

Minutes of June 1, 2020 Regular Board Meeting of Sherman Township

The regular meeting for Sherman Township board was held on June 1, 2020 at 7pm through electronic format of zoom. Meeting was started at 7:06pm with the pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was taken, and members present were Karen Berens, Dough Berens, Ken Smalligan, Roman Miller, and Jamie Kukal. Also present were Cynthia Wallace, Stan Stroven, Karen Kopolces, Randy Paulson, and Jeff Hansen. A motion was made by D Berens and 2nd by K Smalligan to approve the agenda with the addition of D1c-reappointments of assessor, library rep, and sewer authority rep. and C3a- cemetery grounds complaints.

Motion was made by K Berens and 2nd by K Smalligan to approve the minutes for the May 4, 2020 regular board meeting with one correction. Roll call vote was taken; Yes; K Berens, D Berens, K Smalligan, R Miller and J Kukal No; none motion passed.

There was no public comment at this time.

Treasurer-Berens presented her report verbally due to a few technical difficulties. She highlighted the regular bills paid and a few larger ones such as MTA yearly dues, lawyer fee and weed treatment for Robinson lake. The printer in her office stopped working and is over 20 years old. Luke, from Fremont Computer, recommended a replacement similar to the one in the assessor's office. Motion was made by K Smalligan and 2nd by D Berens to approve the report, authorize the paying of bills and allow a budget of up to \$500 for the replacement of the Treasurer's printer and computer maintenance. Roll call vote was taken; Yes; K Berens, D Berens, K Smalligan, R Miller and J Kukal No; none motion passed.

K Berens reported that Republic Waste Removal would add a roll out garbage container and weekly pick up for the cemetery to our current plan for and additionally \$15 a month. This would solve the garbage issue for the cemetery and Karl is asking for more signage to keep vehicles off the grass. J Kukal reported that there was one complaint posted on the Township's Facebook page, about the condition of the grounds at the cemetery. It was discussed and agreed that Karl may need to consider help with the upkeep, but Roman will talk with him first. Motion was made by J Kukal and 2nd by K Smalligan to approve the addition of \$15 a month for the cemetery garbage for the season. Roll call vote was taken; Yes; K Berens, D Berens, K Smalligan, R Miller and J Kukal No; none motion passed. Ken will look into the cost of signage and present next month.

Clerk-Kukal reported that the financial auditor was in last Tuesday and was very happy with the way our books looked. The auditor also recommended not to purchase the QuickBooks upgrade at this time. Kukal reported on the teleconference call with Representative Bumstead that she sat in on. A lot of uncertainty and not many answers at this time. Highlights were to not count on revenue sharing for budgeting, Keep an eye out for future cuts and provide input on the veteran's exemption bill that is making its way through litigation. For the reappointments Berens reminded everyone that it should be advertised before filling those positions. Kukal advised that under Resolution 2020-3 Emergency Management, 2g-Postpone all non-essential Township activities; the township should be covered to table reappointments until next month. Kukal will place the advertisement and reappointments will be decided at the July meeting.

Clerk-Kukal brought up the hall rentals and if we should continue with no rentals. Motion was made by K Smalligan and 2nd by K Berens to continue the no rental policy, until further notice and work on new policy and procedure protocol for future cleaning and use. Roll call vote was taken; Yes; K Berens, D Berens, K Smalligan, R Miller and J Kukal No; none motion passed.

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Supervisor-Miller presented the proposal from the Road Commission to work on 40th St and allow a long-term payment plan if needed, due to lack of revenue this year. Motion was made by K Berens and 2nd by D Berens to go ahead with the proposed road work on 40th St and sign the contract. Roll call vote was taken; Yes; K Berens, D Berens, K Smalligan, R Miller and J Kukal No; none motion passed.

Miller asked Jeff Hansen to speak about the high-water issue on Crystal Lake. Jeff reported that time is a big issue with getting a permit to pump or drains. At which point the water may be back down before we ever get okayed for a permit. At this time there is no quick fix and he will continue to look into options and keep the board in the loop.

Miller reported that there is an issue on Mayo Dr with a drain that may have been damaged and feuding neighbors. He is currently following the paper trail to see who is responsible for the drain and will update the board at the next meeting.

Trustee- Berens reported that a petition has been sent to the road commission to stop the reopening of 42nd St off from Croswell.

Miller reported that he officially declined the request for a donation to The Right Place. For the junk drive, a call is being made to the dumpster company for a late August early September date.

For public comment Jeff Hansen suggested that an agenda be provided to the public if another meeting of this style was held again.

No township board member comments at this time. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Submitted by Jamie Kukal, Clerk