

Minutes of the March 2, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Sherman Township Board

The regular scheduled meeting of the Sherman Township Board was held on Monday March 2, 2020 at 7:00p.m, in the meeting room of the township hall. Meeting was called to order by Supervisor-Miller at 7:01p.m. After the pledge of allegiance, roll call was taken and members present were Karen Berens, Doug Berens, Roman Miller, Ken Smalligan, and Jamie Kukal.

Motion was made by K Smalligan and 2nd by D Berens to accept the agenda with the one addition to D1C, under Clerk, for Budget Meeting Date. All approved, motion passed.

Motion was made by K Smalligan and 2nd by K Berens to accept the minutes from the February 3, 2020 meeting with the typo corrections made. All approved, motion passed.

There was no public comment at this time.

Treasurer-Berens presented the treasure's report outlining the checks for bill payment, totaling \$5,807.32. She highlighted that we finally received a bill, from last year's junk drive, from Independent rural Waste for \$2,890.40. That bill was a bit higher than the year before and included the 4 dumpsters, 1 roll off ruck, overweight load and scrap metal credit. Berens all reported that she received the last revenue sharing check from the State of Michigan for this fiscal year, of \$31,351. J Kukal asked how much the balance on the road bill was. She confirmed that we still owe \$19,863.39 for last year's road work. Kukal suggested that we pay the road bill of with a portion of the revenue check. Berens final item to report was that she scheduled her tax settlement date for March 10, 2020 in the afternoon. Motion was made by K Smalligan and 2nd by D Berens to accept the treasurer's report, approve payment of bills and transfer \$20,000 from the general fund to the road fund to pay off the current road bill. Roll call vote was taken, Yes; K Berens, D Berens, R Miller, K Smalligan and J Kukal. Motion passed.

Clerk-Kukal presented her brief report for February highlighting that the majority of her time was spent on election items. She did report that the printer in her office quite working and she had to bring her printer from home to complete the needs with associated with elections and she would look at permeant replacement options at a later date. Kukal also reported that the doors had been freezing, due to condensation collecting on the inside. After discussing it over with K Berens, L Hoppa and C Kukal, she purchased a dehumidifier and ran it for two weeks. It seemed to solve the condensation problem and asked if she should continue to run it. After much discussion it was decided that the dehumidifier was no longer needed and Kukal would take it back home without the township purchasing it.

Kukal presented the Resolution to approve and authorize execution of sewer system operations contract for approval. In 2019 the board voted to approve the contract, but the resolution was dropped with the transition of the clerk's position and it was never approved or signed. Kukal had provided the board with a copy of both, prior to the meeting, for their reference and asked if there were any questions on it. D Berens responded that he had gone back through the minutes and looked it up, where the board had indeed approved the contract. Kukal responded that she did have a copy of that signed contract, but no record of the resolution. Motion was made by K Berens and 2^{ns} by D Berens to adopt the resolution with the number 2020-1 assigned to it. All approved, motion passed.

Kukal reminded everyone about the County Household Hazardous Waste Clean Up date of May 30, 2020 and had nothing else to add on the tire grant at that time. Kukal asked the board what day worked for everyone to hold the Budget meeting and after checking calendars, it was decided to hold in Monday, March 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the township hall meeting room. Kukal also reported that no applicants applied for the open BOR position at this time.

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Supervisor-Miller read a letter from the Fremont Area Foundation encouraging townships to help promote the 2020 Census. We had previously agreed to post some signage to encourage participation and will continue to do so.

Trustee-Berens reported that the two lights on the approach overhang have been out for several months. He investigated and contacted Brant Electric about replacing the old hooligan tubes. Brant Electric recommended changing the whole unit to LED lighting for half the cost of the replacement tubes. Motion was made by K Smalligan and 2n by K Berens to have Brent Electric replace and upgrade both unites. Roll call vote was taken, Yes; K Berens, D Berens, R Miller, K Smalligan, J Kukal. Motion passed.

Treasurer-Berens reported that she billed \$126.67 and collected \$1,001.56 for last month's fire runs. Most of that money was coming from Consumers Energy for downed power lines.

D Berens reported for the planning commission that they touched on the new issue of temporary home rentals and who is responsible if there is an ordinance violation. They also had to table the camping permits until next month, due to Kukal and Borgman's absence last month.

Building inspector-Smalligan reported that it was a slow month with no permits issued and only two inspections.

Zoning administrator-Kukal confirmed the slow month and had nothing else to add.

Dick Chenard reported for White Cloud Sherman Utilities that all easements are taken care of and they will be opening up for bids soon. At the meeting earlier that day, the proposed budget was voted on and passed.

Assessor-Wallace presented revisions to the poverty exemption application which would make it more thorough and complies with state regulations. She would like the board to review it and vote on it next month. Wallace reported that the BOR will meet the following day to set officers for the meetings set for next week Monday and Wednesday.

Sexton-DeVisser had nothing to report for the cemetery, but asked where we stood on phase two. C Kukal reported that it was in the survivor's hands and we were waiting on quotes for the cost of drawing up phase two. Kukal will keep pressing for that to move forward.

For White Cloud Fire District Board-G Smalligan did not have anything to report. Stan Stroven asked clerk-Kukal if she had contact with Sharon on the approval of the budget. Kukal confirmed that the minutes were sent and a check would be sent later this month, for an April payment. The building payment issue is still not ironed out, but K Berens will continue to work on finding out the correct balance owed. There was no one to report from Fremont.

No unfinished or new business to discuss at this time.

For public comment, Jim Maike updated the board on the issue of flooding in the area this year and the concerns to come with the spring thaw. He also said that the Parks closed the year with money ahead and looking to do as well again this year. He opened an invitation to the board to attend a meeting on April 13, 2020 at the Evert township hall, at 7pm, to discuss rezoning along M-20.

There was no township board member comment.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Submitted by: Jamie Kukal-clerk

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Visitors present: Chad Kukal Gary Smalligan Al Smalligan Cindy Wallace
 Karen Koproles Karl DeVisser Jerry Miller Stan Stroven Jim Maike

Sherman Township Balance Sheet As of February 29, 2020

	Feb 29, 20
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
MASTER ACCOUNT	
101001 · General Fund cash 101-000-001	45,722.43
150-001 · Robinson Lake Cash 150-000-001	32,757.12
151-001 · Mayo Drive cash 151-000-001	4,283.36
152-001 · Crystal Lake Cash 152-000-001	38,010.48
207001 · Fire protection millage Fr & WC	24,248.14
208-001 · WC Fire Station Building Fund	1,205.63
Total MASTER ACCOUNT	<u>146,227.16</u>
204-001 · Road Checking 204-000-002	649.29
206-002 · Gerber Fire Runs Savings	5,270.81
209-002 · Cemetery cash	32,707.31
401-002 · Capital acquisition cash	6,279.29
701-002 · Winter Tax Account	224,916.94
702-001 · Summer Tax Account	23,416.59
Total Checking/Savings	<u>439,467.39</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>439,467.39</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>439,467.39</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	439,467.39