

Minutes of the May 2, 2022, Regular Board Meeting of Sherman Township

The regular scheduled meeting of the Sherman Township Board was held on Monday, May 2, 2022, at 7:00 pm, in the meeting room of the township hall. Meeting was called to order by Clerk-Kukal at 7:00 pm. After the pledge of allegiance, roll call was taken and members present were Karen Berens, Doug Berens, Stan Stroven, and Jamie Kukal. Ken Smalligan was absent.

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 April 4, 2021, regular meeting with corrections . All approved, motion passed.

For public comment, Jason O'Connell, the Newaygo County Treasurer, spoke for a few minutes giving a short update for the last year. He mentioned that they approved 80 extensions for 2019 property taxes and foreclosed on 40 parcels that will go up for auction in August. There were no foreclosures in Sherman Township.

Treasurer-Berens presented her report of outgoing funds indicating she is expecting a bill for half of the road commission cost soon and would like to see \$75,000 transferred from the general account to the road account. Berens also highlighted she received a revenue sharing check for \$34,706 today. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by D Berens to accept the treasurer's report, approve a fund transfer of \$75,000 from the general account to the road account and authorize the paying of bills for the month. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, and J Kukal No; none Motion passed.

Clerk-Kukal presented the clerk's report, highlighting the balance sheet, the recent computer maintenance, and the completion of the ARPA Funds reporting. Kukal presented Resolution 2022-6 in opposition to the incorporation of a Charter Township for adoption. Motion was made by K Berens and 2nd by S Stroven to adopt Resolution 2022-6 Opposing Incorporation as a Charter Township. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, and J Kukal No; none Motion passed. Kukal reported that the ad for the junk drive and open positions will run for the next 4 weeks. Kukal presented the bid from JB's Contracting for the addition of a small secure election storage room, inside of the existing office storage room and the installation of a ballot drop box for \$2,405. She will apply for the Election Security Grant for up to \$1,500 reimbursement. These upgrades will help the township stay compliant with recent election security mandates. Motion was made by D Berens and 2nd by S Stroven to approve the submitted bid for those security upgrades up to \$2,405. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, and J Kukal No; none Motion passed. Kukal also presented an Ordinance upgrade from Great Lakes Energy Cooperative for approval. Basically, it allows them to upgrade to fiber installation along with the original electrical lines, poles, cables, conduits, appliances, buildings. Motion was made by K Berens and 2nd by D Berens to accept the ordinance as it is written. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, and J Kukal No; none Motion passed.

There were no reports from either trustee at that time.

Supervisor- Smalligan was out due to Covid, so clerk-Kukal presented his report of someone being interested in purchasing the township property on 24th ST. She said little information was available to

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present at that time, but Ken would look into any legal requirements if the board considered the sale. The individual that had expressed interest was present, Darwin Schoonmaker Jr, and confirmed his interest to purchase it for a future build. He claimed he would sign any documentation needed to remove any responsibility from the township from it being a previous landfill site. The topic was tabled until more information could be gathered and presented next month. For ARPA Funds expenditures the generator bid that everyone had, was for complete operations of the hall at \$24,470.81, however there was supposed to be a reduced operations bid and that was not presented yet, so it was tabled for next month. Broadband is still an option for consideration and the board would like to reach out to Great Lakes Energy and see if there are any plans for improvement in our township. For the park bathrooms, Chad Kukal reported that the porta johns are on backorder and would not be present until late fall. They do not have an estimate on removal cost or new cement yet. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by D Berens to order the porta johns at the cost of \$3,900. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, and J Kukal No; none Motion passed. The board requested removal and new slab estimates for consideration at the next meeting. For the Columbarium, Stroven had presented a catalog for consideration and two were chosen for him to get quotes on. The meeting room ceiling had no quotes yet.

