

Sherman Township Regular Meeting

December 20, 2022

Minutes

-Meeting called to order at 6:34 by Supervisor John Jurgensen

-Board Members present: Supervisor John Jurgensen, Treasurer Jean Jurgensen, Clerk Kay Whalen & Trustee Ron Grabowski. Absent: Sarah Paisley.

-Pledge of Allegiance & prayer.

Announcement/Correspondence

-Supervisor Jurgensen invited everyone to enjoy the refreshments the Board set up for the Holidays.

-Supervisor Jurgensen announced the following dates & times that the Township Treasurer will be at the Townhall to collect taxes: Monday Jan 16th from 10AM to 2PM, Tuesday Feb 14th from 9AM to 5PM and Tuesday Feb 28th from 9AM to 5PM.

County Reports/Special Guests

-Kyle Grove, County Commissioner, made his last report tonight as his term comes to an end. He reported that the County requested a switch of their Fiscal Budget dates from October 1st to September 30th so that their records would correspond with State of Michigan's Fiscal Year.

-Supervisor Jurgensen & the Board thanked Kyle for his service to our residents and the surrounding communities.

Public Comment

-None.

Minutes

-The November minutes were presented and Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the minutes. Trustee Ron Grabowski supported. All AYES. M/C

Warrants

-The warrants were presented and Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the warrants. Treasurer Jean Jurgensen supported. All AYES. M/C

Clerk's Report

-None.

Treasurer's Report

-Treasurer Jean Jurgensen presented her financial report and there were no questions.

-Treasurer Jurgensen announced that she recently received a letter from the County Drain Commissioner stating that funds from a State Grant would cover expenses for the Round Lake Drain this year; thereby, keeping residents from being assessed on their tax bills. The grant covered those expenses and total savings to residents amounted to \$8,783.27.

-Treasurer Jurgensen reported on the recent Shop with a Hero that was held last week at the Gladwin Rural Urban Fire Department. Unfortunately, the fire department failed to set up ahead of time for the event which then threw everything behind. Supervisor Jurgensen commented that he will be bringing up the issue at the next GRUFD monthly meeting. The Shop with a Hero will move next year's event to the Beaverton Fire Department.

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

Trustee's Report

-Trustee Ron Grabowski reported on the GRUFD meeting this past month.

-Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to accept the Trustees report and Clerk Whalen supported. All AYES. M/C

Supervisor's Report

-Supervisor Jurgensen reported that the December Hazardous Mitigation Meeting was cancelled.

- Supervisor Jurgensen announced that Bob Warner had confirmed that he would grade Grass Lake Road by December 24th.

-Clerk Whalen made a motion to accept the Supervisor's report and Trustee Ron Grabowski supported. All AYES. M/C

Assessor's Report

-Assessor Corey Cuddie announced that the Board of Review is currently in need of replacing two of its Board Members who retired following this past month's meeting. Please contact Corey Cuddie or John Jurgensen if you are interested in this position. These positions must be filled before the next Board of Review meeting scheduled for March. Each applicant will need to take a course to qualify for the board. All costs will be covered by the Township.

Blight Report

-Supervisor Jurgensen reported that he and Blight Officer, Jon Freier-Woods, recently drove around the Township to look at the current properties under blight notification plus others that may be notified early next year. Blight reporting will continue at the end of March next year after winter passes.

Old Business

-Supervisor Jurgensen spoke about the status of the ARPA funds that the Township has already received. While we have not yet been advised about possibly receiving additional funds from the county, the Township will begin planning an extension for more storage space after the first of the year. We are still hopeful that we will be granted additional funds.

-Supervisor John Jurgensen asked Clerk Kay Whalen if she had received word from the MDOS on the Security Grant to help pay for the new printer/computer the Township purchased earlier this year. Clerk Whalen reported that she had contacted the MDOS by e-mail twice and left a message by phone of the contact person and as of yet has received no responses.

-Supervisor Jurgensen reported that the Township was awarded \$2,000.00 from the TOWN Grant which was applied toward the purchase of our new generator. We will have to wait until the first of February before hearing whether we will be receiving any funds from the PAR PLAN.

-Supervisor Jurgensen presented each Board Member a copy of the quote Adam's Electric submitted to replace/repair fans in both bathrooms. After some discussion, it was decided that the bid was high and Supervisor Jurgensen would contact Adam's to further explain their pricing.

New Business

-Assessor Corey Cuddie provided the Board with an updated Poverty Exemption Form which clarified the details of what is included in "family income". She requested that the Board put this into a Resolution before offering it to residents in need. Supervisor

Jurgensen made a motion to accept the updated Poverty Exemption Form as Resolution 2022-13 and Clerk Whalen supported. Treasurer Jean Jurgensen held

Roll call:

AYES: Trustee Ron Grabowski, Treasurer Jean Jurgensen, Clerk Kay Whalen, and Supervisor John Jurgensen. ABSENT: Treasurer Sarah Paisley

NAYS: None

All AYES. M/C

-Assessor Cuddie asked that the Board to approve the removal of two properties from the Garbage Assessment as both are unlivable. Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to approve the properties; 140-076-000-115-01 & 140-077-000-204-00 be removed from the Garbage Assessment and Trustee Ron Grabowski supported. All AYES. M/C

-Treasurer Jean Jurgensen presented a property to be added to the Garbage Assessment and Supervisor Jurgensen made the motion to accept the new addition, property nbr 140-018-400-004-01. Clerk Whalen supported. All AYES. M/C

-Treasurer Jurgensen announced that she had received the Gladwin Community School Tax Collection Agreement for 2023 and asked the Board to accept the agreement. Treasurer Jurgensen then made a motion to accept the GCSTCA and Trustee Ron Grabowski supported. All AYES. M/C

-Treasurer Jurgensen spoke about the need to keep the Townhall clean on a regular basis not just when there is a hall rental. She spoke with Trustee Sarah Paisley about taking on the job for \$40.00/per month and she agreed to take the job. Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to set up the new job to be paid monthly and Trustee Ron Grabowski supported. All AYES. M/C

Additions to the Agenda

-MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Adjournment

-Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Clerk Kay Whalen supported. Meeting adjourned at 7:23PM. M/C