

Sherman Township Regular Meeting

October 18, 2022

Minutes

- Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Supervisor John Jurgensen
- Board members present: Supervisor John Jurgens, Treasurer Jean Jurgensen, Clerk Kay Whalen. Absent Trustees Ron Grabowski & Sarah Paisley.
- Pledge of Allegiance & prayer.

Announcements/Correspondence

None

County Reports/Special Guests

- Our first Guest tonight was Terry Brokoff, Chairman of the Gladwin County Community Foundation. Mr. Brokoff spoke about the support the Foundation gives to our community schools, youth groups, and elder care groups. His Foundation also offers a fund (FUND #850) which is used for a Gladwin Improvement Fund with 5% of this fund being used for grants. Mr. Brokoff announced that our Township grant request is currently in the process of being considered for approval, He also reported that a new director, Ed Hubbell, will be taking over the first of the year.
- Our second Guest, Joel Vernier with Mid-Michigan Community Action; Region Area 7 reported that his organization provides the following services for residents: Meals on Wheels, Assistance with the various Medicare policies available, and a weatherization program (weatherization is based on income). The organization also has a program in place to provide assistance with hearing aids, glasses, and dental (these services require signing up NOW and being placed on a waiting list as only one of these services is available yearly). For more information on these services, please call 989-426-2801.

-Kyle Grove, County Commissioner, reported that there continues to be a shortage of deputies and Michigan State Police. The Undersheriff has asked the county for a \$20,000 assistance sponsorship as an incentive for anyone wanting to join the

force. These funds would be used for the individual's schooling costs and also provide them a salary while attending school. The county would also provide a five year contract. ARPA funds would be used for this sponsorship and could cost up to \$80,000 (seeking 4 new employees). Anyone interested should contact the Sheriff. Mr. Grove also said that the work at the jail has been completed and inmates have been returned.

Public Comment

None

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-The Minutes were presented and Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the Minutes and Treasurer Jean Jurgensen seconded. All Ayes. M/C

Warrants

-The Warrants were presented and Treasurer Jurgensen made a motion to accept the Warrants. Supervisor John Jurgensen seconded. All Ayes. M/C

Clerk's Report

-Clerk Whalen reported that due to an error on the ballot instructions recently mailed out with the absentee ballots, she has mailed a letter of explanation & apology to each absentee voter along with the correct instructions. In addition to this she also posted a Public Notice in the Gladwin Paper, posted the notice on our website and on the Township Announcement Board. All costs were incurred by the Clerk as she did not want the township held responsible for her error.

-Clerk Whalen presented a new mowing contract for review and vote; and also announced that the Township's previous snow plow service has retired. She presented one quote and is taking other quotes.

-The tabulator setup for the upcoming November 8th Election has been rescheduled and a new date will be placed on the website along with it being posted at the Townhall.

-Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the new mowing contract with Scott Whalen and Treasurer Jurgensen seconded. All Ayes. M/C

-Treasurer Jean Jurgensen made a motion to accept the Clerk's report and Supervisor John Jurgensen seconded. All Ayes. M/C

Treasurer's Report-Treasurer Jean Jurgensen went over her financial report and announced that she and Clerk Whalen met with the auditor on the dates of October 5th & 6th. At the close of the in-house audit, we were told that everything looked good; however, we are waiting for the final report.

-Treasurer Jurgensen presented the Winter Newsletter and asked the Board to review their contact information. There were no errors so Treasurer Jurgensen will proceed with posting the Newsletter.

-Treasurer Jurgensen reported that she spoke with MTA attorney, Cathrine Mullhaupt about how extensive a report in the newspaper would be needed in the event we should proceed with a Noise Ordinance. The attorney advised that the entire document did not need to be recorded but appropriately summarized; however, full written documentation would need to be made available.

-Treasurer Jurgensen announced winter tax bills will be available the first week of December. She will continue to collect 2022 summer taxes until March 2023.

-Clerk Whalen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Supervisor Jurgensen seconded. All Ayes. M/C

Trustee's Report

-Supervisor Jurgensen presented the monthly GRUFD report on behalf of Trustee Ron Grabowski and Treasurer Jurgensen made a motion to accept the report. Clerk Kay Whalen seconded. All Ayes. M/C

Supervisor's Report

-Supervisor John Jurgensen announced that the Grass Lake project has been completed.

-Supervisor Jurgensen reported that the generator is to be installed on November 10th by Adam's Electric.

-Supervisor Jurgensen discussed the Township's insurance through Burnham & Flowers noting the excellent coverage we currently have and that our renewal date is approaching (November 1, 2022).

-Supervisor John Jurgensen followed up on the Clerk's report about taking bids for a new plowing service.

-Clerk Whalen made a motion to accept the Supervisor's report and Treasurer Jurgensen seconded. All Ayes. M/C

Assessor's Report

-Assessor Corey Cuddie reported that she is attending her AMR class next week in preparation for her upcoming 2023 audit.

-Assessor Cuddie presented the Board with a request for a property split. She spoke with the Director of Equalization regarding the split taking place in a subdivision and he advised that there were be no issue with making the split.

-Assessor Cuddie then presented the request to the Board for a vote.

Blight Report

-Supervisor John Jurgensen reported on behalf of Blight Officer, Jon Freier-Woods, that there is still one property that has made no effort toward cleaning up their property and as such, will be receiving a ticket/citation. All other properties are currently making progress.

Old Business

-Supervisor Jurgensen asked Commissioner Grove about the status on receiving County ARPA funds and was advised that there was no news at the moment.

-Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the contract from Burnham & Flowers for the Township's insurance coverage and Clerk Whalen seconded. All Ayes. M/C

-Supervisor Jurgensen set aside a decision on the Noise Ordinance until further notice.

New Business

-Supervisor Jurgensen brought up the issue regarding the property split presented earlier in the meeting by Assessor Cuddie. He made a motion to approve the split and Clerk Whalen seconded. All Ayes. M/C

Adjourned

-Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Clerk Kay Whalen second the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:44PM. M/C

Presented by: Kay Whalen/Clerk