For the Planning zoning commission, Doug Berens reported that at last month's meeting was accompanied by a public hearing for a special use permit for an event barn. The permit was approved. Also, Ryan Coffey was present to work through more of the ordinance updates and a committee was formed to help speed the process along. They should have some changes to present to the board at the June meeting.

Assessor-Story's report was read by clerk-Kukal, highlighting his field work preparation, his purchase of an identification badge and the resignation of Ken Wolffis as a Board of Review alternate.

Sexton-Tollefson reported all was going well and with three burials. She asked for more "No Parking signage" and the removal of a pole that has been stored behind the buildings. She also mentioned that a tree close to the flagpole is causing some damage to the flag. After discussion, it was decided that J Kukal would look into more signage, and permission was given to both remove the old pole from behind the buildings and to trim the tree.

White Cloud Sherman Utilities, Dick Chenard reported that they were getting ready to video the city piping, soon. They passed a budget for 2022-23 and there was a sewer leak near Alley Lake recently. Those fixes will cost about \$7,000 and they were hoping to push the cost back to the logging company that was working in the area of the leak. The old 2020 Chevy truck will be open for purchase bids soon.

Building inspector-Smalligan reported doing 5 permits and 3 inspections last month. Three of those permits were for new homes.

Zoning Administrator-Kukal confirmed the 3 permits with an additional ag barn permit also. Clerk-Kukal updated the board on the progress of implementing a credit card payment option for the purchasing of permits. She asked for purchase approval of a Square Terminal, for the men to use, at the cost of \$319. Motion was made by D Berens and 2nd by S Stroven to approve the purchase of the square terminal for

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credit card transactions. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, and J Kukal No; none Motion passed.

For Fremont Fire District, K Berens reported billing \$589.96 and collecting \$1429.55. For White Cloud Fire District, the L-4023 was presented for the township to assist in the calculation of appropriated funds in the fall.

For new or unfinished business, Clerk-Kukal reported on the agreement of Lee Hoppa's pay. S Stroven asked for a signed agreement between Lee and the Township for \$175 for each combined mowing of both the township hall and the township park properties. An hourly wage for any other work logged and \$25 for each use of his tractor when used for other than mowing. Kukal will present it to Lee Hoppa.

There was no board member comment.

For public comment, Al Smalligan asked if the board would consider paving the cemetery drive and replacement of the cemetery fence for an ARPA expenditure project. Both were added as future options for consideration. Jerry Engle asked what could be done about the eye sore of the junk around a particular property on Echo Dr. C Kukal responded that they have been working with the property owners and are encouraging them to participate in the junk drive day. Such cases are difficult to enforce, and they hope to avoid taking legal action that may be tied up in litigation for years.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm

Submitted by: Jamie Kukal-Clerk

Visitors present:	Gary Smalligan	Wayne Berens	Jerry Engel	Chad Kukal
Dick Chenard	Vonda Tollefson		Bob Delano	Darwen
Schoonmaker Jr				
Jason O'Connell	Karen Koproces	Al Smalligan	Steve McQueen	

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Sherman Township
Balance Sheet
 As of April 30, 2022

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ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
MASTER ACCOUNT		
101-001 · General Fund cash		268,201.28
203-001 · Mayo Drive cash		18,058.36
220-002 · Robinson Lake Cash		33,889.57
221-001 · Crystal Lake Cash		56,188.86
336-001 · Fire protection millage Fr & WC		4,443.72
Total MASTER ACCOUNT		380,781.79
151-001 · Cemetery cash		7,436.14
202-001 · Road Checking		19,752.28
249-001 · Capital acquisition cash		3,626.29
260-001 · Gerber FCU		
261-336 · Gerber Fire Runs Savings		212.93
263-001 · Gerber FCU ARPA Account		111,461.75
Total 260-001 · Gerber FCU		111,674.68
401-001 · Winter Tax Account		2.77
402-002 · Summer Tax Account		8,683.83
Total Checking/Savings		531,957.78
Total Current Assets		531,957.78
TOTAL ASSETS		531,957.78
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		531,957.78