

Sherman Township Regular Meeting

April 18, 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 & Trustee Ron Grabowski.

-Pledge of Allegiance & prayer.

Announcement/Correspondence

-Supervisor John Jurgensen announced that the Gladwin School Election (May 2, 2023) is being held at the Sacred Heart Building in Gladwin.

-Supervisor Jurgensen also reported that the Council of Local Governments meeting for elected officials is on April 24th at 6:30pm in the County Commissioner's chamber.

-Supervisor Jurgensen reported that the Sherman Township Board Budget Workshop will be held on May 11th at 6:30pm.

-Clerk Kay Whalen announced that MTA has opened the Robinson Scholarship to a junior, senior, or graduate student currently enrolled in a Michigan college/university and pursuing a career in local government administration. Submissions must be made by Wednesday, May 31. For more information, please call 517-321-6467, ext. 229.

-Clerk Whalen reported that there are current talks between township clerks and the Gladwin County Clerk to hold the 9 Early Voting Days at the County Office to save costs to our residents. Further information is still to come.

County Reports/Special Guests

-Mike Visnaw, County Commissioner, reported that the following issues were discussed at the County Commissioners Meeting:

*There have been rumors concerning brining of roads but he clarified that there are no issues.

*Camp Grayling National Guard has requested an expansion of facilities.

*A Feasibility Study on a juvenile detention center is currently in the works.

Possible location for the facility is Roscommon county.

-Supervisor Jurgensen announced that the Board had approved a bid on the expansion of the Township Hall before introducing our next guest, Dan Plude; owner of Hardwood Hills Construction.

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-Dan Plude presented the Board with a sample of the cost/expense sheets he will be submitting for payment. He stated that the start date for the project is mid-May or early June. Construction is projected to take roughly 3-4 months. Afterwards, Mr. Plude presented a final copy of the bid paperwork for Supervisor Jurgensen's signature so that work can begin.

Public Comment

-A resident reported that the invasive weed, phragmite, was currently getting out of control on Oberlin Road and wanted information on whom to contact in the County.

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-The minutes for March were presented and Trustee Paisley noted an error on the Trustee report where she was listed as seconded the motion to approve the Trustee report incorrectly; it was corrected to show Treasurer Jurgensen seconded the motion. Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the minutes, along with the noted correction, and Trustee Ron Grabowski supported. All AYES. M/C

-The Special Sherman Township Board Meeting 4/6/23 Minutes were also presented. Trustee Sarah Paisley made a motion to accept and Trustee Grabowski supported. ALL AYES. M/C

Warrants

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

Clerk's Report

-None

Treasurer's Report

-Treasurer Jean Jurgensen presented her financial report and went over a few items. Treasurer Jurgensen reported that we will receive outstanding delinquent tax monies in June/July from the County Treasurer.

-Treasurer Jurgensen reported that literature was available for any resident needing assistance with heating costs through the County's Heat Assistance Resource program.

-Treasurer Jean Jurgensen announced that she had completed the ARPA Annual Report (4/12/23) in which she reported that the Township had not yet spent any of the funds but did have a plan in place for the use of those funds this coming year.

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Clerk Whalen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Trustee Sarah Paisley Supported. ALL AYES. M/C

Trustee's Report

-Trustee Ron Grabowski presented the report on the Gladwin Rural Urban Fire District meeting this past month. Trustee Grabowski announced that the GRURD did make the sale on their decommissioned truck to the Drummond Island Fire Department, but could not complete the sale until the tires were replaced due to state fire laws.

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

Supervisor's Report

-Supervisor John Jurgensen reported that he attended the recent Hazardous Materials Meeting and a survey was presented each township to complete regarding their current ability to deal with hazardous incidents.

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

Assessor Report

-None

Blight Report

-Supervisor Jurgensen presented the report from Blight Officer, Jon Freier-Woods and Trustee Sarah Paisley relayed another complaint that she received.

Old Business

-Supervisor Jurgensen requested an update from Clerk Whalen on the reimbursement from the Security Grant. Clerk Whalen reported that the director of the program has advised that those reimbursements are now being made; however, they are processed as they were originally received.

-Supervisor Jurgensen reported that he is still awaiting news on the Par Plan Grant.

-Supervisor Jurgensen asked Clerk Whalen if she had submitted a request for the Voting Security Box that we are required to have for elections. Clerk Whalen reported that the State of Michigan recently notified Clerks that a request form would be forthcoming shortly, so that those who had an August election would receive their boxes first. As of today, that form has not been made available.

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New Business

-None

Additions to the Agenda

-None

Adjournment

-Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Clerk Kay Whalen supported. Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM. All AYES. M/C

Special Sherman Township Meeting 5/11/23
Budget Discussion

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

Discussion

- Treasurer Jean Jurgensen prepared the budget that she had been working on the last few weeks and Supervisor Jurgensen stated that we were going to discuss each line item.
- Treasurer Jurgensen began with accounts receivable and eventually we moved on to the projected costs for the Township to begin July 1, 2023 and end June 31, 2024.
- Costs associated with the expansion, an early election (February or March) and running the Township from month to month were gone over in detail. Clerk Whalen made a motion to present the final results presented by Treasurer Jurgensen at the next Township Board Meeting of May 16, 2023. Supervisor Jurgensen supported the motion. ALL AYES; M/C.

Adjournment

- Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to adjourn and Clerk Whalen supported. ALL AYES; M/C