported for the White Cloud Fire Building Authority, that the City of White Cloud is the only partner that still owes \$50,000 and they plan to take the duration of the loan to pay it off. There is a \$22,000 balance of funds in the account that the board would like to divide up to the partners that have paid in full. The board is still working on the logistics for that.

For new and unfinished business there was nothing.

For public Comment, Jerry Engels asked if the township had an AED on site. The board agreed to look into improving there first aid supplies as a whole.

There was no board member comment at that time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm

Submitted by: Jamie Kukal-Clerk

Visitors present: Gary Smalligan Jerry Engel Chad Kukal Karen Koprolices
Wayne Berens Dick Chenard Mark Kukal

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Jamie Kukal, Sherman Township Clerk

Balance Sheet

As of January 31, 2023

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ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
MASTER ACCOUNT		
101-001 · General Fund cash		250,685.54
203-001 · Mayo Drive cash		16,073.89
220-002 · Robinson Lake Cash		20,847.98
221-001 · Crystal Lake Cash		43,138.86
336-001 · Fire protection millage Fr & WC		4,443.72
Total MASTER ACCOUNT		<u>335,189.99</u>
151-001 · Cemetery cash		1,768.48
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		5,265.28
263-001 · Gerber FCU ARPA Account		135,634.05
Total 260-001 · Gerber FCU		<u>140,899.33</u>
401-001 · Winter Tax Account		473,204.41
402-002 · Summer Tax Account		23,526.66
Total Checking/Savings		<u>998,662.15</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>998,662.15</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>998,662.15</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		998,662.15