

# Sherman Township Regular Meeting 10-20-2020

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## Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Supervisor John Jurgensen.

Board members present: Supervisor John Jurgensen, Clerk Lisa Myrick, Treasurer Jean Jurgensen, and Trustee Ron Grabowski

Board members absent: Trustee Sarah Paisley

Pledge of Allegiance & prayer

### **Announcements / Correspondence**

Gladwin County Council of Local Governments Harvest dinner has been canceled for October 26, 2020.

A public hearing request was held on October 7, 2020 to put a Dollar General in Sherman Township on the corner of M-18 just past Grace Fellowship Church, on the northside of the road. The request was denied by the Gladwin County Planning Commission and the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners.

### **Public Comments**

Gladwin County, Commissioner Grove updated the board of the activities at the county level. Laura Brandon-Mavel announced to the board that she is running for reelection for the Gladwin County Clerk and noted with her many years of experience, she, believes she would be the best candidate.

### **Minutes**

Minutes were presented from the previous meeting. Treasurer Jurgensen made a motion to approve the minutes as amended to read the public accuracy testing will be held on "Wednesday", October 21, 2020 instead of reading the public accuracy testing will be held on "Tuesday", October 21, 2020. Seconded by Supervisor Jurgensen. M/C

Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the Sherman Township Election Commission meeting minutes from the meeting held on September 24, 20. Seconded by Trustee Grabowski. M/C

### **Warrants**

Warrants were presented. Trustee Grabowski made a motion to accept the warrants as presented. Seconded by Supervisor Jurgensen. M/C

### **Clerk's report**

Clerk Myrick noted she has been getting ready for the upcoming General Election on November 3, 2020. Public Accuracy testing will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at noon at the Sherman Township Hall. Clerk Myrick noted she has mailed out 240 absentee ballots. Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the clerk's report as presented. Seconded by Trustee Grabowski. M/C

### **Treasurer's report and financial report**

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Treasurer Jurgensen noted that she received the State of MI Constitutional Sales Tax for May and June 2020 in the amount of \$13,182.00. Treasurer Jurgensen also noted that summer taxes were due September 14, 2020. Treasurer Jurgensen presented the board with the winter newsletter that will be accompanying the winter tax bill that the community will start receiving December 1, 2020. Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Clerk Myrick. M/C

### **Trustees Report**

Trustee Grabowski presented an update from the Gladwin Rural Urban Fire Protection District. Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the fire report. Seconded by Clerk Myrick. M/C

### **Supervisor's report**

Supervisor Jurgensen received an updated blight report. Supervisor Jurgensen and the blight officer are working together concerning a blight issue at 5237 Rose Street. Trustee Grabowski made a motion that Supervisor Jurgensen be granted permission by the board to contact a lawyer if necessary, concerning the afore mentioned blight issue. Seconded by Treasurer Jurgensen. M/C

Supervisor Jurgensen presented to the board the Grass Lake Road Special Assessment District Road Contract with Warner Excavating. The agreement to be in affect from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Grading will be done at a rate of \$500. Snowplowing will be done at a rate of \$500. Sand and salt mixture placement will be at a rate of \$450. Treasurer Jurgensen made a motion to accept the supervisor's report as presented. Seconded by Trustee Grabowski. M/C

### **Assessor's Report**

Assessor Cuddie presented a proposed split for parcel 140-026-100-001-00 owned by Elfrieda Gatz Trust at 4255 Oberlin Road Gladwin, MI 48624. The owner wants to split off 24.9 acres including the house and all outbuildings from an existing 160-acre parcel. Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to approve the split. Seconded by Trustee Grabowski. M/C

### **Old Business**

Scott Lint, a Forest Health Specialist, with the DNR met with Supervisor Jurgensen and Clerk Myrick at the Sherman Township Cemetery. He obtained an oak sample from a red oak tree in the Cemetery. The sample tested positive for oak wilt. Supervisor Jurgensen noted that the red oak tree is dying due to oak wilt. Oak wilt will spread to other oak trees from the root system. Scott Lint suggested to wait until the tree was completely dead before cutting the oak tree down and noted that all the oak trees in the cemetery could die eventually due to oak wilt.

### **New Business**

Treasurer Jurgensen made a motion to increase the clerk and treasurer deputies' wages from \$15 per hour to \$20 per hour. Seconded by Trustee Grabowski. M/C

Treasurer Jurgensen introduced to the board Veronica Vickers as the new Deputy Treasurer. Veronica Vickers was then sworn in as the new Deputy Treasurer.

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Clerk Myrick made a motion to accept the Snow Plowing Contract 2020-2021 pending Fred Shaver's signature. Seconded by Treasurer Jurgensen. *M/C*

Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the Sexton Contract for 2020-2021 pending Josh Lambert's signature. Seconded by Trustee Grabowski. *M/C*

Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the Township Hall and Cemetery Mowing Contract for 2021 pending Scott Whalen's signature. Seconded by Trustee Grabowski. *M/C*

### **Adjourn**

Motion made at 7:17 pm by Supervisor Jurgensen to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Clerk Myrick. *M/C*