

Sherman Township Regular Meeting

January 17, 2023

Minutes

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

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

-Pledge of Allegiance & prayer.

Announcement/Correspondence

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

-Supervisor Jurgensen reported that Commissioner elect of this past fall, Mark Schafer, has resigned and someone new will be appointed by the current Commissioner's at their next Board meeting. Michael Visnaw, who was on the fall ballot but lost his bid, has placed his name up for the position.

-Supervisor Jurgensen reported that he had received a letter recently from the Health Department concerning a house currently under a Blight Notice. The Health Department has given the resident 10 days to respond before action will be taken.

-Supervisor Jurgensen provided a copy of the dates for all Road Commission Meetings to everyone; a copy of those dates will be posted on the Townhall bulletin board.

-Supervisor Jurgensen received a notice for an application for Drilling on a 40 acre parcel currently owned by the DNR that is located on the west side of Adam's Road.

-Supervisor Jurgensen was provided with discount tickets for the Circus for the weekend of January 21st.

County Reports/Special Guests

-None.

Public Comment

-None.

Minutes

-The November minutes were presented and Treasurer Jean Jurgensen made a motion to accept the minutes. Trustee Sarah Paisley supported. All AYES. M/C

Warrants

-The warrants were presented and Trustee Ron Grabowski made a motion to accept the warrants. Trustee Sarah Paisley 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 presented the Board with a booklet provided by the CPA firm of Smith & Klaczewicz, PC CPA from our recent Township Audit. A copy is available at the Township for anyone who wishes to view it.

-Treasurer Jean Jurgensen noted that February 14th is the last day to make your tax payment before incurring a 3% penalty. She will also be in the office February 25th to receive payments.

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

Trustee's Report

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

-Trustee Sarah Paisley noted that there is a Hall Rental on the 28th of this month.

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

Supervisor's Report

-Supervisor Jurgensen reported that he will be ordering more propane as we are currently at 33%.

-Supervisor Jurgensen recently learned that AT&T High Speed Internet service is now available in Butman and he contacted them to ask about our township. He was advised that there are currently no plans in the works for Sherman; however, should AT&T receive interest from our residents they will pursue it further. If you are interested in this service, you can either contact Supervisor Jurgensen at 989-426-4218 or AT&T directly.

-Supervisor Jurgensen attended the recent Hazardous Mitigation meeting as the committee pursued projects that would meet the goals/guidelines put before them.

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

Assessor's Report

-Assessor Corey Cuddie reported that no new homes were started in 2022. She did state; however, that there will be an increase in land values that will be reflected in summer taxes with all residents seeing a 5% increase in taxable values (which is lower than the 7% that had been projected).

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

Blight Report

-Supervisor Jurgensen reported that Blight Office, Jon Freier-Woods would return in April.

Old Business

-Supervisor John Jurgensen presented the Board with a rough rendering of the proposed Hall expansion and mentioned that after speaking with several people in construction; that the costs would run approximately \$200/sf. Based upon the drawing, costs would run approximately \$144,000. The Township currently has \$107,936.78 in APRA funds available for the expansion and Treasurer Jean Jurgensen stated that the Township had enough funds for the balance. Supervisor Jurgensen advised that after speaking with Tom Marsh (Intelligent Design Architects) in Houghton Lake, costs for an architectural design would run anywhere from \$3,000 (for just the plans) to \$10,000 for plans and overseeing entire expansion. After some discussion, it was decided to use an architect (as required by state law) only for the plans. Trustee Ron Grabowski made a motion to proceed with contacting Intelligent Design to draw up formal plans. Trustee Sarah Paisley supported. All Ayes. M/C

-Supervisor Jurgensen went over the quote from Adam's Electric for the bathroom fan installations and Clerk Kay Whalen made a motion to proceed with the work. Supervisor John Jurgensen supported. All Ayes. M/C

New Business

-Supervisor John Jurgensen announced that the Township had four new Board of Review Members who volunteered; Molly Bacon, Melvin Beechy, Nathan Paisley, and Mark Thompson. Clerk Kay Whalen swore in the four new members.

-Supervisor Jurgensen announced that training for all four would be held February 16th in West Branch starting at 11Am and ending at 4PM. The first Organization Meeting will be held March 7th @ 7PM and the first Board of Review will be held the following dates and times;

March 14th 9AM – 3PM

March 16th 3PM – 9PM

Additions to the Agenda

-None

Adjournment

-Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Clerk Kay Whalen supported. Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM. All AYES. M/C